SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15 is LATINO/LATINX HERITAGE MONTH! This month is a celebration of the heritage, histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans, immigrants, and visitors whose ancestors came from parts of Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. Observing Hispanic Heritage Month allows our community to show its recognition and support for the work Latinos/Latinx are doing in helping our communities to grow.

In an effort to help students and staff learn more about what Latino/Latinx means, Get Ready has put together a presentation that covers history and contributions of Latino/Latinx community, and how to properly celebrate this event. Here is the link for the presentation if you are interested at home:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ANJY2B1nSM5G3Gn3FTos8Lw_u6ZmFKUg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109327515289367774299&rtpof=true&sd=true

OCTOBER IS BULLY PREVENTION MONTH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE

to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.
Students who take the city bus to school were given this contract from Metro Transit. If students accepted and understood the bus expectations, they signed the contract, and were given bus cards last Friday, October 1st.

Metro Transit
Code of Conduct

- Be courteous and have respect for others.
- Always validate your ride or risk a $180 fine.
- No smoking, eating or loud music. You must wear headphones when listening to music.
- Keep cell phone discussions quiet and brief.
- Inappropriate actions or language are grounds for being banned from Metro Transit services for 30 days or more and Student Pass will be subject to deactivation.
- Remain seated when possible – if standing hold onto hand rails.
- Those with wheelchairs or walkers board first and exit last.
- On buses, aisle facing seats are reserved for those with disabilities and senior customers.
- If bus or train is full, please give your seat to a senior or customers with disabilities.
- On train and L Line platforms, stand behind the yellow line.
- Never stand or play on the tracks.
- Do not stick arms or legs in the doors of a bus or train to prevent them from closing; this could damage them. Just relax and wait for the next one.
- No skateboarding, hoverboarding, rollerblading or bicycling on train platforms.
- On trains, in an emergency, intercoms are located at the front and back doors of each car.
- Emergency phones are located on each train platform.
- On a bus, notify the driver if there is an emergency.
- Protect your card and register it online at metrottransit.org/register. Unregistered cards will not be replaced.
- Report a lost or stolen Student Pass Card to Metro Transit Customer Relations and/or Service Center immediately. Registered replacement cards will require a $10 fee. / 10
- If your Student Pass is lost or suspended you will be responsible for your own transportation.

I have reviewed the Metro Transit Code of Conduct and understand the expectations for proper behavior while using public transportation. I also understand that my Student Pass may be deactivated if I violate any of the rules.

Student Name (Please Print)  Date

Student Signature

Pass Number (16-digit number in lower right)  STUDENT NUMBER / LUNCH NUMBER
St Paul Public Libraries are offering in-person homework help and virtual one-to-one options.

Saint Paul Public Library’s in-person Homework Centers schedule is:

**Arlington Hills Community Center**
1200 Payne Ave, 55130, 651-632-3870
Monday-Wednesday, 4-7 p.m.

**Highland Park Library**
1974 Ford Pkwy, 55116, 651-695-3700
Tuesday & Wednesday, 4-7 p.m.

**Rice Street Library**
1011 Rice Street, 55117, 651-558-2223
Monday-Wednesday, 4-7 p.m.

**Rondo Library**
461 Dale Street N, 55103, 651-266-7400
Monday-Thursday, 4-7 p.m.

**Sun Ray Library**
2105 Wilson Ave, 55119, 651-501-6300
Monday-Wednesday, 4-7 p.m.

Along with in-person homework assistance, Saint Paul Public Library also offers one-to-one homework help online every day from 1-11 pm in English and Spanish for students of all ages. Online homework help, available on the Library’s website through HelpNow, can be accessed from anywhere using a library card. More information at [www.sppl.org/homework](http://www.sppl.org/homework).
Have a junior student who wants to go to college? Looking to get them extra support?

Have them join College Possible!

Application Deadline October 29

College Possible is a free program at your high school that supports students on their journey to and through college. Services include: support completing college and scholarship applications; financial aid coaching; and connection to college resources and opportunities. Students meet with their coach for after-school sessions and individual meetings to learn about and complete the steps needed to attend their ideal college!

Eligibility Requirements

- Academic: 2.0 GPA or above
- Income: Free/Reduced Lunch or Pell Grant eligible
- Aspiration: Desire to attend a 4-year school

Student Commitment

Attend after-school sessions and communicate regularly with College Possible coach

APPLY: CollegePossible.org/Join

Questions? Contact us at MNRecruitment@collegepossible.org
College Possible cont…

Introduction to College Possible- Karen  Introduction to College Possible- Hmong
Introduction to College Possible- Spanish  Introduction to College Possible- Somali

Any questions?? Please contact Junior Coach, Riley Nelson, at mnelson@collegepossible.org or 612-412-4448.

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT COMO

SEED TO PLATE/FARM TO TABLE: Murray/Como collaboration

Murray students in Mr. Chase’s Science class grew & harvested vegetables in their school garden. Como Culinary Arts students practiced food prep techniques with the vegetables. It is great to see the relationship across curriculum happening in area E.
MCJROTC Cadets Martha Molu (11), Jackson Thao (11), Cindy Thao (11), Tar Nyi (12), Cooper Westrum (10), Elsi Gamez (9), Cortez Thomas (9), Ashley Hernandez (9), and Soe Thoo (9) volunteered at the setup of the Twin Cities Marathon preparing the festivities of the start and finish line. Continued pillars of the community. Semper fi cadets!
COMO STAFF AND STUDENTS SURE KNOW HOW TO SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT…
CALLING ALL DANCERS!

SPPS DANCE TEAM
7th-12th Graders

We are incredibly excited to announce that we are creating a brand new dance team and we need YOU to join the SPPS Dance Team to make this possible! The Highland Park Dance Team is transforming and we couldn’t be more thrilled to start this new team with dancers from all 7 Saint Paul District Schools.

Meet the Coaches, find out how this season will go, ask questions and more! All are welcome!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING:
Wednesday October 13th, 2021
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Practice / Tryout
Week starts Mon.
Oct. 25th, At Highland Park High School.

For further information or questions please contact Head Coach Sydney Wilton at highlandersdanceteam@gmail.com
On Friday, Oct. 8, Allianz Field will host the first high school matches ever played on the professional pitch—the annual Mayor’s Cup trophy games between the Como Park and Humboldt varsity boys and girls teams.

Please click the link below for the entire article written by our own, Eric Erickson.  

**Mayor’s Cup FAQs**

**Where do I park?**
You may park on site at Allianz as space allows. We would encourage you to take public transportation. ADA drop off is available at the Bell Bank SW entrance.

**Can I bring in a bag?**
No. Small purses will be allowed. 12 X 12 X 16 in size.

**How much do tickets cost?**
This is a free event made possible by the sponsorship of Bell Bank. Show up to the game and you will be let in.

**Will there be concessions?**
Yes, there will be concessions available for a fee.

**Do I need a mask?**
Please have a mask to wear when entering indoor spaces at the stadium (bathrooms).

**What time do the games start?**
The doors will open at 4:30. The girls game begins at 5:30 and the boys game begins at 7:30. The trophy presentation for the girls and boys will immediately follow the conclusion of the boys game by Mayor Carter.

**What gate do I enter for the game?**
Enter through the Bell Bank gate (this is the south west gate). Please see the map below.
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome our new Restorative Practices Coordinator, Mr. Yusef Davis

My name is Yusef Davis and I am excited to be the Restorative Practices Coordinator at Como Senior High School.

This will be my 19th year working for SPPS. During my time in SPPS, I have worked as a Teaching Assistant, an Educational Assistant, a Mental Health Counselor for Wilder, and as a Cultural Specialist before joining the Como community.

As an educator I believe that people matter and building relationships is key to success, specifically for our students. I value building relationships with students, families, and staff to ensure students come first and are provided a safe space to learn and grow. I have enjoyed getting to know the Como community in my short time here, and greatly value the collaboration to restore justice and equitable practices within this community.

I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota but the states of Florida, Seattle and Louisville Ky raised me. I attended college in Colorado where I earned my degree and later received my Master's in Educational Leadership at Minnesota State at Mankato.

When I’m not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. As a former athlete I also like to stay connected with students through sports. I have coached in the community of St. Paul where I’ve raised my three beautiful children. I continue to referee youth basketball on my free weekends. I also love to travel. I truly believe that nothing is more educationally enriching than traveling and experiencing the world outside of America.

COME BE A PART OF OUR COMO PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL!

**WHEN:** 1st Monday evening of every month 6:00-7:30pm  
**WHERE:** Virtually through Google Meet  
**WHY:** To help make Como the best it can be by sharing your opinions, suggestions, and advice about family engagement, budgets/spending, student achievement, school events, etc.

If interested in being on the PAC or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Jamie Hoffman at 651-744-5529 or jamie.hoffman@spps.org
Quick shout outs to our runners this weekend at the Twin Cities Medtronic Marathon. Como Park Athletic Director, Koua Yang ran the 10-mile. Asst. Athletic Director, Ricky Moua, Nutrition Services staff/Cross-Country Asst. Coach, Paula Caballero, Teachers, Katie Keenan and Heather O’Leary completed the 26.2-mile marathon.

Como Pride
Updates from the Counseling Department and the Career Pathway Center (CPC)

**Juniors and Sophomores! Pre-register for the PSAT** The PSAT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program and will be administered on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. There are limited spots, so please be aware that the form will no longer be available when spots are filled. There will be no waitlist. Tenth graders interested will pay a test fee. Students must complete this form: [https://forms.gle/T4eQm6HVNVWsPy7m9](https://forms.gle/T4eQm6HVNVWsPy7m9) to get more information as the test date gets closer.

**The CPC is Open!** The Career Pathway Center (CPC) at Como is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-4:00pm in room 1304 (across from the Counselor’s Office). If you or your senior student would like to meet 1:1 with CPC Coordinator Ms. Bridgette, visit [calendly.com/comocpc](https://calendly.com/comocpc) or email bkelly.cap@spps.org. Visit [https://sites.google.com/stpaul.k12.mn.us/cpc](https://sites.google.com/stpaul.k12.mn.us/cpc) for information on student career opportunities, college planning, and scholarships and check out the Como Park page under “Find My High School”.

**Get Ready: Postsecondary Support for 9th-11th Grade** For freshmen, sophomores, and juniors seeking postsecondary support, please contact Get Ready Pathways Coordinator Mai Chue Moua (mmoua.getr@spps.org).

**College Knowledge Month at Como** October is College Knowledge Month!! October is a great time for students and families to learn about researching, applying to, and paying for college. Check out the CPC Event Calendar on the Como Park page of the CPC Website to see all of the events going on in October. Contact Ms. Bridgette at bkelly.cap@spps.org for more info.

**Juniors! Apply for College Possible** Want to earn a college degree? Looking for free support and personalized coaching? **Applications are open for the College Possible** high school class of 2023! [College Possible](https://collegepossible.org) is a national college access and success organization with over 20 years of experience supporting students as they earn their college degrees. Interested? Learn more about the program and apply at [collegepossible.org/join](https://collegepossible.org/join) by October 29!

[Click HERE](#) for more information on College Resources + Events, Student Career Resources, Family Resources, and Paying for College

**CONTACT US**

[College Counseling Department Website](#)

[Como Park Career Pathway Center Website](#)
Girls Empowerment Fall Welcome Back Meeting

When: Wednesday 10/20
Where: #1613
Time: 3:00- 4:00pm

Come join us and learn more about Como Park High Girls Empowerment Group (there will be food, positivity, games, and great conversation)

Did you know that required school documents can be translated upon request or interpreters made available? For more information please contact Jamie Hoffman at jamie.hoffman@spps.org.