One of the ways Black History Month was celebrated was through a schoolwide door decorating contest. Several classrooms participated, but Ms. Beau Pin’s class was the winner! Congratulations Ms. Pin and students and enjoy your pizza party!
This past month of bone chilling Minnesota February weather, the Como Park MCJROTC Raider Winter Cadet Leadership Camp was a success with 50 cadets trained in several winter skills. Combat sledding, Knots proficiency, Raider Squad Challenge, Ice wall climbs, Hiking, Indoor Rockwall climbs, Horsemanship, and several other outdoor and indoor activities to name just a few. Despite the adverse weather and obstacles, the bulk of the responsibilities and leadership shined from the Cadet Squad Leader Leadership. All cadets that participated with success will receive a Distinguished Military Leadership Ribbon. Great leaders are not born, but develop progressively through increasing stress, responsibility, and sacrifice.
42 - JROTC cadets from Delta Dawg Freshman class sled for "PT" at Como Elementary. Ooh Rah.
Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Fischbach's classes created this banner to highlight the importance of African American Leaders in our history. Students in their Social Studies classes created the banner during the first two weeks of Black History Month.

EXCITING NEWS IN COMO SPORTS

Como swimmers to STATE!

The Cougars placed 3rd overall (out of 12) in Section 4A, and 7 Cougars qualified for the State Meet at the U of M:

Oskar Helgen
Sig Isaacson
Kyle Kosiak
Gabe Napierala
Charlie Power-Theisen
Kai Sackreiter
Soren Sackreiter

State is March 3-5! Go Cougars!!
Como’s Aaron Adekplovi to STATE!

Cougar wrestlers had outstanding performances in the Section 4AA Meet, highlighted by Aaron taking 1st place in the 285 lb. class. He will compete in the State Meet at the Xcel Energy Center starting Thursday!

Senior Justus DeLoach earned the 3rd place medal in his weight class. Juniors Ve Ah Ree Shar and Thay Ler See, and sophomore Will Stiles all earned 4th place medals for their weight classes.

Congrats to Coach Tijl Van der Wege, assistant Richie Taylor, and all Como wrestlers!

Como pride!

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball Teams!
St. Paul City Champions and Twin Cities Champions! A clean sweep for both Cougar teams in the Twin Cities Championship games- Varsity and JV beat the Minneapolis champs from Southwest to take the Twin Cities Titles! On to the Section 3AAA Tournament. Go Cougars!
JLAB Team at Como Park Senior High will compete nationally in Washington D.C.

Outstanding talent from the CPSHS MCJROTC! Cadets Jesiah Mason, Sophia Moore, Cooper Westrum, Joshua Lee, and team Captain, Cadet Corporal Alex Le successfully completed Round II of the Junior Leadership Academic Bowl, a national Knowledge Bowl competition that earned all of them an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete in the JLAB Nationals again. OOH RAH!

Como Choirs Present:

A Celebration of Black Voices / Artists and MORE

Students in Como Choirs selected and arranged the following performances. Normally we would perform these selections at the NAAPID assembly. Instead we filmed them and have them for you here today! All the content you will see here, dance moves, mash ups and all was decided and put together by students. Please enjoy :)

SCAN ME
Registration for Scrubs Camp at St. Paul College is open!! Scrubs Camp is a week-long experience (July 25-July 28, 2022) where students get to try different medical careers and they get hands-on medical experience. This is a GREAT opportunity for those considering a career in healthcare!

You can register and either pay the full price ($400) or choose the scholarship option where you only have to pay $30. They only have 10 scholarships available, so you need to act FAST!! To register, click the link below:

https://mnsu.rschooltoday.com/public/getclass/category_id/850/program_id/43

Juniors and Seniors: Want to get some experience at one of the BEST hospitals in the WORLD?

The Career Immersion Program at the Mayo Clinic will allow you the chance to sample different medical careers! This is a week-long program that goes from June 19-June 24. This is a great opportunity for juniors and seniors with a GPA of 2.5-3.5. To learn more about this program please read the information at the following link:

Career Immersion Program at the Mayo Clinic

If you're interested, please fill out the application at:

Mayo Clinic APPLICATION
We partner with Genesys Works, a paid internship program, where juniors like you apply to participate in your senior year. Genesys works provides summer training, a paid internship, post high school planning, and ongoing educational support!

When you join Genesys Works one of your first touches of impact is summer training. In summer training you will be learning valuable transferable skills and building a network. Throughout your experience you will gain knowledge through developing your own plans for post high school, and earning up to $16,000 during your 12-month paid internship at a major corporate company like, 3m, Target, Best Buy, and more!

We want interested, motivated juniors that are ready to join Genesys Works!

If you are interested, take these 2 steps to provide you up to date information:

1. Connect with Miss Colestock - erin.colestock@stpaul.k12.mn.us
2. Take 30 seconds and fill out this link to stay looped in on next steps from Genesys Works, https://rebrand.ly/GWTClass2023

For more information and any additional questions about GW, email a GW staff here: GWTCreruitment@genesysworks.org

See Profe. Butler in room 1207 for purchase. Also for sale during conferences on March 3rd!

Homemade Cloth Masks For Sale
One for $5 or Three for $10

Homemade masks by students- Proceeds go to support the next effort in supporting the Como Park Senior High community and a portion of the proceeds will benefit a local LGBTQIA organization.
Como Park Theater Presents:

Disney
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
ON STAGE!

Friday March 18th at 7pm
Saturday March 19th at 2pm & 7pm

Students: $5    Adults $7
See tinyurl.com/ComoParkTheater for more information
Dear Como and Murray Parents,

We are excited to invite your student athlete to register for Spring athletics! The Spring 2022 season will be starting in the middle of March, please see the chart below for details on start times and coach contact information. Unfortunately, we are still in the same situation as the fall and winter. With the nationwide shortages of bus drivers, middle school sports will remain intramural. However, this presents an opportunity for middle school students to try out and compete at the high school level. Please keep in mind that transportation will NOT be available so student-athletes must find their own rides to tryouts and practices. Transportation will be provided for competitions from Como Park to away events. The middle school AD and parent(s)/guardian(s) should help assess whether the 7th or 8th grader has the skill set and maturity to try out and compete for a high school team.

Athletic Registration and Payment Procedure

You can visit Como high school and register in person. Our room number is 1109 and is located towards the east side of the building near the main gymnasium. In order for your child to be eligible for participation, you will need a Minnesota state high school league eligibility form, updated sports physical, the sport fee of $45 or $20 for free and reduced lunch, and meet the academic requirements in the chart below. Our office hours are 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Enter through the main entrance and security will escort you to the athletic office. Please wear a mask whenever you are inside the building as required by the district.

For more information, you can visit our school home page. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. A list of Spring sports and coaches contact information is below:

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Koua Yang Athletic Director

koua.yang@spps.org 651-744-3104
Course Offerings 22-23 School Year

➢ French 1
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➢ French 3
➢ French 4/CIS → concurrent enrollment FRENCH  CIS 1003 through UMN Twin Cities, (5 university credits transferable within the University of MN system and acceptable at MNSCU (MN State Colleges & Universities) system.
➢ French 5/CIS → concurrent enrollment FRENCH  CIS 1003 through UMN Twin Cities, (5 university credits transferable within the University of MN system and acceptable at MNSCU (MN State Colleges & Universities) system.

Course Offerings 22-23 School Year

➢ Spanish 1
➢ Spanish 2
➢ Spanish 3
➢ Spanish 4 → concurrent enrollment SPAN 201 through MSU, Mankato (4 university credits transferable within the MNSCU system)
➢ Spanish 5 → concurrent enrollment SPAN 202 through MSU, Mankato (4 university credits transferable within the MNSCU system)
➢ Spanish 6 → Student designed: Volunteer, Film Study, Novel Study, Short Stories, Bilingual Internship
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Join us for a night full of live performances showcasing the various cultures of Africa!
WHAT: Family Fun Night
WHERE: Como Park Senior High School
WHEN: Friday April 29th
TIME: 5:00-8:00pm

Come out to Como Park High School for our 1st annual Family Fun Night! It’s a free event for students and families to enjoy. There will be pizza, games, indoor and outdoor activities, prizes, and more! More details to come. You won’t want to miss it!
Watch Out for These 6 IRS Tax Scams

Tax season is stressful enough without adding vulnerability to identity theft to your list of things to worry about. To keep your sensitive personal information safe, however, you should be a little worried, though – or at least alert and informed enough to know a tax scam when you see one.

Tax scammers have several common tricks they use to lure taxpayers into handing over personal information that can be used for identity theft. Knowing what to look for is key to avoiding tax scams this tax season.

1. House calls by “IRS officials”

Most of the IRS’s notices arrive in the mail. So, if you hear a knock on your front door and open it to someone claiming to be an “IRS official,” don’t be fooled. Showing up on your doorstep isn’t the way the IRS contacts taxpayers.

Exceptions to this contact rule include special circumstances where the IRS may come to your home or business, such as discussing an overdue tax bill or obtaining a delinquent tax return. However, the IRS will first send “several notices” in the mail before showing up. The IRS also gives you the opportunity to appeal or ask questions about the amount it says you owe.

2. Calls demanding specific types of payment

The IRS won’t call to demand immediate payment through a specific method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. If you get such a request, hang up and block the caller. “Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes,” says the IRS.

3. Social Security number scams

Don’t be intimidated into responding to a robocall message threatening to cancel your Social Security number unless you make immediate payment on what the caller claims is an unpaid tax bill. Never give out sensitive personal information over the phone unless you know the caller is legitimate – if you called the IRS and are speaking with an actual IRS agent, for example.

Report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Also report the caller ID and callback number to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov, typing “IRS phone scam” in the subject line. While you’re at it, report the call to the Federal Trade Commission, adding “IRS phone scam” in the notes.
The Hiway Foundation has opened their scholarship applications for 2022. Students can apply for both, but only one can be awarded. The foundation guarantees that one Como student will receive a scholarship. Here are the applications:

Hiway Cougars Application:  
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QAloTudfofvdQZDyjVnXcHTZKNYiUsEX/view?usp=sharing

Hiway Foundation Application:  
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_n9772-s20bbTntC225oOJPNQJZF76eC/view?usp=sharing

*Important information regarding attendance*

Beginning March 7, the EPG attendance code will no longer be used for students who stay home from in-person learning due to risk of exposure to COVID-19. On March 7, schools shall document these types of absences as unexcused (AUN), unless there are extenuating circumstances.