



# **2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

The past year and a half were a roller coaster, and I cannot say enough times how beyond proud of our staff I am for continuing to provide our students with exceptional learning experiences. That said, I could not be more excited for the 2021–2022 school year. It is a time for reemergence as we are able to have a more traditional school year.

As a parent of four kids, three who are currently in the SPASD and one who just graduated, I understand how important the beginning of every school year is, but especially this one. If there is one thing that I have learned this past year and a half, it is how to appreciate the everyday things we get to do, like walking our kids to the bus stop, interacting with our childrens' teachers in-person, and seeing peoples' smiles.

Before we jump into this school year, there is a lot that we as caregivers need to do, such as verifying enrollment, contributing to school lunch accounts, getting school supplies, and more. This newsletter is designed to be a resource for you and the entire community as we prepare for a new and exciting school year.

Be sure to save this newsletter to use over the next couple of weeks. Place it on the kitchen counter as a quick reference, like my wife and I do. However, know that the Sun Prairie Area School District is here for you to help you get back into the swing of things before this school year begins. Check our District website or our Facebook and Instagram pages to learn more about things happening in the SPASD. And, as always, reach out to the District Support Center if you have a question.

I wish you the very best for this 2021-2022 school year!

See you soon,

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Brad Saron, Superintendent

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COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX SOON SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR!



**FALL 2021** 

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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WELCOME EVENT

Each elementary school will have its Welcome Event the **WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2021**. Schools will contact caregivers regarding the time and date of this event. Watch for an email from your principal inviting you to attend!

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL KICK-OFF EVENTS

Each secondary school is handling its own Back-to-School Kick-Off event. Stay tuned for communication from your school site(s).



All caregivers must participate in the registration process. We need to have your most current contact information. Please log in to Infinite Campus and click on the "Online Registration" button on the bottom left of the page. This will walk you through the process of verifying student contact information. Phone numbers and email addresses change, so this is your chance to make sure we can contact you when we need to. You can also sign the permission slip and handbook agreement forms as part of this process.

# WORKING TO BE A BULLY-FREE ZONE

# **FIELD TRIPS**

We regularly incorporate field trips into student learning experiences. Instead of filling out a new permission form for every trip, you are able to check a box during the online registration process to cover all in-state day-long field trips for the year. You will still receive specific information about each field trip and can choose to opt out. The statement regarding field trips will appear like this in your online registration:

O Yes O No I give permission for my child to participate in field trips via District transportation or via walking if within walking distance of their school.

The Sun Prairie Area School District is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for all students. The expectation is that everyone treats one another with respect and consideration. Actions such as bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, detract from

the safe environment necessary for student learning, and may lead to more serious violence. Therefore, all types of bullying and hazing are prohibited. Families play an important role. Talk with your student about responsible use of social media and cell phones.

The District has partnered with the community to work toward this goal of bully-free education.

Thank you for working with us! #SPKIND

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: sunprairieschools.org/families/bullying





# **SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS**

School supply lists for elementary schools and middle schools can be found on each school's web page, under the "Academics" tab by grade or subject. Upper middle school and high school students can purchase school supplies such as notebooks, folders, and pencils based on personal organizational style and needs.

# **CHROMEBOOKS**

It is a high priority in our District to help our students become good digital citizens. All students who do not already have a Chromebook will undergo training on digital citizenship in the beginning of the school year and will receive their Chromebook at school once the training is complete.



# **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

This year we will be partnering with Empire Photography for school pictures. All of the dates and details regarding each school's picture day will be given at a later date.

**QUESTIONS?** If you have any questions about school picture services, please reach out to your school(s) via email or phone.

# **YEARBOOKS**

Watch for more information during the school year about how to purchase a yearbook for your student.





# **STUFF THE BUS 2021**

Stuff the Bus, a Sunshine Place program, works to provide backpacks and school supplies to children and youth in the Sun Prairie Area School District. Here are this year's distribution dates and times!

BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION DATES								
Tuesday, August 10	12:45 - 2:00 p.m.	C. H. Bird Elementary						
Wednesday, August 11	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Northside Elementary						
Thursday, August 12	11:45 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Westside Elementary						
Thursday, August 12	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Sheehan Park						

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: https://sunshineplace.org/services/child-outreach/stuff-the-bus/

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# HEALTH SERVICES TEAM

# KEEPING KIDS HEALTHY

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PRAIRIE PHOENIX ACADEMY 834-6907 Our Sun Prairie School Health Services Team is made up of two District Health Nurses and a Health Assistant at each school building. Together they work to remove health-related learning barriers and create a healthy and safe learning environment for all children.

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEALTH TIPS FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY SCHOOL YEAR

- Make sure your child is current on vaccination requirements.
   The state of Wisconsin requires that all students entering 6th grade get a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster.
   Kindergarteners need a booster of the MMR, Polio, Varicella, and DTaP vaccines. Be sure that sufficient documentation or a signed waiver is on file with your child's school.
- Consult with your child's school nurse about any health updates or health needs your child may have for school this year.
- If your child will need to keep medication at school, it must be in the original, labeled container, and you must complete the following forms: *Prescription Medication:* Either contact your doctor's office for their school medication form or print it from our website. Send the completed form to school with your child. *Over-the-Counter Medication:* Print the form from our website, and return it to school with your child.
- Remind your child that handwashing is the number one way
  to prevent illness. Practice effective handwashing. Wash for
  at least 20 seconds, using friction, and wash the fronts and
  backs of hands and in between fingers. Soap and water are
  best, but hand sanitizer will do when those are not available.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep. Start practicing healthy sleep habits, such as limiting caffeine after dinner, getting regular exercise, turning off electronic devices an hour before bedtime, and getting into a regular sleep routine.
- Be sure your child eats breakfast each day, at home or at school.
- For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19, please visit the District website and watch for email updates.



# SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

A nutritious breakfast and lunch are key to student learning. It is proven that well-fed bodies make for sharp minds. We want your student to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables, dishes made from scratch and new and interesting cuisines with us every day! Our meals are carefully planned to meet the caloric needs of students while remaining low in fat and sodium, free of trans fats, and limited in artificial ingredients or dyes. Additionally, we offer a variety of menu items so students are empowered to make the right decisions when dining with us.

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS** may be accessed by visiting your school web page under "Quicklinks." Not only can you see what is for breakfast and lunch, but you can also see the nutritional information!

# SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

We are happy to report that the USDA announced that school districts will be able to provide free meals to students through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. This means that each student will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch while at school.

# OPTIONAL: PUT MONEY IN YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCH ACCOUNT

All students are able to purchase an additional milk, and secondary students are able to purchase an additional entrée. They will need to have funds in their account to do so.

Deposits can be made online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, under the Payments menu. Payments can also be mailed or dropped off at the District Support Center, 501 S. Bird Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

Free and Reduced Meal eligibility not only gives you access to meals at a reduced price (in a typical school year) but also enables our District to receive more educational funding based on our eligibility rates. It also allows students to receive waivers on numerous fees. It is important for families to fill out an application if you believe you may qualify. *Applications are available at all schools or can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to you directly. Call the District Support Center if you would like more information about these programs.* 



# **DID YOU KNOW?**

The School Nutrition Program is offering a more diverse menu from different cultural backgrounds. Menus also include more healthy options such as daily salad bars at all schools so students can incorporate more healthy fresh fruits and vegetables into their diet.

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE TO OUR HUNGER HERO CAMPAIGN?

One of the best things about Sun Prairie is how our community comes together to help those in need. We have hungry students in our schools who need your help. If you or your organization would like to be a HUNGER HERO for Sun Prairie students, please visit our website or call the District Support Center to learn how to make a donation!



# QUESTIONS?

If you have questions or require assistance, email: nutritiondepartment@sunprairieschools.org or call: 834-6544



# BUSING INFORMATION KOBUSSEN CARES

Sun Prairie Area School District staff members work collaboratively with our District transportation provider, Kobussen Bus Company, to keep students safe while riding the bus.

We use the following **KOBUSSEN CARES** rules as our expectations for all bus riders. To support **SAFETY** for all, our **EXPECTATIONS** are that everyone demonstrates **RESPECT** through **APPROPRIATE** bus behavior on a **CONSISTENT** basis. To meet these **EXPECTATIONS**, all bus riders need to:

- Sit down when they get on the bus.
- · Face forward when seated.
- Keep the aisle clear so that everyone can move safely.
- Keep voices quiet so that everyone can enjoy their ride and hear instructions.
- Keep their hands to themselves.
- Do not eat on the bus, to keep it clean and sanitary.

We appreciate parents/guardians, District staff, and bus drivers reminding students that **KOBUSSEN CARES!** 

# **BUS TAGS**

All eligible bus riders must have their bus tags on their person when riding the bus. Drivers will ask to see bus tags and may deny rides to students they don't recognize if those students don't have a bus tag. If your child needs a replacement bus tag, please contact the school secretary. Students who carry smartphones can take a picture of their bus tag to show the driver.

• Students will receive their bus tag at their school's Back-to-School Kick-Off event.



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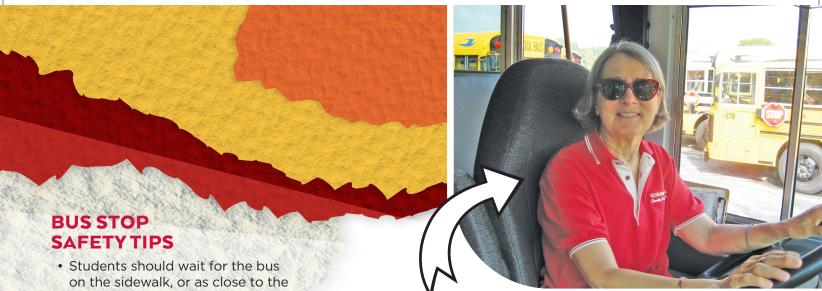
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# KOBUSSEN BUSES

1500 Forward Drive Sun Prairie, WI 825-8700

Hours: 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



- Students should wait for the bus on the sidewalk, or as close to the curb as possible if there are no sidewalks.
- Students should avoid standing in the road and in yards when waiting for the bus.
- Students should wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching to board.
- Students should be dressed appropriately for waiting in any type of weather.

# **BUSING ELIGIBILITY**

Busing services are provided to elementary, middle, upper middle, and high school students who do not live within walking distance of their schools. For students to qualify for busing services, they must meet the following distances requirements:

Elementary School: Must live more than 1 mile from school. Middle School: Must live more than 1.5 miles from school. Upper Middle School: Must live more than 1.5 miles from school.

**High School:** Must live more than 1.5 miles from school.

You can verify your household's busing eligibility by using the Boundaries and Walking/Busing Areas map on the District website. Students with disabilities are provided transportation services in accordance with their individualized education programs (IEPs).

# BUS DRIVER SPOTLIGHT MEET SHARON!

"I have been driving for Kobussen Buses for eight years now. I love working for Kobussen and transporting the kids of Sun Prairie to and from school. Watching the kids grow up is my favorite part. The kindergarteners of eight years ago are now at Cardinal Heights! I transport K-12 but have the most fun with the elementary groups. Have a great school year!"



- Students may not eat on buses. Some students have severe food allergies, and we need to keep our buses safe for them. Snacks given out at the end of the school day should be eaten at home.
- Students may ride on their assigned bus only.
- Students must get on/off the bus at their designated stop.
- Students who are not eligible riders may not ride the bus.
- Students should be at their bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of arrival.
- Students must have their bus tags with them in order to ride the bus.

School bus transportation is a privilege, not a right. In the event that a student's behavior does not conform to the standards, the bus company will report the behavior to the school and an investigation will occur. Consequences may be assessed and could include loss of bus riding privileges.

# ACTIVITY BUS INFORMATION ......

(SECONDARY SCHOOLS ONLY)



- Riders must present their bus tag and a pass from their coach.
- · Activity buses do not have set routes. For schools that have more than one activity bus, each bus has designated busing areas (north and south, east and west, etc.). The drivers of these buses develop routes based on the students who are riding that day.
- Because there are no set routes for activity buses, the amount of time students may ride and the stops they will use can vary greatly from day to day. Student ride times may exceed one hour.

PATRICK MARSH has two after-school activity buses that run Monday through Friday. One bus services the north busing area of Patrick Marsh, and the other bus services the south busing area.

**CARDINAL HEIGHTS** has two after-school activity buses that run Monday through Friday. One bus services the west side of the Cardinal Heights busing area, and the other bus services the east side.

PRAIRIE VIEW has one after-school activity bus

HIGH SCHOOL has one after-school activity bus that runs Tuesday through Thursday.

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# **BUSING FAQS**

# HOW DO I SIGN MY CHILD UP FOR THE BUS?

You don't have to! All students in grades K-12 who are eligible to/from their primary household are automatically routed. If you need transportation to/from a secondary household or child care provider, please visit the website to learn more about those requests. Busing for 4K students must be requested through the 4K office, at 834-6672.

# WHERE CAN I FIND MY CHILD'S BUSING **INFORMATION?**

Parents can view their child's busing information for the regular school year through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal at least two weeks prior to the start of school. The District will also communicate busing information around the same time.

# MY CHILD MISSED THE BUS, OR THE BUS IS **RUNNING LATE, WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT?**

Please contact Kobussen at 825-8700. If the bus arrived and left the stop before the scheduled pick-up time, they will send the driver back to pick up any students who were missed. Families are encouraged to have their child waiting at the stop at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pickup time.

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# I HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT OTHER CHILDREN ON THE BUS AND/OR MY CHILD'S BUS **DRIVER. WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT?**

Your first point of contact should be your child's school principal for any concerns regarding student behavior on the bus. The principal can talk with your child and any other students involved and determine if any disciplinary measures need to be taken. If you have a concern regarding your child's bus driver, please contact Kobussen at 825-8700. They will review the concern and contact the appropriate District personnel.

# I THINK MY CHILD MAY HAVE LEFT SOMETHING ON THE BUS. WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT?

Kobussen has a lost and found for all items left on the bus. Bus drivers usually keep lost items on

the bus for a few days and then turn them in at the terminal. If your child has a lost item, don't forget to check with Kobussen. You may call or stop by the terminal to check the lost and found.



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

The Sun Prairie Area School District is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors a safe, welcoming environment. Here are a few conversation ideas for you and your students to have before school begins.

# **GENERAL**

- Communicate with your child, addressing any fears or concerns about returning to school. Discuss "what if" situations, such as "What if you get on the wrong bus?"
- If you believe there are unresolved issues from the previous school year that may continue to affect your child's behavior, follow up with the teacher or principal.
- Remind your child not to go anywhere after school unless they first check with a parent or caretaker.
   They should never go home with a friendly neighbor without parent or caretaker permission.
- Students should follow safety rules:
  - » Always tell a parent/caregiver where they are going, who they are with, and when they will be home.
  - » Go places with friends, instead of alone, whenever possible.
- Ensure that your child knows their telephone number and address, contact numbers for trusted adults, and how to call 911 for emergencies.

# **TRANSPORTATION**

- Discuss transportation issues—How will your child get to and from school?
- Safety reminders—Cross streets at marked crosswalks, obey the school crossing guards, and don't dart out in front of traffic.
- Bike riding—Discuss best routes, wear a helmet, and be visible. Lock your bike in the designated place.
- Have a back-up plan in case you're delayed and can't pick up on time. Where should your child go?
   Who should they contact? What should they do?
   Decide on age-appropriate solutions.

# **DRIVER SAFETY**

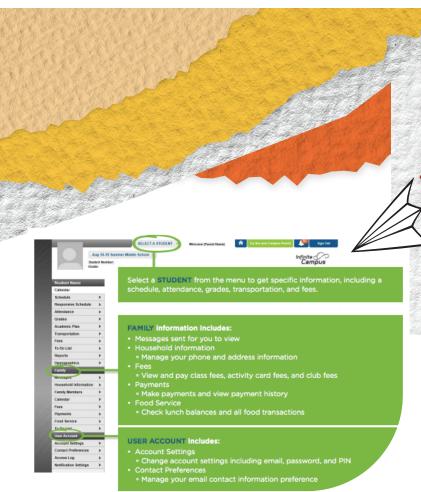
- Remember to slow down, observe 20 mph school zone speed limits, and look out for children who may dart out into traffic. Remind your teen drivers that the school parking lot should be navigated carefully. There is a lot of activity with pedestrians and cars.
- Please obey all signage displayed at the schools.
- Please do not attempt to pass other parked cars when there is no space for passing. Please wait.
- Please respect buses, particularly when children are loading/unloading.

# YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR SCHOOLS!

Safety is our number one priority. During the school day, our exterior doors will be locked. If you visit, please push the call button on the audiovisual intercom located on the front of the building next to the main doors. An indicator light will flash, and you will be buzzed into the office. Once inside, you will need to provide photo identification. You will then receive a visitor's badge to wear during your visit.

Thank you for making it a habit to have your identification with you every time you visit!





Infinite Campus is the portal we use to collect and store student information. This is the best place to find information about your student's progress. Let us give you a tour of Infinite Campus so you can become familiar with some of

INFINITE CAMPUS

TIP: All emergency communications sent to families use contact data obtained from Infinite Campus. Student health and medication information is also obtained from Infinite Campus. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep this information up to date. Please maintain accurate information throughout the year in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account.

the features it offers:

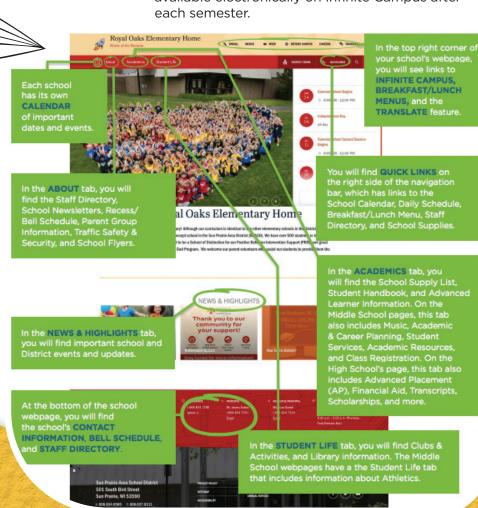
**DID YOU KNOW?** Student report cards are available electronically on Infinite Campus after each semester

# **SCHOOL WEB PAGES**

Your school web page is a great place to find information. From the lunch menu and school newsletters, to contact information and important dates, you should be able to find key information at your fingertips. Let us give you a quick tour of a school web page:

**NOTE:** The District has a comprehensive website that is also a great source of information. Please check out sunprairieschools.org when you have questions about the District.

The High School and Middle Schools have additional information on their web pages.



# »»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»»» SCHOOLYEAR CALENDAR **ATA GLANCE** 2021-2022

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The first day of school this year is AUGUST 23, 2021 for students in grades K-12 -and- AUGUST 30, 2021 for students in SP4K

# August 2021

- First Day of School (K-12)
- 30 First Day of School SP4K

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- 6 No School-Labor Day
- 24 No School

### October 2021

- 7 Family/Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
  - No School for SP4K
- No School-Family/Teacher Conferences, 8 7:30-11:30 a.m.
- 22 No School
- 27 End of 1st Quarter

# November 2021

- No School 24
- 25 No School-Thanksgiving
- 26 No School

### December 2021

24 No School-First Day of Winter Break

# January 2022

- 3 First Day Back from Winter Break
- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester 10
- No School 14
- No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

# February 2022

- Family/Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m. 24
  - No School for SP4K
- No School-Family/Teacher Conferences, 25 7:30-11:30 a.m.

# March 2022

- No School 11
- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 17
- No School-First Day of Spring Break 21
- 28 First Day Back from Spring Break

# May 2022

- No School 13
- Last Day of School for 4K Students 20
- End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter/2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 26

Last Day of School for Students (K-12)

- Elementary Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.
- Middle School Dismissal at 11:25 a.m.
- Cardinal Heights Dismissal at 11:35 a.m.
- High School Dismissal times based on Finals

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June 20-July 22 Summer School (Mon-Thurs) July 4-5 No Summer School

# LEGEND:

No School - Holidays SP4K

No School

# **High School Graduation**

We have three weather days built into this schedule that we will not need to make up should we have weather or other reasons for closing. If we have more than three, here is the plan:

Makeup Day #1: March 11, 2022 Makeup Day #2: May 13, 2022 Makeup Day #3: Add instructional minutes **UPDATED 7/16/2021** 



# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

8:20 a.m. - 3:18 p.m. (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) 8:20 a.m. - 2:03 p.m. (Thurs)

**Note:** Students may come to school at 8:10 a.m., as there will be supervisors on-duty at this time.

**NOTE:** Elementary schools will continue to have Early Release on Thursdays

# MIDDLE SCHOOLS

7:40 a.m. - 2:56 p.m.

# **UPPER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

7:47 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

# HIGH SCHOOL

8:00 a.m. - 3:22 p.m.

# **SP4KIDS** (4-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM) CREEKSIDE AND TOKEN SPRINGS

# MORNING SESSION:

8:20 a.m. - 11:03 a.m. (Mon- Fri)

# **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

12:20 p.m. - 3:18 p.m. (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)

### **EARLY RELEASE:**

12:20 p.m. - 2:03 p.m. (Thurs)

# **COMMUNITY PARTNER 4K SITES**

# MORNING SESSION:

8:10 a.m. - 10:53 a.m. (Mon-Fri)

# AFTERNOON SESSION:

11:50 a.m. - 2:48 p.m. (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)

# **EARLY RELEASE:**

11:50 a.m. - 1:33 p.m. (Thurs)

# PEACHJAR FLYER DISTRIBUTION

You will receive one email per week that includes all of the flyers related to your school(s).



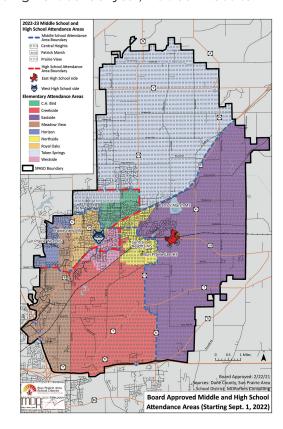
Peachjar is a tool for sharing information about important activities and events. To view school approved eflyers, simply click the Peachjar button on your school's web page. The District uses Peachjar, an electronic flyer communication tool in place of paper distribution. This "green" initiative will save our schools tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars.

Your family's email address is loaded directly into Peachjar and updated weekly, so there is no need to sign up. If you would like to family members, go to Peachjar.com and add your name and school.

DID YOU KNOW that by using Peachjar, the Sun Prairie Area School District has saved 13,445,347 sheets of paper and 1,614 trees?

# **NEW BOUNDARIES!**

Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, we will have new elementary, middle, and high school boundaries. To find out which schools your child(ren) will be attending next school year, visit our website.





# RENOVATIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS THIS SUMMER

We are excited to announce that renovations are taking place at eight of our schools this summer! Here are some of the things that we are working on:

# CARDINAL HEIGHTS UPPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Installing a wheelchair lift
- Adding a glass storefront in the Agriculture/ Construction Shop and Agriculture Classroom
- Adding and remodeling multiple bathrooms
- Installing new equipment in the weight room and the future gym

# PATRICK MARSH & PRAIRIE VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- · Renovating the Tech Ed area
- Replacing the PA System (Public Address System)

# C. H. BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Remodeling the kindergarten bathrooms

# **NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY**

• Remodeling the library

# **EASTSIDE ELEMENTARY**

• Updating the courtyard

# **ROYAL OAKS ELEMENTARY**

• Installing walls in the first-grade wing

# **WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY**

• Updating flooring in the main office



# SUN PRAIRIE WEST HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

Sun Prairie West High School is on track to open by the 2022–2023 school year. Next time you drive by, be sure to check out all of the progress that has been made!

For more information about the work that has been done already and to read future executive summaries, visit: **www.sunprairieschools.org/west-high/about/construction-videos** 





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We are excited to announce that we have launched an app that allows students, staff, and caregivers to access information quickly and easily. It provides access to breakfast and lunch menus, school calendars, District news, Peachjar flyers, COVID-19 updates, and more. Students and caregivers can also access Infinite Campus via the app, which provides information regarding grades, attendance, and more. To download the app, visit either the iPhone App Store or the Google Play Store.

# MEET PRINCIPAL COLEMAN & MR. MICHAEL MORGAN JR.



# WELCOME, PRINCIPAL COLEMAN!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Renee Coleman to the Sun Prairie Area School District. Ms. Coleman will be Sun Prairie High School's principal starting this school year. Ms. Coleman formerly served as

principal of Harlem Middle School in Machesney Park, Illinois. She has years of prior leadership experience as principal, assistant principal, and instructional facilitator in Freeport, Illinois. Her background also includes teaching experience with Chicago Public Schools.



# CONGRATULATIONS, MR. MICHAEL MORGAN JR.

We are so excited that Mr. Michael Morgan Jr. is our District's first ever Director of Systemic Equity and Inclusion. Mr. Morgan previously served as principal of Prairie Phoenix Academy and has years of prior experience serving as principal and executive director of K-8 charter schools in Milwaukee. Prior to these positions he worked as a dean and middle school social studies teacher.

In this role Mr. Morgan will be working to promote equity and inclusion internally. Other responsibilities include engaging the community, developing effective communication, cultivating relationships with diverse communities, and engaging the entire District and Sun Prairie community on why the District's equity efforts benefit all students and the entire Sun Prairie community.

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The community is always invited to attend Board meetings. The School Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month.\*

Meetings are held at either the Sun Prairie City Hall, 300 E. Main Street, or at the District Office, 501 S. Bird Street. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are televised live on Charter cable channel 983, streamed live online at ksun.tv, and broadcast on 103.5 FM, The Sun Community Radio.

School Board meeting notices, agendas, and minutes are posted on Board Docs, our electronic system that can be accessed from our website. \*Check our website for meeting dates and locations

# ATTEND THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

October 4, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. | SPHS Performing Arts Center

# **BOARD MEMBERS**



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Student Representatives



No student may be unlawfully discriminated against in any school programs or activities or in usage of facilities because of the student's gender identity, gender expressions, or non-conformity to gender-role stereotypes; color; religion; demonstration of belief or non-belief; profession; race; national origin (including limited English proficiency); ancestry; creed; pregnancy; marital or parental status; homelessness status; sexual orientation; age; or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Harassment is a form of discrimination and shall not be tolerated in the District. It is the responsibility of administrators, staff members, and all students to ensure that student discrimination or harassment does not occur.

# **CONTACT US!**

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# **OPERATIONS**

### PHIL FREI

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# OUR SCHOOLS

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**

478-5187

### C. H. BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NICOLE TOEPFER, Principal 834-7300 1170 N. Bird St.

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# NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# CARDINAL HEIGHTS UPPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SARAH PRANKEKLANG,** Principal 318-8000 220 Kroncke Dr.

# **SUN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL**

**RENEE COLEMAN,** Principal 834-6700 888 Grove St.

# PRAIRIE PHOENIX ACADEMY

Principal, 834-6900 160 South St.

# SUN PRAIRIE VIRTUAL SCHOOL

834-6901

# **SP4KIDS**

ELIZABETH KNUDTEN,

Program Supervisor 834-6671

# GET INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOLS



# **ENGAGED CAREGIVERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE** IMPORTANT TO US.

Many people volunteer in our schools, making a world of difference in the education of our students, as Schools of Hope volunteers, AVID tutors, Performing Arts Center ushers, chaperones for field trips, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the District website under "Community and Volunteering in the District" to find more information and forms to submit. Thank you to our volunteers! We could not do this very important work without you.

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# WE ARE HIRING!





To view our available positions, visit our website or scan the QR code!

Dr. Chris Sadler, Director of Human Resources

Isabel Simonetti, Employee Relations Manager

# JOIN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.

Our elementary and middle schools have a parent group. In some school districts, these are referred to as PTOs. Here in Sun Prairie, we call them SCOs, or School Community Organizations. Joining your school's SCO is a great way to get connected to your school. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities to choose from as well as monthly meetings you are invited to attend. You can find more information about your SCO on your school web page under the "About" tab.

# **BECOME AN AVID TUTOR!**

# Are you looking for . . .

- classroom experience?
- a challenging environment?
- a valuable mission?
- rewarding work?

The Sun Prairie Area School District needs tutors to work with students in grades 7-12, Monday through Friday. These flexible and paid positions include training and valuable feedback from experienced teachers. AVID tutors guide students in the Socratic method of collaborative learning, in which students question one another in pursuit of greater understanding of academic subjects.

Please Contact Kathy Enstad, AVID District Director, at klensta@sunprairieschools.org or 834-6586, or visit the District website to find the job application.



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Staff are available to assist you at the District Support Center, 501 S. Bird Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 // 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. web: sunprairieschools.org // t: 608.834.6500 // f: 608.837.9311 Translators are also available.

# STAY CONNECTED TO THE

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