



ST. MICHAEL - ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

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July 23, 2019

Dear Ninth Grade Student, New Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome freshmen – Class of 2023 and new STMA students! The 2019-2020 school year will soon be underway, and your high school journey at STMA will begin. We hope that you have had a great summer as our staff prepares for another exceptional year at STMA. We are proud to be offering a high quality education taught by a dedicated and talented staff in a state-of-the-art building. We sincerely hope that you are anticipating the start of the new year with the same excitement that all of us are. In our ongoing quest to build a solid transition for incoming freshmen and new students, we have scheduled a few opportunities to help ease the transition to the high school. We suggest that you read the following information carefully and keep this letter for future reference.

Student Kick-Off Day – Tuesday, August 13th

We are excited to announce our Student Kick-Off Day is Tuesday, August 13th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM for all high school students. This is an opportunity for students and their parents to pick up class schedules, tour the building and find their lockers. Counselors will be available throughout the day to help with any scheduling needs. Another special feature of the day will be that students will have their picture taken for the yearbook and ID badge. For your convenience, picture order forms are now available on the high school website at: <http://highschool.stma.k12.mn.us/> under the heading of “Picture Days.” (Click on *picture flyer*)

In addition to touring the building, students will be able to deposit money in their lunch account, purchase a parking permit (\$100 per year), and reconnect with friends, counselors and administrators. **Please note: The STMA Food Service Department will be using an online payment service called mySchoolBucks. You will also be able to access this information on the district STMA Website under the Food and Nutrition link.**

Freshmen and New Student Orientation – Wednesday, August 28th

We are asking that all incoming freshmen and students new to the district, along with their parents, attend our orientation on the evening of Wednesday, August 28th from 6:00-7:30 PM. We will be starting with a brief program in the STMA High School Performing Arts Center at 6:00 PM. After the program, students will meet with their advisor in their homeroom to receive their schedule. Students will have an opportunity to tour the building, find their lockers and meet with their teachers. Lunch account credit and activity passes may be purchased at this time. Information on all our extracurricular activities will also be available that evening.

ParentVue Online Parent Portal Information

Parents are responsible for keeping family and contact information up-to-date in ParentVue. Please review your personal data and edit your email, phone numbers and emergency contacts directly in ParentVue. **If you have an address change, please email your change to colleenh@mystma.org along with the effective date of move and list all siblings attending district 885 schools.** You may use the convenience of FeePay to pay for class fees, parking fees and activity fees. See the STMA website for more information. If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact the helpdesk at helpdesk@stma.k12.mn.us or call 763-497-6500 Ext. 4357.

Bus Information

You will be notified by an automated message when the bus stop location and time information is available in the ParentVue parent portal system. If you have any questions about transportation, please contact Don's Bus Service at: (763) 497-2585.



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School Supplies: Materials needed on the first day of school include; notebooks and pocket folders for each class as well as pencils and pens.

Important Schedule Information – Guidance Office Phone Number: (763) 497-6525

The school counselors highly recommend you attend the August 13th Student Kick-Off Day to receive your schedule.

Counselors will be available on August 13th to address schedule concerns on a walk-in basis.

Counselors will not be available after August 20th for scheduling as they are involved with district workshops/meetings.

Students who have not attempted to correct schedules by August 20th will remain in their existing classes.

First Day Procedure – Tuesday, September 3rd, 8:30 AM

When you arrive at school, please report to your assigned homeroom to pick up various materials including your schedule.

Please Note: Lunch credits may be purchased by depositing checks in the drop boxes located in the cafeteria or in the main atrium. Checks should be placed in the drop boxes prior to 2nd Period. Hot lunch and milk prices are located on our district website located under the heading “food service.” An a la carte line/third line is also available. Lunch ID cards will be provided for use in the lunch line.

School Pictures

Students are encouraged to attend the Student Kick-Off Day on August 13th to take their school picture. For those students who cannot attend, school pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 5th. All students are required to have proper school identification and must have their picture taken for this purpose. For your convenience, picture order forms are now available on the STMA High School website at <http://highschool.stma.k12.mn.us/> under the heading of “Picture Days.” Click on *picture flyer*. Picture purchase information will also be available on the first day of school.

Seniors, please note: Senior pictures for the yearbook are due October 12th. To submit your senior photo, please go to the high school website for instructions (yearbook link). Yearbook portrait requirements: no props such as trees, rocks, animals, cars, instruments, etc. Head and shoulder pose only. If you have any questions concerning senior pictures, please contact our yearbook advisor, Katie Sebens at: kaitlins@stma.k12.mn.us. Seniors, for your convenience, on kick-off day, there will be a “senior photo station” set up to take a formal headshot for the yearbook at no charge!

Important Dates – First Trimester

August 1st	Fall Eligibility Meeting / HS PAC	6:00 PM
August 12th	Fall Sports Start	
August 13th	Student Kick-Off Day	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
August 28 th	Freshmen/New Student Orientation	6:00-7:30 PM
September 3rd	First Day of School	8:30 AM
September 23rd	Homecoming	7:00 PM
October 10th	Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences	4:00-7:00 PM
October 14th	Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences	5:00-8:00 PM

Enclosed is our health information form that needs to be completed and returned to the health office prior to the start of the school year. If you have any medical concerns, please contact Teesha Lindenfelser LSN, at: (612) 221-7820.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful school year,

Robert Driver

Principal