



Saint Paul  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Inquirer's Journey



## Message from Dr. Turner, Principal

I hope everyone is staying safe during this time and taking care of yourself and loved ones. I want to provide all our families a few things that are coming.

The deadline for the lunch applications is Tuesday December the 15th please send back the form you received.

We will have a supply handout on Saturday the 19th from 9:00am-3:00pm. Students will receive the following: grade specific learning kits, Restorative Practice kits, headphones.

Please come and pick up what you need.

Please continue to encourage your scholars to read at least 20-30 minutes per day.

Thank you for all you do!

In Partnership, Dr. Turner (Principal)

## CALENDAR

- Tues., Dec. 15, Free/Reduced Lunch Forms Due
- Wed., Dec. 16, 2:0-4:00pm – Fare for All pick-up
- Sat., Dec. 19, 9:00am-3:00pm – School Supply pick-up
- Sat., Dec. 19, 9:00am-3:00pm – Toys for Tots pick-up
- Tues., Dec. 22 – last day to buy Mays spirit wear
- NO SCHOOL Wed., Dec. 23-Fri., Jan. 1 – Winter Break
- Mon., Jan. 4 – classes resume

## MAYS GEAR IS HERE

Show your school spirit! Online store now open:

<https://benjaminemays2020-2.itemorder.com/sale>

Order NOW through DECEMBER 22. Clothing will arrive in 2021.

Gear Up and Rep!

## TOYS FOR TOTS - PICK UP

Families who registered for Toys for Tots by November 20 should receive a letter in the mail with pick-up information. If you haven't received a letter by December 16, please contact Jolene Mason at [jolene.mason@wilder.org](mailto:jolene.mason@wilder.org). Ms. Mason is our Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood (SPPN) Partnership Coordinator. She is working with Hallie Q. Brown and Toys for Tots to bring this opportunity to Mays families.

Pick-up will be Saturday, December 19, 9:00am-3:00pm at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center (270 N. Kent Street). This coincides with the Mays Supply pick-up.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING at MAYS



Parents and staff together are a powerful voice for action at Mays. PTA is parents and teachers gathering together to support our children and education at Mays. At our December 8 PTA Meeting we:

- played *Name That Tune*
- looked at the [Mays SCIP implementation](#)
- discussed *What's Working Well*

Comments and ideas from the meeting:

- Students need time to meet with classmates for fun
- Distance learning works well for students who like to be in motion
- There is more collaboration with parents. Teachers and support staff provide tips, ideas and more direct support to parents/guardians than they would in a classroom setting.
- New technology skills will be useful in life
- One-on-one Meets work well to engage students
- Dedicated workspace helps children focus
- Parent teacher communication is strong
- Parents prefer texts and emails to phone calls
- Virtual Meetings allow for more participation
- Meal boxes have become more diverse
- Is there a way to give feedback to Nutrition Services

Let us know if you have ideas or comments on the SCIP implementation or on *What's Working Well*. You can post comments [here](#).

## RESTORATIVE PRACTICES & PBIS

Thank you so much for supporting your child/ren on this virtual learning endeavor. We appreciate all that you do each day. Students are working hard to earn \$5,000 Mays money from teachers so that Mr. A and Dr. Turner can complete a challenge that students and families will get to vote for. As of Friday afternoon, we have collected \$4,047 in Mays Money. We are close to our goal! Here is the Google form to vote:

<https://forms.gle/nzjuazF8Yf82uC8M8>.

Voting will close on Friday, December 18 at 11:59pm.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY PICK-UP

Saturday, December 19, 9:00am-3:00pm. Pick up:

- Grade specific learning kits
- Restorative Practices kits
- Headphones

Pull up to the Mays door. Stay in your car. Staff will assist you. For families who registered for Toys for Tots, this pick-up is conveniently located at the same time.

## FARE FOR ALL

Save up to 40% on groceries!

### Fare for All

## December HOLIDAY PACK

We're BACK to serve you safely for the holidays!  
PLEASE WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING

**\$30**

Limit one per household, purchasing for another household is welcome!



**Holiday Pack Contents:**

- Jennie-O Turkey- 8-10 lbs
- Panko Chicken Tenderloins- 3.5 lbs
- Sweet Corn- 1 lb
- Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin- 23 oz
- (2) Tuscan Meatballs (beef & pork)- 1 lb ea.
- Chocolate Mint Cheesecake- 19 oz

\*Contents FROZEN & subject to change  
\*\* Available while supplies last

Fare For All is a non-profit, community-supported program that provides discounts on groceries. Fare For All sells packages of fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meats and accepts **credit, debit** or **EBT** payments. There is no need to register. Fare For All has a Holiday Pack available for purchase in December.

### ST. PAUL PICK UP SITE

St. Stephanus Lutheran at 739 Lafond Avenue  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2:00- 4:00 pm**

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- [Benjamin E. Mays IB World School Directory](#)

