

# Sunrise Park Middle School

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## Parent-Teacher Conferences

### March 1, 2 & 5

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. **ALL CONFERENCES ARE BY APPOINTMENT.** On page 11 you will find a registration form. Please complete this form and return it to the main office at Sunrise Park Middle School.

**All Grades** will be scheduling conferences by team. In a team conference you will be scheduled into a time slot, along with 3-4 other parents, to meet with the team. Individually, you will have approximately 5 minutes to meet with each of the core teachers (Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies). You may meet with allied field teachers in their rooms either prior to or after your team conference time depending on your schedule.

If your student is a member of an “extended family” due to divorce, living with relatives, etc., we are asking that one conference time be requested. With increased enrollment and increased class size, we do not have the time slots or staff to hold double conferences on an individual student. **A time confirmation will be mailed towards the end of February.**

Please complete the enclosed registration form and have your student return it to the Main Office at Sunrise Park Middle School. It can also be faxed (651-653-2716) or mailed (2399 Cedar Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110).

**No School for Students**  
 Monday, February 20—President’s Day  
 Thursday, March 1—Conferences  
 Friday, March 2—Conferences



## GUYS AND DOLLS JR 2011 COMBINED MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

The Middle School Players will be presenting their 4th annual middle school musical on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. A large number of students from Sunrise Park and Central Middle Schools are involved in this spring's production of Guys and Dolls Jr. which will be performed at the District Auditorium. Watch for more information about this exciting opportunity for your family.

### LIFETOUCH PICTURES

**MARCH 29, 2012**

Life Touch Pictures will be here on Thursday, March 29 to take spring pictures for our students. This is an additional opportunity for professional pictures. These pictures are casual shots. Additional information will be available in March. If you have any questions, please call our main office, 651-653-2700.



### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

It is very important that we have current telephone numbers in case you need to be contacted. If your telephone numbers change at home or work, please let the school office know. If you do not have a telephone in your home, be sure you list a telephone number of someone who is able to contact you in case of an emergency.

### PHONE MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

It is the policy at Sunrise Park Middle School to only deliver emergency messages to students during the school day. It must be understood that students may not be able to return calls home until passing time between classes.

## READY, SET, READ!

### Scholastic Book Fair Coming to Sunrise Park Middle School!

Come discover a great collection of the best books around at a reasonable price!  
You will find fiction, non-fiction, posters, cookbooks, preschool books and more.

We also have educational products for parents and teachers.

The Book Fair helps us promote learning while  
raising money for special school projects.

Viewing & Purchasing for Students...February 27-29th

Also open during Parent Teacher Conferences...March 1st, 2nd and 5th

NEW THIS YEAR: Online Shopping! Visit our Sunrise Bookfair Homepage February 17th-March 9th  
at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sunriseparkmidsch>

# High School Student Recognition Policy

A new policy for student recognition was introduced at the January 9 School Board meeting. The Student Recognition Policy, White Bear Lake Area School Board Policy 599, specifically moves from the current graduation recognition of the top 5% of students to recognizing all students that meet certain GPA criteria.

A major shift in this policy is that students will compete against established criterion, rather than each other for recognition. While our current practice recognizes only the top 5% of students as Honor Graduates, our new policy recognizes all students who meet the established criteria identified in the proposed Laude recognition system. This is appropriate as we have a significant number of students who perform at very high levels.

A characteristic of the new policy is assurance that students who succeed in our most challenging courses are recognized as our top graduates. Our weighted grade procedures allow for students who take Advanced Placement (AP), College in the Schools (CIS), or Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses to receive a higher GPA calculation. By taking these courses students have a better chance of reaching higher recognition levels.

This policy will go into effect for the class of 2013. All high school students should keep this in mind when considering course selection for the 2012-13 academic year.

If parents or students have specific questions about this policy, please contact WBLAHS – North Campus Principal Don Bosch at [651-653-2914](tel:651-653-2914) or WBLAHS – South Campus Principal Tim Wald at [651-773-6205](tel:651-773-6205).

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## **MCA READING TESTS APRIL 24 AND 25**

## **SCIENCE MCA TESTS (8th grade only) MAY 10, 11, 14, AND 15**

**Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school  
on these days!**

**Thank You**

## Bullying Prohibition Policy

An act of bullying, by either an individual student or a group of students, is expressly prohibited on school district property or at school-related functions. This policy applies not only to students who directly engage in an act of bullying but also to students who, by their indirect behavior, condone or support another student's act of bullying. This policy also applies to any student whose conduct at any time or in any place constitutes bullying that interferes with or obstructs the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of the student, other students, or employees. The misuse of technology including, but not limited to, teasing, intimidating, defaming, threatening, or terrorizing another student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district by sending or posting e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or Web site postings, including blogs, also may constitute an act of bullying regardless of whether such acts are committed on or off school district property and/or with or without the use of school district resources.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

## Sunrise Community Dinner/Fundraiser

### April 3rd

### 5-8 p.m.

## Promises to be another wonderful event!

### Get Involved! Parent Involvement Meetings/Activities



#### February

Thursday, February 2  
Parent Involvement Meeting  
9:30 a.m.

#### April

Tuesday, April 3  
Family Dinner  
5-8 p.m.

#### March

Thursday, March 8  
Parent Involvement Meeting  
9:30 a.m.

#### April

Thursday, April 12  
Parent Involvement Meeting  
9:30 a.m.

#### May

Thursday, May 10  
Parent Involvement Meeting  
9:30 a.m.



Sunrise Park Middle School  
Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society



## SELECTION PROCESS

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) chapter of Sunrise Park Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each spring.

Students in the seventh and eighth grade are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. These forms and the Student Activity Information Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified in early April regarding selection or non-selection to NJHS.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year, and participation in the chapter service projects. Students or parents/guardians who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter advisers, Mr. Nguyen or Mrs. Switzer.

**DEADLINE to turn in the Student Activity Information Form**  
**Thursday, March 1, 2012**



**Keeping our  
students safe.**



## Building Security

Parent and adult visitors are welcome at Sunrise Park Middle School. All visitors must sign in and out of the Main Office. Visitors will receive a visitors badge for identification purposes. **After 8:15 a.m. all but one of the building doors will be locked. You may enter only through the “A” door in front of the building on Cedar Avenue.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## School Hours

The middle school class day begins at 8:15 a.m. The school day ends at 3:01 p.m. Students should be off campus by 3:15 unless they are enrolled in a supervised activity!

## Preparing for Cold Weather

Please be sure that your children are dressed for the weather. Our schools are kept at 65-68 degrees which is just right for learning but is sometimes cooler than you keep your homes. Short sleeves usually need to be covered with a sweater or sweatshirt. Students are not allowed to wear jackets or coats to class.

## Parking Lot—Handicap Zones—Crosswalks

Please do not park in the crosswalks or handicap zones when waiting for your students during or after the school day. Walking students need to use the crosswalks and handicap areas need to be available for handicap parking. Thank you for your cooperation!



**Skyward  
Family  
Access**

## Skyward Family Access

White Bear Lake has a student data management system called **Skyward Family Access**. This is a secure, internet based program that links directly to our student data system and allows parents access to information regarding their child. By using a personal ID and password, you can log on to any computer with internet access and see current information relating to attendance, grades, and discipline. You will also be able to view messages from teachers. To access the site, log on to the School District's web site at [www.whitebear.k12.mn.us](http://www.whitebear.k12.mn.us). Click on Quick Links on the left hand side of the page, then select **Family Access**. This is the User ID and Password login page to access your child's information.

You may also type the following web address in to view Family Access:  
<https://skyweb.whitebear.k12.mn.us/scripts/cgiip.exe/Wservice+wsFam/fwemnu01.w>

If you have difficulty with or need your User ID and Password, please call us at 651-653-2714.

## Winter Weather and School Closing

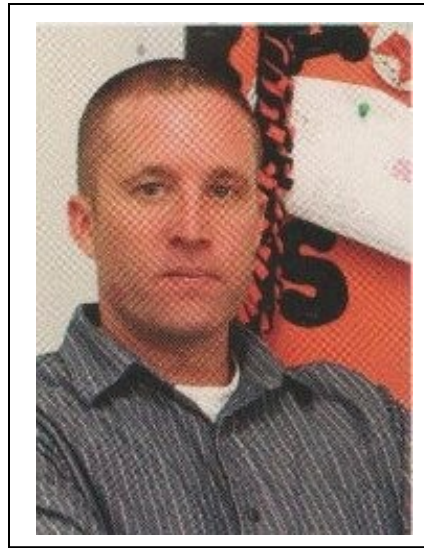
To receive a message regarding the current status of White Bear Lake Area Schools for a particular day call the "Emergency School Closing Hotline" at 651-407-7540. This hotline will only be used for school closings, late starts, and early dismissals. We will not be using it for messages regarding late buses or any other transportation concerns. We will also be using the Instant Alert program to notify parents.

If school is in session, but there are poor driving conditions, the Transportation Department will run all buses as scheduled if at all possible. The only time a route will be altered is if a road is impassable and an alternate road must be taken. If a route must be altered and a stop location moved, the Transportation Department will attempt to contact the parents at the stop and inform them of the closest location where their children can catch the bus. Parents should not send their children to the bus stop if they believe that the road conditions jeopardize the safety of the students. If you have any questions regarding this information, please call the Transportation Department at 651-407-7538.

## Upcoming Events At Sunrise

February 2	History Day Night 7:00 pm	March 19-23	<b>NO SCHOOL Spring Break</b>
February 2	Parent Involvement Meeting 9:30 am	March 29	Spring Picture Day
February 17	February Follies All School Fieldtrip	April 3	Community Dinner 5:00-8:00 pm
February 20	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Presidents Day	April 5	End of Quarter 3
February 22	Mid-Quarter 3	April 6	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Good Friday
March 1 & 2	<b>NO SCHOOL –Conferences</b>	April 12	Parent Involvement Meeting 9:30 am
March 5	<b>Evening Conferences</b>	April 19, 20 & 21	Middle School Musical
March 8	Parent Involvement Meeting 9:30 am	April 27	All School Party 3:00-5:00 pm
March 13	All Star Breakfast 8th Grade	April 30	5th Grade Orientation 7:00 pm
March 14	All Star Breakfast 7th Grade	May 1	NJHS Induction 7:00 pm
March 15	All Star Breakfast 6th Grade	May 7	8th Band and Jazz Concert 7:00 pm

# Rally for Brad Engen



## *Donatelli's Pasta Dinner* *-Games-Raffle-*

**What:** Brad Engen Rally

**Where:** White Bear Lake  
South Campus  
3551 McKnight Rd

**When:** Saturday  
February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** From 2-7 PM  
Dinner 4-7 PM

**Cost:** \$10 for adults  
\$5 for children 5  
and under

dessert, games, and silent  
auction separate

In early December, long-time White Bear Lake teacher and coach, Brad Engen suffered a seizure while teaching his 8<sup>th</sup> grade Geography class. Brad was later diagnosed with stage four brain cancer. Since then, Brad has undergone brain surgery to remove some of the tumor and has begun treatment for cancer.

During his 15 years as a White Bear educator, Brad has set an example as a devoted teacher who worked tirelessly to make learning fun for his students.

Tickets may be purchased **1/17 – 2/10** at the following locations.  
**Limited tickets will be sold the day of the event.**

Sunrise Park Middle School – Main Office  
Central Middle School – Main Office  
North Campus High School – Athletic Office  
South Campus High School – Athletic Office  
District Center – Community Services

Or online at <http://bradengenbenefit.eventbrite.com>

## White Bear Lake Area Schools

### Immunization Requirements for 2012-2013 School Year

**To: 6th Grade (class of 2018) Parents and Guardians**

**From: Robert McDowell, Principal, and Cyndy Silkworth, School Nurse**

Minnesota Statutes Section 121A.15 requires children enrolled in a Minnesota school to be immunized against certain diseases, allowing for certain specified exceptions (see the back of this page). According to the statutes, students entering 7th grade in the fall of the 2012-2013 school year are required to have the following:

- Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria) booster immunization (given at or after age 11 years)
- 2nd MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) immunization
- Hepatitis B immunizations (a series of 3 doses)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunization (2 doses) or medical exemption from physician as having had the disease.

**Students will not be allowed to receive their class schedule at 7th grade registration or start school in the 7th grade without complying with the immunization requirements.**

Please contact your child's health care provider directly for the required immunizations. If you do not have health care insurance or a health care provider, please contact St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health at 651-266-1234 for a Walk-In Immunization Only clinic schedule.

You may provide the information to us using the form below or by calling us at 653-2713. If you have any questions, please contact Cyndy Silkworth, School Nurse at 651-653-2704 or Sue Bock, Health Assistant at 651-653-2713.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade7** (2012-2013 school year)

Enter the **Month, Day and Year** for all immunizations:

**TD** (Tetanus, Diphtheria) booster immunization: \_\_\_\_\_  
(given after their 11th birthday)

**2nd MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) immunization \_\_\_\_\_

**Hepatitis B:** #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Varicella** (Chicken Pox) immunization: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

## Legal Exemptions To Minnesota School Immunization Law

- **Students in grades 7-12:** A Td or Tdap booster at age 11 years or later is not required for students in grades 7-12 whose most recent Td was given after their 7th birthday but before their 11th birthday. Instead, it will be required 10 years after the date of the most recent dose.
- **Students 11-15 years of age:** A 3rd dose of hepatitis B vaccine is not required for students who provide documentation of the alternative 2-dose schedule.
- **Students 10 years or older:** May receive Tdap to fulfill the Td requirement for students in grades 7-12.
- **Students 18 years of age or older:** Do not need polio vaccine.

### Exemptions to School Immunization Law

**A. Medical exemption:**

No student is required to receive an immunization if they have a medical contraindication, history of disease, or laboratory evidence of immunity. For a student to receive a medical exemption, a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must sign this statement:

I certify the immunization(s) listed below are contraindicated for medical reasons, laboratory evidence of immunity, or that adequate immunity exists due to a history of disease that was laboratory confirmed. (For varicella disease see below.)

Exempted immunization(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant

\*History of varicella disease only. In the case of varicella disease, it was medically diagnosed or adequately described to me by the parent to indicate past varicella infection in \_\_\_\_\_ Year.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant

**B. Conscientious Exemption:**

No student is required to have an immunization that is contrary to the conscientiously held beliefs of his/her parent or guardian. However, not following vaccine recommendations may endanger the health or life of the student or others they come in contact with. In a disease outbreak schools may exclude children who are not vaccinated in order to protect them and others. To receive an exemption to vaccination, a parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the following statement and have it notarized:

I certify by notarization that it is contrary to my conscientiously held beliefs for my child to receive the following vaccine(s).

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of notary

# Sunrise Park Middle School March Conference Request Form

Conferences will be scheduled on a first come-first served basis.  
Please complete the following information and return form to the Main Office

**Please submit only ONE form for all of your students!**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number to reach you at if we have questions: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TIME SLOT CHOICES:**

Thursday, March 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, March 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Forms without choices indicated will be returned for additional information.

**Interpreter Needed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Language** \_\_\_\_\_

If your student is a member of an “extended family” due to divorce, living with relatives, etc., we are asking that only one conference time be requested. With increased enrollment and increased class size, we do not have the time slots or staff to accommodate multiple conferences on an individual student.

**A time confirmation will be mailed home the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Sunrise Park Middle School  
Independent School District No. 624  
2399 Cedar Avenue  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

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-INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 624 MISSION STATEMENT-  
THE MISSION OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE AEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TO PROVIDE A  
HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL LEARNERS.

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### **Belief Statements**

To accomplish our mission we believe that a high-quality education experience must:

- be in partnership with the community;
- take place in a safe, supportive, and challenging environment;
- develop life long learners;
- allow each learner to reach full potential;
- encourage each learner to be a contributing member of a global society.

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-MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT-  
TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION WHICH MEETS THE ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL,  
AND PHYSICAL NEEDS OF SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS IN A CARING  
ENVIRONMENT WHERE UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY ARE VALUED, LIFELONG LEARNING  
IS MODELED, AND ALL CAN BE SUCCESSFUL.

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