



Battle Creek Middle School

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Dear Battle Creek Middle School families:

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! All of us at Battle Creek Middle School look forward to seeing students in grades 6-8 on **Tuesday, September 6**.

At Saint Paul Public Schools, our mission is to inspire students to think critically, pursue their dreams and change the world. This means providing challenging and engaging instruction in welcoming classroom environments that represent and respect the diverse backgrounds of our students. This way, every student can feel seen, empowered, and ready to find joy in learning.

Battle Creek Middle School is starting the new school year with a college readiness academic support program called Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) in all grades.

The first day of school is exciting for students, families and staff alike. It can also be overwhelming. Here are a few things to know so you can help your students be ready for the first day.

Open House

Please join us at our Open House to welcome students and families to a new year on **Thursday, September 1, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

School Hours

School begins at **8:30 a.m.** and ends at **3:00 p.m.**

Transportation

Students will receive a postcard in the mail with transportation information at the end of August. The postcard lists details about where and when to get on and off the bus. Please arrive at the bus stop **five minutes** before the bus is scheduled to pick up your child. Track the status of your child's bus on our school's website or the Bus Status app.

If you believe your student is taking the bus but did not receive a postcard, please call Transportation at **651-696-9600** as soon as possible.

- **School Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

In an effort to ensure student safety, students are not allowed to walk or cross in between buses that are loading and/or unloading on North Park Drive.

Students that are being transported to school in the morning by a parent/guardian must be dropped off in the appropriate location. The Parent Drop-Off locations are the staff parking lot entrance OR along the west bound intersection of North Park Drive and Winthrop Street. Please plan accordingly in case of bad weather.

Classes begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please do not drop your child off at school before 8:15 a.m., as there is no staff to monitor students before that time. A staff member will be in the parking lot each day from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. helping students unload safely.

- **Afternoon Pick-Up:**

In an effort to ensure student safety, students are not allowed to walk or cross in between buses that are loading and/or unloading on North Park Drive.

School is dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Students who are being picked up will be directed to the parent pick-up/drop-off zone in the parking lot. A staff member will be in the parking lot each day from 3:00 - 3:10 p.m. helping students load safely.

Parent pick-up in the staff parking lot entrance or along the west bound intersection of Park Drive Winthrop Street N.

Application for Educational Benefits/Free or Reduced Price Meals

All families are strongly encouraged to complete an Application for Educational Benefits. These applications determine how much educational funding our school receives, and there are many other benefits for families who qualify for free or reduced meal eligibility. The application can be completed online at schoolcafe.com/spps as part of iUpdate. Paper applications are available at school.

Meal Information

- **Breakfast**
All students receive a free breakfast at school. As students arrive at school, they can grab their breakfast and eat in class. Hot and cold breakfast options are available.
- **Changes for the 2022-23 school year:** School lunch will no longer be free for all SPPS students. (Battle Creek Middle School students WILL receive lunch at no cost, regardless of eligibility status, because our school is a [Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\) school](#)).
- Students who qualify for free or reduced price meals will receive free lunch. See information about the Free or Reduced Price Meal Application above. For students who do not qualify, the 2022-23 paid lunch prices are:
 - Grades PreK-5: \$2.70
 - Grades 6-8: \$2.90
 - Grades 9-12: \$3.10
 - Second Meal: \$5.00

All students will be charged for single item purchases, such as milk and second meals. The prices for single item purchases can be found at spps.org/ns.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Families should familiarize themselves with SPPS's [COVID-19 Student and Family Guidelines](#), which cover prevention strategies, health screening and monitoring, and isolation guidelines.

Face masks are optional in all SPPS buildings and on school transportation when community levels of COVID-19 are low or medium in Ramsey County. Masks are required when community levels are high. This applies to all staff, students and visitors (ages 2 and older), regardless of a person's vaccine status, unless a student has a qualifying exemption. SPPS will notify families and staff if COVID-19 levels are high and masks become required.

If your child is exhibiting any symptoms, do not send them to school, even if they are fully vaccinated. Report the absence to the school's front office and submit a report to the [COVID-19 Reporting System](#) the same day for next steps.

Find more information on COVID-19 guidelines for the 2022-23 school year, including vaccines, COVID-19 tests available to students, field trips and more at spps.org/covid.

Immunizations

Please check in with your health care provider to make sure your child's immunizations are up to date before school starts in the fall. Visit spps.org/immunizations or call our school nurse for more information.

Extracurriculars

Students interested in participating in our athletics program, please contact Joe Gwin, Athletic Director at 651.744.6706 or joe.gwin@spps.org. For more information, visit our school's athletics [website](#).

Student Rights & Responsibilities and School Safety

SPPS strives to create welcoming schools where each and every student is seen, known and valued. There are rights students are guaranteed when they are at school as well as responsibilities that accompany those rights. [Read the Rights & Responsibilities Handbook.](#)

Attendance is an important part of student success. We realize there are many reasons that a student may be absent from school. If your child will be absent from school, please notify the school at your earliest convenience. Communication between home and school is a vital component to a positive school experience.

Safety is of the utmost importance at our school and district. Families, students and staff can use the MySPPS app to "[Send a Tip](#)" and confidentially report unsafe behaviors in school to SPPS Security and Emergency Management.

Contact Information

Please check our school website regularly, spps.org/bcms for information and updates. If you have questions the website doesn't answer, please call the front office at 651-293-8960.

Attached to this letter you'll find the following important documents:

- [School Supply List](#)
- [2022-23 SPPS School Year Calendar](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [SPPS Back to School Information](#)

I'm looking forward to welcoming you and your child to a new school year. I'm so proud to be part of this wonderful school community.

Sincerely,



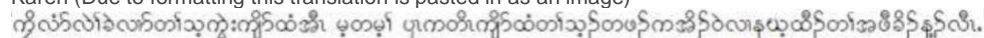
Oulia Yang, Principal
Battle Creek Middle School

All school documents can be translated or interpreters upon request.

Hmong

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Karen (Due to formatting this translation is pasted in as an image)



Somali

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Spanish

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