Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher. **Japanese proverb**

It’s Teacher Appreciation Week. I believe Murray has the best teachers and staff in the business and this week we were able to take some time to let them know how much we value them in our community. My message this week is simple - Thank you, Murray staff for supporting our school and our community in a way that inspires our students to explore, create, ask questions, build relationships and have fun. I invite families to reach out to your student’s staff and let them know that we see them and the hard work they are putting in for our young Pilots. Here are some pics of our staff enjoying a sweet treat courtesy of the Howatt family!

May 19, 2022
Band/Orchestra Concert
6:30pm

May 30, 2022
No School – Memorial Day

June 8, 2022
iPad Collection Day

June 9, 2022
8th Grade Recognition
6:00pm

June 10, 2022
6th Grade Awards (By Invitation)
9:30a.m.
7th Grade Awards (By Invitation)
12:30p.m.
8th Grade Valleyfair
9:30am – 6:00pm

**Celebrations:**
History Day – Huge congratulations to the Murray Pilots that placed at state competition and to our 5 historians that are moving on to Nationals!!!

Elsa Lindfors
Ingrid Bollman
Allison Parker, Lucy Peltier & Amelia Larsen

Your Co-Pilot,
Jamin McKenzie

**Yearbooks**
Yearbooks cost $20.00. Students can pick up an order form from the office or see Ms. Pittman. The easiest way to buy a yearbook is to purchase it online at [https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html](https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html)

**Valleyfair – Eighth Grade Celebration!**
Friday, June 10th / 9:30am – 6:00pm / $32.00
Money and Permission Forms Due May 31, 2022
Students need to be picked up at Murray at 6:00pm
**Seventh Grade**

**English with Ms. Bittner:**
The seventh grade is happy to welcome Deacon Warner to Murray this month. Deacon is an artist that partners with the COMPAS program to get professional artists into classrooms to work with kids. For the seventh grade portion of the residency Deacon will be integrating video with our current poetry unit and showing kids how one medium can enhance the other. We are very excited to be part of this collaboration!

**Math with Mr. Hayden:**
In Algebra, we are working with systems of linear inequalities and special systems of equations. We have learned how to determine the number of solutions a system of equations has and how to classify it. We’ve also worked on graphing linear inequalities and how systems of inequalities often have a whole section of a graph that represent its solutions.

In Pre-Algebra, we are learning about adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators. We’ve discussed a few different approaches you can take with these sorts of problems, and as I always tell my students, you should find the method that works best and makes the most sense to you! We’ve also spent some time working through word problems that show us how we can apply this information in various situations.

**American Studies with Ms. Atchison and Ms. Newman:**
We have been learning about the Cold War (USSR vs US) and how that impacted life here in the United States from the Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War to the Fall of the Berlin Wall.

We also have excellent news regarding State History Day! 28 students advanced to State History Day. The competition was virtual this year with the Awards being live streamed on Minnesota Historical Society’s Facebook Sunday, May 1st. The following students represented Murray at State:

**Individual Exhibit:**
Dalila Hansen
Maddie Flink
Sofia Patronski
Niko Solheid
Clara Dunn

**Group Exhibit:**
Adayla Morant & Eleanor Kerr
Lucy Dietz & Saleah Sanders

**Individual Documentary:**
Patrick Tennison
Anna Amman Steger
Ingrid Bollman

**Group Documentary:**
Logan Blank & Adeline Hanson

**Murray Results at State 2022**

**Topical Prizes:**
Mina Banat
Anna Amman Steger

**Honorable Mentions:**
Maddie Flink
Adayla Morant & Eleanor Kerr
Tate Prinsen
Charlie Loth

**3rd Place:**
Harriet Spencer
Aleia Lueck

**4th Place:**
Lukas Ahlberg
Ayla Bornszteine

**National Qualifiers and advancing to the National Competition Virtually:**
Elsa Lindfors
Ingrid Bollman
Allison Parker, Lucy Peltier & Amelia Larsen

**Eighth Grade**

**English with Ms. Roe:**
Eighth graders are currently working on our Investigative Journalism unit. Students examined the world around them to generate ideas for engaging news stories. They chose topics, researched the facts, interviewed essential people, and are now drafting out stories for publication. Some kids are choosing to create news articles, while others are creating their own podcasts. Pay attention Murray, the news is all around us!

**Math with Mr. Hayden:**
In Intermediate Algebra, we are starting to learn about quadratic functions. We are discovering that they are quite different from the linear functions we have focused on for the last year and a half. We are focusing on specific parts of a parabola including the vertex, axis of symmetry, domain, and range. Soon, we will get to learn about the mouthful that is the quadratic formula!
Science with Mr. Chase: 
Belwin e2 field investigation of MN biomes.

8th Grade Field Trip 
Members of the 8th grade class participated in a Junior Achievement program called JA Finance Park.

Socratic Seminar on CRISPR gene editing done in 8th grade science class.

8th Grade Field Trip 
Members of the 8th grade class participated in a Junior Achievement program called JA Finance Park.

Students are learning about careers, savings, credit, investments, and how to deal with family finances.

Attendance 
Hello Murray Families!

Murray now has the option for parents/guardians to report student absences by email!

If your student will be absent, send a message to:

murrayattendance@spps.org

Please include your student's name and the reason for the absence and we will mark it in the attendance system.

You can also use the email address to notify the office that your student will be picked up early. When we receive the email, we will write an Excuse to Leave the Building for the student. The student should stop by the office in the morning and pick up that pass. The student will meet you in the office at the time indicated on the pass.

iPads 
On Wednesday, June 8, all students will be cleaning iPads at school. All students are welcome to keep the iPads for the summer, returning to school with them in the fall. Any students who are attending Summer School must keep their iPads and bring them to summer school. Only those students who are not returning to St. Paul Public Schools or students whose families don't want the iPads over the summer will turn them in at the library with the case and charger on June 8 after cleaning. Eighth graders attending a St. Paul Public Schools high school do not turn iPads in unless their family doesn't want it over the summer.
Summer School:

Summer School Registration is now open.

The main link is:

spps.org/summer

The middle school link is also included below. Although the priority date was April 15th, you can still sign your child up for Summer School.

https://www.spps.org/Domain/12605

Middle School (5-8) / Middle School (5-8) - Saint Paul Public Schools

Grades 5-8 Summer Session. Journey to Discovery Students receive academic support, develop leadership skills, and discover new talents and interests through enrichment activities.

www.spps.org

Below is a comprehensive site for 9th grade course selection. Please look to see course selection resources for the High schools based on where your child is assigned to go.

Please also note that there is information regarding the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program as well. If your student is interested, please have them apply for the program.

https://www.spps.org/Page/41758

Counseling / 9th Grade Course Selection - Saint Paul Public Schools

9th grade course selection for current 8th graders is beginning the week of April 18, 2022. Attend your assigned high school’s course selection event in order to select courses that fit you best.

www.spps.org

Thank you,

Murray School Counseling Team

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Como Park Senior High School

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022
5:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M.

Attention Murray Middle School 8th graders and families! Join Como Park Senior High School for a FREE evening of fun-filled activities, food, music and more

Como Park Senior High School
740 Rose Ave. W.
St. Paul, MN 55117

Como Booster Club
Immigration Resource Fair
Feria de Recursos de Inmigración

Saturday May 7, 2022 | Sábado 7 Mayo, 2022

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
8400 France Ave S, Bloomington, MN, 55431

1:00-5:00pm
Presentations happening at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm
Presentaciones a las 1:30 pm y 3:30 pm

FREE EVENT
EVENTO GRATUITO

- Special presentation on "Know Your Rights" and "Domestic Violence" as it relates to immigration
- Presentación especial sobre "Conozca sus derechos" y "Violencia doméstica" en relación con la inmigración

- On-site attorneys providing one on one screenings with participants
- Abogados presentes ofreciendo evaluaciones uno a uno con los participantes

- Resources and organizations on site with services for the community
- Recursos y organizaciones presentes con servicios para la comunidad

Event presented by / Evento presentado por
The MHBA, CLUES, Immigrant Law Center, and
St. Stephens Lutheran Church

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