



Message from the Principal:

SLPHS - Striving to be the Best!

Here at Spring Lake Park High School I truly believe that we have a great staff. We acknowledge that we have more work to do to become not only better, but we also want to be more effective.

An effective high school is staffed by:

- Professionals who care about students first, student growth second, and their subject matter with the time they have left.
- Professionals who are willing to take risks, willing to admit they do not have all the answers and never lose the yearning to keep learning.

An effective high school is willing to:

- Consider each student individually and help each student find their PASSION. Do what it takes to affect, engage, and change to meet individual and societal needs.

An effective high school will:

- Reach out to parents to help them keep their student(s) engaged in and ready for school. Seek resources and start conversations to affect change in the community that will bring about more support for education. Continually seek out best practices, use current research, and always believe that education can get better.

This is our journey. Listed below are some of the initiatives we have been working on this year to accomplish our hope to be the best:

Advisories: This is our first year of implementing this program. In order to look at improving this for next year, we will be conducting focus groups with students and staff and continue working with our Parent Advisory Counsel on this and other issues here at school.

Assessments: Our staff will continue to receive training and professional development in assessing students. This includes discussion about homework and assessment of learning.

System of Interventions: This is our first year of implementing our System of Interventions. We want to ensure that we can respond to students who are struggling and provide support to both our students and staff as we work with them.

SLPHS - Striving to be the Best! Cont.

Grading Pilot: This year we had a group of teachers looking at various models as to how we can best report progress on how students are doing in classes. We will be gathering feedback from students and will hold our second parent meeting on this topic on March 15th.

As we near the end of our second trimester, please join us in encouraging your child to continue to work hard and finish strong as we head into the last part of the school year. As always, please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions and/or concerns.

Frank Herman
Principal

Assessing Student Learning and Reporting Progress

Teachers across the district and at Spring Lake Park High School have been working on continuously improving assessment practices to improve student learning for the past five years. Over the past two years, a group of teachers have been working together to identify various ways to improve assessment and reporting of student progress to students and parents (often referred to as the "Grading Pilot"). Please come to a meeting on **March 15 at 6:30 pm** in the Multipurpose Room B245 to learn more about their progress, and potential next steps for the future.

For more information you can view a short video by visiting the HS website and clicking on:

[Assessing Student Learning and Reporting Progress](#)

March Testing Dates:

March 2nd - GRAD Math Re-test
March 22nd - TEAE & MN SOLOM (ELL Testing)
March 23rd - TEAE & MN SOLOM
March 24/25th - Make-up for TEAE & SOLOM

Yearbook

2009 Yearbook: Books are still available. If you would still like a copy, please contact Maria Ahrndt at mahrnd@district16.org

AFTER SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

In an effort to create a safer building for students and staff, new procedures will begin on **Tuesday, January 19.**

BEFORE 3:00 PM

Students involved in athletics and other activities must have gathered all personal belongings from the "B" and "C" buildings.

Panther Den and a place for students staying after to study will be located in the lobby in front of the Fine Arts Center (FAC).

3:00 PM

The doors to the cafeteria and the rotunda will be locked.

3:30 PM

ALL students will move into the rotunda or "A" building ("B" and "C" buildings will be cleared) unless the student is:

1. Staying later with a teacher and must be in the classroom.
2. Involved in an after school activity with a teacher, coach or other staff member.
3. Staying for detention.

3:30 PM and later

Parents may pick up students at the front of the school (81st Ave. side, door #1). Students may wait in the rotunda or in the lobby in front of the FAC.

5:00 PM

The activity buses will pick up students by the pool area doors on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday only.

Class of 2010

Senior News and Updates:

Cap and Gown orders were handed out on 2/25 and will need to be returned during lunch on 3/10/2010.

Senior All Night Party

For Senior All Night Party information, visit their website at:

http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/hs/hs_allnightparty.asp

Dates to Remember

March:

- 3/1 HS Local Scholarship applications available**
- 3/11 End of Tri 2**
- 3/12 No School - Workshop/Inservice**
- 3/14 Daylight Savings Time begins**
- 3/15 HS Wind/Symphonic Band Concert 7:30pm FAC**
- 3/19 Early Release Day - 2 hrs early**
- 3/22 HS Varsity/Concert Band Concert 7:30pm FAC**
- 3/29 Spring Break
Classes resume 4/5**

Parent Portal

Parent Portal: This is your parent online access to secure and timely information about your child's class schedule, attendance, report card, and transcript. For more information about myCampus, or to sign up for an account, see the links below. If you need technical assistance please contact 763-795-5901 or e-mail portal@district16.org



Park Place

Park Place carries a large variety of Panther merchandise. Park Place is committed to serving the entire community with Panther gear!

Store Hours: Please call for updated store hours at 763-783-5637

Payments: Cash, Check, Visa, Master Card and Discover. New account set up and valid email address required for credit card orders.

Park Place also offers Gift Certificates.

The School Library Link to Student Achievement

The studies are in, and the results are intriguing. School libraries play a big part in raising students' scores on standardized tests. Research conducted in 19 states since 2000 have found that schools with strong Library Media programs average 10 – 20% higher in overall test scores.

The latest library media program studies control for outside variables such as district expenditures per pupil, teacher-pupil ratio, years of classroom teachers experience, teacher salaries, parent education level, and socioeconomic demographics. These studies continue to show a statistically significant, positive correlation between the size of the school library collection and library media staff and test scores, regardless of socioeconomic background or other variables. In fact, school libraries are second only to socioeconomic status when looking at the relationship between individual variables and test scores.

Discover how the school library is the link to standardized test scores! Here is a link to *School Libraries Work*, a summary of these studies. http://www2.scholastic.com/content/collateral_resources/pdf/s/slw3_2008.pdf

Tori Jensen
Media Specialist

Important Phone Numbers

Main Office 763-786-5571
Student Support Services 763-785-5547
Health Care Office 763-785-5557

Our new Address:

1100 81st Ave. NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432



SPRING LAKE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

To the Parents/Guardians of 2010-2011 Spring Lake Park High School students:

The School District 16 Transportation Department is requesting that grades 9-12 Spring Lake Park High School students sign up for transportation by August 1 for the next (2010-11) school year in order to improve transportation service to all students and families.

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With this, Spring Lake Park High School and Learning Alternative Community School students will need to register for bus transportation, to and from school:

IF they live two miles from school

or

IF they live west of University Avenue

or

IF they live east of Highway 65 and south of Osborne Road

or

IF they live east of Highway 65 and west of Jenkins St NE, North of County Rd 10, South of 89th Ave.

The bus transportation form is on the reverse side of this letter and also available under Transportation on the district website (www.springlakeparkschools.org).

We'd appreciate receiving these forms anytime between now and August 1. Please remember that we are unable to make any changes to stops after August 23. This allows our drivers to learn routes, stops, and the students prior to any additional changes. Changes received after August 23 will not take effect until September 20, 2010

We will post the routes on the district website (www.springlakeparkschools.org) as soon as possible on each school's web pages. You may begin checking the website in late August. You will also receive a letter by August 28 with your child's bus stop information.

During the year, you can make any necessary changes by filling out a new form and returning it to the Transportation Department. (Form is on the reverse side of this letter).

Please note this form needs to be filled out **each year** your student needs transportation, and in this case by August 1 for the 2010-11 school year. You may put multiple students on one form. We will also post this form on our web page also. (www.springlakeparkschools.org)

Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation. If you have questions, you can e-mail me or give me a call.

Cindy McKay
Transportation Coordinator
Spring Lake Park School District 16
763-785-5512
cmckay@district16.org

Bus Transportation Form for 2010-2011 Spring Lake Park High School

(You may list multiple students on one form)

Today's Date _____ (Form due August 1, 2010)

Student Name (Last) _____ First _____ Grade _____
Student Name (Last) _____ First _____ Grade _____
Student Name (Last) _____ First _____ Grade _____
Student Name (Last) _____ First _____ Grade _____

Parent/ Guardian Name _____
Student Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Bus needed AM? _____ Bus needed PM? _____

Questions? Contact the Transportation Department (See below.)

Please return this form by mail, fax, or email no later than August 1, 2010 to:

Cindy McKay
District 16 Transportation Department
1415 81st Avenue NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Fax: 763-785-5571
Email: cmckay@district16.org
(Please put "Student Bus Registration" in the subject field.)



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PASSIVE CONSENT NOTICE TO PARENTS SCHOOL DISTRICT PLAN TO SURVEY STUDENTS

2010 Minnesota Student Survey

Our school district is asking students in the 6th, 9th and 12th grades to participate in the 2010 Minnesota Student Survey. This survey is conducted in schools across our state every three years. The survey is given to get useful information from students about how things are going at school, with their peers and about health-related thoughts and behaviors. The information helps us develop and maintain effective programs and provide better services at school and through community groups. The statewide information assists in guiding state programs. When we get the report in the fall, information from the students in our district will be shared with school staff, students, parents and the community.

Our school district has informed parents of such surveys in the past and now federal law also requires us to notify parents of this school activity. There are frank questions on the survey about many topics relating to young people's lives. These include use of alcohol or other drugs, safety in and around the schools, physical activity and nutrition, mental or emotional health (stress, feeling bad), illegal or anti-social behavior (theft, chemical use, fighting) and if religious beliefs affect personal decisions. Questions are asked only of 9th and 12th grade students regarding sexual behavior and attitudes. If students are not involved in an activity, they skip the related questions and go on to the next section. The survey also asks about how well school is going, future plans, how adolescents spend their time and about how the school, family and community support them.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. Students do not provide their names, student identification numbers or other personal information. No individuals or their families can be identified. The results are reported on the school district's students as a whole. The privacy of students is protected.

The survey is voluntary. You may choose to have your son or daughter not take the survey by completing and returning the form below. Students may decline to take any part of the survey or the whole survey and are informed of that option by staff.

Minnesota Student Survey will be administered sometime in the spring.

If you have any questions about the survey, or would like to review the survey, contact Dan Nelson, Chemical Health Counselor at 763-795-6701 or via email dnels1@district16.org.

To have your son or daughter opt out of taking the survey, complete this note:

Student's name _____ SLPHS, Grade _____, at my request is not to participate in the 2010 Minnesota Student Survey.

Name (print please) _____ Relationship to student _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Return this note to: Student Support Services at the HS.

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NOTICE OF:

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98) applies to programs that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education (ED). PPRA is intended to protect the rights of parents and students in two ways:

It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors make instructional materials available for inspection by parents if those materials will be used in connection with an ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate; and

It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors obtain written parental consent before minor students are required to participate in any ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

Political affiliations;

Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student and his/her family;

Sex behavior and attitudes;

Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;

Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;

Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; or

Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Parents or students who believe their rights under PPRA may have been violated may file a complaint with ED by writing the Family Policy Compliance Office. Complaints must contain specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of PPRA occurred.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call (202) 260-3887 (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Or you may contact us at the following address:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920**

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