

# Principal's News

APRIL 3, 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. THERESA THAO-YANG

I am so proud of the learning and growth that has occurred so far this year with your child, socially and academically. I hope you were able to hear about your child's successes and share your concerns with your child's teacher during conferences. I cannot express how much I believe in creating partnerships with each other, to work together, so children are healthy and safe.



In the wake of the shooting in Nashville, school safety continues to be a top priority here at Nokomis North and in SPPS. As we look at our safety protocols, I welcome suggestions and ideas that you may have. Your voice is important.

I hope you and your family are able to enjoy spring break, spending time together and doing things that bring you joy and happiness. School will resume on Monday, April 10th.

## FOOD RESOURCES DURING SPRING BREAK - APRIL 3-7

### **Youthprise (meals for kids)**

- Website: [youthprise.org/nutrition-program](https://youthprise.org/nutrition-program)
- Check their website during the week of March 27 for the latest updates on spring break hours at each site.

### **Loaves and Fishes**

- Website: [loavesandfishesmn.org](https://loavesandfishesmn.org)
- Dorothy Day Center (Higher Ground)
  - Address: 435 Dorothy Day Place, Saint Paul, MN
  - Hours: Every day 4:30-5:30 p.m.
  - Contact: 612-204-8485
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
  - Address: 1390 Larpenteur Ave. E, Saint Paul, MN 55109
  - Hours: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- St. Matthews Catholic Church

- Address: 510 Hall Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55107
- Hours: Monday-Thursday 5-6 p.m.
- Hybrid meal service with to-go and in-person dining options. To-go meals are served in the SE parking lot off W Robie Street, near door #5.

#### Neighborhood House

- Website: [neighb.org](http://neighb.org)
- The Wellstone Food Market
  - Address: 179 Robie Street, Saint Paul, MN 55107
  - To shop in person, you will need to schedule an appointment ahead of time. Here are some important things to know:
    - In person shopping hours: Monday-Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m.
    - Appointments can be booked up to 48 hours in advance, but no sooner. Please note: Appointments are limited and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.
    - To make an appointment, please call 651-789-3602 between the hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- The Francis Basket Food Market
  - Address: 1293 E Maynard Drive, #410, Saint Paul, MN 55116
  - Contact: 651-699-0986
  - Hours: Mondays 9-11:30 a.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays: 9-11:30 a.m., 1-3:30 p.m.
  - The Francis Food Basket Market has a walk-up procedure. Please walk to the door and ring the doorbell and someone will help you.

#### Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf

- Website: [vcsmn.org](http://vcsmn.org)
- First Covenant Church
  - Address: 1280 Arcade Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106
  - Contact: 952-595-5980
  - Hours: Saturdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
  - Provides groceries (meat, milk, bread, canned goods and dry goods). Guests are welcome to visit twice a month and receive 65 pounds of food per visit.

#### Salvation Army

- Website: [centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern](http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/northern)
- St. Paul Eastside Worship and Service Center
  - Address: 1019 Payne Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55130
  - Contact: 651-776-2653
  - Walk-in Food Shelf: Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
  - Fresh Food Distribution: Mondays and Thursdays 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
  - Youth Food Shelf: Thursdays 3-5 p.m.
  - Hot Lunch Served: Monday-Friday 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
- King Family Childhood Development Center
  - Address: 401 7th Street W, Saint Paul, MN 55102
  - Contact: 651-224-4316
  - Food Shelf: Mondays and Wednesdays 9-11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3 p.m.
  - Fresh Produce Distribution: Fridays 11 a.m.

- Hot Dinner Served: Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

#### House of Refuge

- Make an appointment for grocery distribution at [hortc.org](http://hortc.org)

#### Twin Cities Mobile Market

- Check schedule at [thefoodgroupmn.org](http://thefoodgroupmn.org)

#### Hunger Solutions

- Use the online search tool to find food shelves at [hungersolutions.org/find-help](http://hungersolutions.org/find-help)

#### United Way

- Search online for a variety of resources at [211unitedway.org](http://211unitedway.org)

## BUS STATUS APP

It can be frustrating at times, not knowing where your child's bus is and how late it may be (especially with our unpredictable weather). The Saint Paul Public Schools Bus Status App displays up-to-date bus information for SPPS families and students. The Bus Status app is available for free download at the [Apple App Store](#) and via [Google Play](#).



#### What to know:

- The App tracks reports from bus companies reporting their late buses to SPPS.
- The App reports buses greater than 10 minutes late
- Compatible with most known Internet browsers, and optimized for Internet Explorer 9.0 and above.



## SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS 2023

- Grades PreK-12 [Summer Learning Programs](#) help students strengthen academic and social emotional skills, discover new talents, and recover high school credits. All programs are **FREE** and include:
  - **Academic Support & Enrichment-** Students will be inspired to learn new skills and increase their current understanding of reading, math and other subjects while discovering new interests and talents and making new friends.
  - **Breakfast and Lunch** - All students receive two free healthy meals daily that include entrees, salads, baked goods, and locally grown fruits and vegetables.

- **Transportation** - Transportation is available to most students who live in Saint Paul (within [transportation guidelines](#)). Use the School Finder at [spps.org/apply](https://spps.org/apply) to find your Area (A-F1/F2). Transportation information will be mailed out two weeks prior to the start of programs.

Registration begins **March 15, 2023**. **Programs fill up fast!**

Applying by **April 15, 2023** will increase student's chance of getting into their first program of choice.

Enrolling late? No worries. **Some** of our programs have unlimited space.

Programs start **June 26, 2023**.

## SAVE THE DATES!

- Mon., Apr. 10 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30 pm.
- Wed., Apr. 19 - Spring Picture Day
- Fri., Apr. 21 - No School. Staff Development Day.
- Sat., Apr. 22 - Earth Day.



## ABOUT US

- Our school is based on the Montessori method: students learn at their own pace in multi-grade classrooms, independently cultivating their interests and natural abilities. Teachers help students choose their work in carefully prepared, peaceful environments; students use beautifully designed hands-on materials to practice and understand skills and concepts. Teachers are Montessori certified and use the Montessori philosophy to guide instruction.

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