





Important Information 2020-21



#PARKPRIDE



Message from the Interim Principal

Greetings St. Louis Park High School Parents, Guardians, and Families:

I am honored to serve as the Interim Principal at St. Louis Park High School, a school steeped in a tradition of excellence and opportunity. Having previously served as the principal of Maple Grove High School, a national BARR trainer, an educational leadership consultant, and years of preparation for the principalship as a high school assistant principal, dean, counselor, and teacher/coach/advisor in the Anoka-Hennepin and Osseo school districts, I bring much experience and passion to the job.

There is nothing I love more than the excitement that students bring to the hallways, classrooms, athletic fields, and stages of a high school! As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way schools have traditionally functioned. While there is no playbook, I can tell you our staff is working tirelessly to prepare and create learning opportunities never seen before using the technology, tools and applications available to us.

One of my passions is to lead by providing multiple opportunities for students to be seen, heard, and valued – this couldn't be more important at this time in our country. It is my commitment to work collaboratively to help all our students engage in learning while feeling both physically and emotionally safe. Right now, we have the opportunity to truly create the change we wish to see in our schools, and I believe the answers to this change exist within and amongst us all!

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Wendy Loberg

St. Louis Park High School Interim Principal

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Purpose

- Relationships
- Inclusiveness
- Dependabilty
- 🕒 Excellence

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St. Louis Park High School #ParkPRIDE: It's Who We Are

During the summer of 2019, a group of St. Louis Park High School educators came together with the purpose to "Inspire each other to learn deeply and engage with a diverse community" of stakeholders to create a school culture founded on common purpose and expectations.

Setting Expectations for #ParkPRIDE

Expectations have been created for student behavior in bathrooms, hallways, classrooms, at school events, in the Media Center and Learning Lab, and in the Cafeteria (see below). Expectations are shared with students, input will be gathered and shared with staff, and content will be modified and shared with students regularly throughout the school year.

	Purpose	Relationships	Inclusiveness	Dependability	Excellence
Bathrooms	 Use the facilities for the intended use. Wash your hands. 	 Foster relationships outside the bathroom. Respect the humanity of other users and our cleaning staff. 	All students have access to the facilities.	• Get in and get out.	 Keep facilities clean and operational.
Hallways	• Walk and talk. • Maintain flow.	 Use positive language. Listen to others. Encourage friends to get to class. 	 Welcome/greet others Value individuality. 	 Keep hallways clean. Use time to meet your needs. 	 Keep hallways empty after bell. Find help when needed. Stand up for justice.
Classroom	 Know your academic goal. Work with your goal in mind. 	 Choose words and actions that support the classroom community. Communicate your needs. 	 Collaborate with people who are different than you. Advocate for yourself and others. 	 Attend class on time and be prepared. Do your work. 	 Strive for your best. Rebound and revise.
School Events	 Represent Park Pride. Show empathy no matter the outcome. 	 Honor participants and audience. Celebrate positively. 	Validate the efforts of others.Be welcoming and accepting.	Be present for performers and participants.	 Applaud/celebrate success. Remember and code switch for the setting.
Cafeteria		Respect the humanity of other users and staff.			 Keep facilities clean and operational.
Online/ Distance Learning	 Attend synchronous classes regularly. Complete all lessons and activities. Know your academic goal. Work with your goal in mind. 	 Make a personal connection each day. Reach out to people you haven't heard from lately. Practice patience and compassion with self, classmates, teachers and staff. Keep online comments and discussions collaborative. 	 Build relationships with classmates who are new to you. Commit to anti- racism by speaking up, listening, and asking questions. Ask for diverse perspectives. 	 Even on the tough days, keep logging in. Check email each day. In Schoology, turn on notifications, check updates and calendar daily. Communicate right away when you need something (tech help, assignment question, extension) or if you need to miss class. 	 Read instructions carefully. Keep trying when you feel you are struggling. Set individual goals with an action plan. Read feedback on assignments and revise. Develop your strengths for the betterment of yourself and our school.

Main Office and Student Services

What do I do if my child is ill, absent or has an appointment?

The Student and Administration Offices are located at front of building.

Main Office / Attendance

Main Office line: 952-928-6169 Attendance line: 952-928-6045

The Main Office houses the principal, assistant principals, administrative assistants, police liaison, and equity coaches.

Within the Student Services Office you will find counselors, the IB coordinator, social workers, Gifted & Talented coordinator, and Career and College Readiness coordinator.

The Main and Student Services Offices are located inside the main entrance (Door #1) off of West 33rd Street. Both offices are open Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

School hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:25 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

This is the office students should report to if they are coming in late, or have a note from a parent/guardian to excuse them for an appointment, absence, or tardy. **Parents will also check in at the Welcome Desk in the main office if they need to drop off items** for their students or meet with counselors, administrators or other staff.

Please call the attendance line (952) 928-6045) to report absences, and/or tardies, or request passes for their student to leave for an appointment.

PLEASE NOTE: ABSENCES NEED TO BE REPORTED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF OCCURRENCE.

District Nurse and Health Aide

Susanne Otos, BSN, RN, PHN (District Nurse) Anjonette Scott (Health Aide) Phone: 952-928-6108 Room: F102

Available Monday-Friday 8:25 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Performs daily health related duties, dispenses daily medications and monitors students who visit the health office during the school day.

The Licensed School Nurse (assigned to multiple buildings) provides support and assists in medical emergencies.

Central Clinic

Central Clinic Phone: 952-993-1100 Central Clinic Email: centralclinic@parknicollet.com

Central Clinic is located in the northwest corner of Central Community Center at 6300 Walker St., St. Louis Park. The clinic is open Wednesdays, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Central Clinic is staffed by Park Nicollet physicians and provides free health care for children from birth through age 18, this year only vaccines will be provided. Patients can continue to schedule phone visits for other medical needs as appropriate. They will not be performing COVID-19 testing. All patients and visitors will need to wear a mask, if the patient/visitor is not wearing one, they will be provided one. Students are allowed one adult guardian into their visit. Other visitors will be asked to wait outside of the clinic. Patients will be screened by Frontline when they are checking in. If an interpreter is required, please call in advance to have one present during your visit.



Grade Level Contacts

Who can we contact for guidance and support?

Counselors

Counselors provide individual and group counseling oriented toward personal, educational, vocational, and social emotional growth. They assist students with registration, course selection, program modification, and post-high school planning and advocate for the student in relationships with teachers, peers, parents, and outside agencies. **Counselors are located in the Student Services Office,** which is located in room F103.

Social Workers and Chemical Health Specialists

Social Workers and Chemical Health Specialists help students with social and emotional needs, are a liaison to county/private agencies and act as parent/teacher consultants. Chemical Health Specialists complete student screenings and serve as resources for both parents and teachers about chemical health issues.

Assistant Principals

Assistant Principals are administrators responsible for facilitating the day-to-day requirements of the high school. They work to ensure the safety of students, as well as fulfillment of federal and state student and teacher performance guidelines. This leadership position includes interactions with students, teachers, other administrators, board members, and parents/guardians.

Grade Level Coordinators (GLCs)

Grade Level Coordinators connect with students to address concerns and build success opportunities. They monitor and address attendance, grades and discipline. They are a presence in the hallways and a resource for students and staff.

NEW: Park Connections (Formerly Advisory)

New this year, students will meet daily for 30 minutes, with their Park Connections teacher. The time will be framed around Park PRIDE and social emotional learning, as well as College and Career Readiness through the following goals:

- Affirming the health and safety of all students and establishing social support and deepening relationships.
- 2. Building social emotional competency to be successful in school and in life.
- 3. Processing and exploring environmental stressors through intentional conversations.
- 4. Building specific skills to promote college and career readiness.

Grade 9 Class of 2024

Counselor: Barb Nelson Phone: 952-928-6131 nelson.barbara@slpschools.org

Social Worker/ Chemical Health Specialist: Marlee Nirenstein Phone: 952-928-6137 nirenstein.marlee@slpschools.org

Assistant Principal: Todd Goggleye Phone: 952-928-6103 goggleye.todd@slpschools.org

Grade Level Coordinator: Trent Davis Phone: 952-928-6109 davis.trent@slpschools.org

Grade 10 Class of 2023

Counselor: Kelsey Milne Phone: 952-928-6128 milne.kelsey@slpschools.org

Social Worker/ Chemical Health Specialist: Lauren Buxton Phone: 952-928-6267 buxton.lauren@slpschools.org

Assistant Principal: Jessica Busse Phone: 952-928-6110 busse.jessica@slpschools.org

Grade Level Coordinator: Tony Schrepfer Phone: 952-928-6109 schrepfer.tony@slpschools.org

Grade 11 Class of 2022

Counselor: Heidi Cosgrove Phone: 952-928-6132 cosgrove.heidi@slpschools.org

Social Worker/ Chemical Health Specialist: Marlee Nirenstein Phone: 952-928-6137 nirenstein.marlee@slpschools.org

Assistant Principal: Todd Goggleye Phone: 952-928-6103 goggleye.todd@slpschools.org

Grade Level Coordinator: Aaron Schloer Phone: 952-928-6109 schloer.aaron@slpschools.org

Grade 12 Class of 2021

Counselor: Laura King Phone: 952-928-6126 king.laura@slpschools.org

Social Worker/ Chemical Health Specialist: Lauren Buxton Phone: 952-928-6267 buxton.lauren@slpschools.org

Assistant Principal: Jessica Busse Phone: 952-928-6110 busse.jessica@slpschools.org

Grade Level Coordinator: Greg Whittle Phone: 952-928-6109 whittle.gregory@slpschools.org

Additional Contacts

Multicultural Liaisons

Multicultural Liaisons collaborate with teachers and staff to support cultural understanding. They work with parents/ guardians and students to help navigate the education system and academic learning.



Spanish Multicultural Liaison: Carmen Rudin Phone: 952-928-6018 rudin.carmen@slpschools.org



Somali Multicultural Liaison: Tarabi Jama Phone: 952-928-6017 jama.tarabi@slpschools.org

Special Education Department Leads

Special Education Department Leads serve as advocates for students and teachers in order to ensure educational needs are met. These educators can help with IEP meetings, mental health concerns, or assist in putting students and parents/ guardians in touch with necessary resources.

Katie Lee Phone: 952-928-6140 lee.katelyn@slpschools.org

Carly Rohlfing - Social Worker Phone: 952-928-6279 rohlfing.carly@slpschools.org

Police Liaison Officer

Serves as a resource to students, parents, teachers, counselors, and administrators.



Police Liaison Officer: Maurice Smith Phone: 952-928-6101 smith.maurice@slpschools.org

If you have an emergency, call 911.

Activities Office Contacts

Contact the High School Activities Office for questions about varsity athletics and extra-curricular activities.

Athletic Director: Andy Ewald 952-928-6118 ewald.andrew@slpschools.org

Assistant Athletic Director: Brittani Schroeder 952-928-6026 schroeder.brittani@slpschools.org

Athletic Administrative Assistant: Whitney Meierotto-Simon 952-928-6027 meierotto.whitney@slpschools.org

Transportation Department

Contact the Transportation Department with questions about bus routes, safety, and behavior concerns.

612-437-4719 transportation@slpschools.org www.slpschools.org/transportation



Academic and Social Emotional Programs

We believe academic enrichment and social/emotional growth supports overall student development.



Building Assets Reducing Risks (BARR)

BARR (Building Assets Reducing Risks) was founded at St. Louis Park High School 21 years ago. The model has gained national recognition and is now implemented at more than 100 schools across the country!

BARR is the framework that provides the opportunity to get to know each of our student's strengths and interests during a critical transition time (Gr. 9) in his/her education. As educators, we leverage the knowledge we gain through relationship building and I-Time to better engage and challenge our students.

BARR Coordinator: Kelly Brown Phone: 952-928-6122 brown.kelly@slpschools.org

Learning Lab

The Learning Lab is a place for all students to obtain academic support, guidance, and enrichment. Staff is available during school hours to assist with writing, math, AP, IB, conflict resolution and much more.



Provides enrichment and academic support to students of color.

Lee-Ann Stephens Phone: 952-928-6135 stephens.leeann@slpschools.org

CliftonStrengths[®] (Formerly StrengthsFinder)

Inspiring Students and Staff To Do What They Do Best

Starting in 9th grade, all students receive a personalized Strength Finder assessment that is useful for 10 years!

Teachers provide activities throughout the year to help students identify, develop and use their natural talents – strengths – to achieve great things in high school and beyond.

PLATO

PLATO is a standards-based online learning program used for credit recovery when students were not successful in previous semesters. Students work with their counselors to determine the courses that need to be taken. By working independently, students can complete the necessary standards to show content mastery.

Shawna Belcher Phone: 952-928-6139 belcher.tyschorna@slpschools.org





College Possible

Students review guidelines and apply to program as sophomores. Participation is during junior and senior years.

Jessie Ortiz

Phone: 612-298-5811 jortiz@collegepossible.org

Lindsay Plugger lplugger@collegepossible.org

Gifted and Talented Coordinator

In order to support the diverse needs of our advanced learners, the Gifted and Talented Coordinator offers participating students assistance with individual course selection, the college application process, as well as postsecondary options.

Al Wachutka

Phone: 952-928-6162 wachutka.al@slpschools.org

Non-Traditional Academy (NTA)

This program is available to invited seniors. Academic core classes and vocational guidance is provided in a team-taught setting.

Shawna Belcher

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Multilingual Learners (MLL) (Formerly EL)

Multilingual Learners (MLL) are learning the language of instruction at the same time they are learning rigorous academic content. Students are asked to demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing knowledge and skills, as well as competencies and understandings of language, its contexts and uses.

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Career & College Readiness Resources

On campus: visit Room B220

Career & College Website www.slpschools.org/ccr

- Assists students in developing their individualized career and/or postsecondary education plan
- A place to find resources for career and college (any post-secondary education) planning, including:
 - Grade level career & college benchmarks
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) forms
 - Post-Secondary Education and Military Admissions
 - Resumé and interview help

PowerSchool

Planning tool with interactive features to help identify career and college alignment. College application tool for seniors. Visit www.slpschools/hs (click on Parents/ Community) for more information or to set up a PowerSchool account.

Schoology

Schoology is a learning management system that allows teachers to create, manage, and share content/resources with students, parents and other educators. Visit www. slpschools/hs (click on Parents/Community) for more information or to set up a Schoology account.

Naviance Student

Naviance Student is a comprehensive college and career readiness platform that enables self-discovery, career exploration, academic planning, and college preparation.

www.student.naviance.com/stlouisparkhs Username: Student PowerSchool ID Password: Student ID Number

Career Pathways Advisory Board

A 45-member board consisting of industry leaders, postsecondary experts, District Administration and High School staff who provide curriculum guidance and relevant experiential opportunities to support Career & College Readiness.

Minnesota Career Information System (MCIS)

FREE Access to courses and practice tests for college admissions such as ACT/SAT and military admissions Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).

https://mncis.intocareers.org Username: slpcareers Password: oriole

6425 NEWS

6425 NEWS lists College visit dates, job and internship opportunities, career exploration ideas and more!

Career & College Coordinator/ Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director

Provides guidance to students to plan for successful transition to postsecondary education and employment. Oversees monthly Advisory Program and CTE offerings.

Kara Mueller

Phone: 952-928-6187 mueller.kara@slpschools.org

Career and College Readiness Advisory Graduation Credit

Our CCR Advisory Program assists students in developing their individualized career & college plan and helps them navigate the process.

During students four years of high school they will focus on several elements of career and college development through required career and college advisory sessions to earn 1 credit (.25/year) towards graduation.





Earn College Credits!

We offer a wide range of programs to prepare students for post-secondary education, help them earn college credits and provide exploratory opportunities for jobs and careers!

Advanced Placement (AP)

AP is a program of college-level courses offered at St. Louis Park High School. Thirteen different courses are currently being offered in multiple subject areas: math, science, English, history, languages, psychology and humanities. For course level information/classes, contact your student's grade level counselor. **College credit can be earned by performance on exam.**

PSEO

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows grades 10-12 students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college nonsectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Visit **www.slpschools.org/PSEO** for more information.

PSEO Coordinator: Heidi Cosgrove Phone: 952-928-6132 cosgrove.heidi@slpschools.org

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes provide students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners. **College credits can be earned with successful completion in CTE courses – details at https://ctecreditmn.com.**

CTE Director: Kara Mueller Phone: 952-928-6187 mueller.kara@slpschools.org

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB-DP)

The IB Diploma Programme is designed as an academically challenging program that prepares students for university and beyond. College credit can be earned by taking final exams. IB courses are available a la carte to all juniors and seniors. IB Diploma candidates complete the entire program to earn an internationally recognized IB Diploma. **College credit can be earned by performance on exam.**

Jenny Magdal Phone: 952-928-6247 magdal.jennifer@slpschools.org



International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IB-CP)

St. Louis Park High School is a candidate school for the Careerrelated Programme. This school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy - a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international educationthat we believe is important for our students. IB courses are available a la carte to all juniors and seniors. IB-CP candidates complete the entire program to earn an internationally recognized IB-CP certificate. **College credit can be earned by performance on an exam as well as internal assessments.**

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Kara Mueller

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Student Engagement Sports, clubs, music, and performance

We offer amazing programs for our talented students! We invite you to discover a hidden talent or showcase a current passion.

Some activities and clubs are based on student participation and leadership so can change from year to year. Following are examples of many of the clubs/activities at SLPHS. Please contact your grade level counselor or student services to learn which are offered this year and how to register.

Co-Curricular Classes

- Chamber Orchestra
- · Community Services
- Concert Band
- Jazz Band
- Park Singers
- · Varsity Choir

Co-Curricular Activities

- Clay Target League
- Debate
- DECA
- · Echo (Student Newspaper)
- · Echowan (Yearbook)
- Math Team
- Quiz Bowl
- Robotics
- Theater
- Thespians

Extra-Curricular Activities

- American Sign Language Club
- Architecture Construction Engineering (ACE)
- Black History Awareness
- Destress Club
- Drone Racing Club
- · eSports
- Fab Lab Club
- French Club
- · Letters of Love
- Orange Crush Ultimate Frisbee
- German Club
- Latino Student Association
- Media Center Book Club
- National Honor Society
- Natural/Peer Helpers
- · Quill and Scroll
- Roots and Shoots
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Vegan Culinary Cooking Club

Limited Open Forum Clubs

- African Middle Easter Group (AME)
- · Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Feminism Club
- Gender Sexuality Alliance
- SHEC (Sexual Health Education Club)
- · SOAR (Student Organization Against Racism)

Athletics

www.gopark.org

- Baseball
- · Basketball (B & G)
- Cross Country Running (B & G)
- Football
- Golf (B & G)
- Gymnastics
- Hockey (B & G)
- · Lacrosse (B & G)
- Nordic Skiing (B & G)
- Soccer (B & G)
- Softball
- · Swimming and Diving (B & G)
- Synchronized Swimming
- Tennis (B & G)
- Track and Field (B & G)
- Volleyball
 - "Being part of a sport or club at school is such a great way to make connections with tons of different kids and have amazing experiences!"
 - Sadie Yarosh, Student Council President





- Israel Advocacy Club Jewish Student Union

Parent/Guardian Engagement

We welcome all parents and families to participate in the journey.

READ 6425 NEWS

6425 NEWS is the High School's weekly e-newsletter where you will find information about upcoming school events, important academic and athletic links, career and college readiness opportunities and a showcase of student and staff activities! If you aren't receiving 6425 NEWS, contact Deb Muralt at muralt.debra@slpschools.org.

JOIN the Parent Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC)

Participate in one or all the meetings. Parents from grades 9-12 meet with the principal and assistant principals to learn the latest updates about the high school, share insights and connect with other parents to help support students. This group supports teacher appreciation and conference meals. For more information contact PEAC co-chairs Julie Yakes and Lauren Weiser at slphsPEAC@gmail.com or Interim Principal Wendy Loberg at loberg.wendy@slpschools.org.

Meetings are from 7-8 p.m. (watch 6425 *NEWS* for location): October 27, 2020, January 12, 2021, and March 23, 2021.



NEW! Momentum is a network of community, business and industry professionals engaging St. Louis Park High School students with their futures! Through these partnerships, students explore college options, learn about different career industries and develop business skills. **To volunteer or get more information,** please contact Carrie Jennissen at c.jennissen@gmail.com.

(Momentum was created and developed by the Career Pathways Advisory Board)

PARTICIPATE in "Coffee with the Principal" Conversations

Join Interim Principal Loberg in the informal "Coffee with the Principal" conversations. These are small group opportunities to ask your questions and hear updates from staff on key topics throughout the year. For more information, contact Deb Muralt in the Principal's Office by phone at 952-928-6106 or email at muralt.debra@slpschools. org. Watch *6425 NEWS* for dates throughout the year.

ALL students benefit from adult support, conversations and guidance. Read 6425 NEWS for the many opportunities to be involved at school or from home.

ATTEND Conferences & Performances

Support your students and connect with our school community by joining us at athletic events, conferences, and amazing performances throughout the year!

FOLLOW High School and District Social Media

Facebook: facebook.com/stlouisparkschools Twitter: @SLPublicSchools (District) @283sup (Superintendent Osei) @SLPHSGOPARK (HS Athletics) Instagram: st.louisparkpublicschools

VIRTUAL Parent Nights

GRADE 9 Wednesday, Sept. 2, 7–8:30 p.m.

GRADE 10 Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7–8:30 p.m.

GRADE 11 Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7–8:30 p.m.

GRADE 12 Thursday, Sept. 17, 7–8:30 p.m.

Watch 6425 NEWS for more information on Virtual Parent Nights.



St. Louis Park High School – Important 2020-21 Dates

2020

September 2

Gr. 9 Virtual Parent Night 7-8:30 p.m.

September 8 First Day of School

September 8-9 Advisor Meetings and Book/Supply Pick Up 8:30-11:45 a.m.

September 15 Gr. 10 Virtual Parent Night 7-8:30 p.m.

September 16 Gr. 11 Virtual Parent Night 7-8:30 p.m.

September 17 Gr. 12 Virtual Parent Night 7-8:30 p.m.

October 2 No School October 5-10 Spirit Week October 15–16

No school, MEA

October 22 Fall Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.

October 27 Fall Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.

October 30 End of Quarter 1

November 2-3 No School

November 25–27 No school, Fall Break

December 23–January 1 No School, Winter Break

2021

January 1 No School January 18

No School

January 27–28 First Semester Finals

January 28 End of Semester

January 29 No School

February 8–13 Sno Daze Week

February 15 No School

February 19 No School

March 5

No School

March 18 Spring Conferences 4–7:30 p.m.

March 23 Spring Conferences 4–7:30 p.m.

March 25 End of Quarter 3

March 26-April 2 No School, Spring Break

May 31 No School

June 8 High School Graduation 7:30 p.m.

June 9-10 Second Semester Finals

June 10 Last Day of School (Gr. 9-11) Early Release – 1:30 p.m.

Dates subject to change. Watch the School District website (www.slpschools.org) and 6425 NEWS for the most up-to-date information.





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