



PANTHER PULSE

SPRING LAKE PARK HIGH SCHOOL PARENT AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 17, 2007

WELCOME TO THE 2007 – 2008 SCHOOL YEAR AT SPRING LAKE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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Please check out our website at:

www.springlakeparkschools.org



FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

9th GRADERS AND ALL 10-12 STUDENTS NEW TO SCHOOL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

FOR RETURNING 10-12 STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

Bus schedules will be mailed out by the third week in August. You can also check the web site for bus schedules.

A detailed school calendar will be delivered to all homes the last week in August.

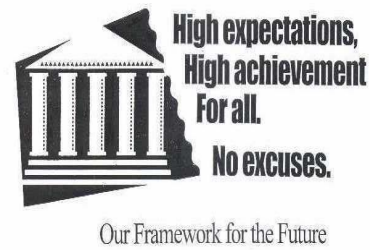
Back to School Open House will be held from 5:30—8:00 p.m. on August 28.

School pictures will be taken by Life Touch Photographers on Friday, September 7 during the school day. Payment must be made that day. Retakes will be available at a later date.

Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, September 6 during extended lunch period.

The first Wednesday late start is September 12.
September 28 is the first early release date.

Message From The Principal



We look forward to the new school year with great enthusiasm and excitement. I can't help but say it again; Spring Lake Park High School is a great place for many reasons.

This coming year, we will be implementing Small Learning Communities with our 9th grade students, recommending possible schedule changes, offering staff professional development opportunities along with continuing to focus on student learning and achievement.

For the past two years we have been working on defining what a Student Centered School should look like and what we need to do in order to accomplish this. We believe we can do this by focusing our energies in the areas of learners, staff, parents, community members and community leaders.

I invite each of you, students and parents, to get involved in your school. One way to do this is to plan on attending the following upcoming activities. Our students have planned a special orientation program for all new students on **Tuesday, Sept. 4th** during the day. Additionally, we will be having our Annual Back to School Open House on **Tuesday, August 28**.

I hope to see you on August 28th and please call or email us with any questions or needs you may have.

Frank Herman
Principal

Don't forget to sign up for the
Parent Portal

Check your students:

- * Attendance, Grades/Assignments, Lunch Balance, Report Card and Schedule

Look for the sign-up table at Back to School Night

PARENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

PAC is designed for you! All parents/guardians of high school students are invited to attend the monthly meetings and get involved in its activities. PAC is a very important way for parents and the principal to directly communicate each month. The goal of PAC is to improve our school so that students increase their learning. PAC has a long history of offering ideas and suggestions that have turned into action and school improvement. This year will be no exception.

Our first PAC meeting is Monday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center. What we talk about in future meetings is open to your suggestions and ideas. Please join us in making this school year a great one for your child(ren) by participating in PAC.



**Spring Lake Park High
School Telephone
Numbers to Remember**

www.springlakeparkschools.org

**24 Hour Attendance Line
763-785-5543**

Spring Lake Park High School
Main Office
763-786-5571

Spring Lake Park High School
Counseling Office
763-785-5547

Spring Lake Park High School
Health Office
763-785-5557

Spring Lake Park High School
Park Place School Store
763-783-5637

District 16 Community Services
763-786-1338

District 16 Food Service
763-785-5529

District 16 Transportation Office
763-785-5512

District 16 24 Hour HOTLINE
763-785-5585

Athletic/Activities Office
763-785-5550 or 763-785-5549

District 16 Pool
763-785-5548

Learning Alternatives Program
763-785-5531

Panther Foundation
763-785-2209

Upcoming Events

August 27

Parent Advisory Council Meeting
7:00 PM, Media Center

August 28

Back to School Open House 5:30—8:00

September 4

First Day of School
Grade 9, and new students grades 10-12

September 5

First Day of School
Returning grades 10-12

September 6

Grand Opening Luncheon

September 7

High School Picture Day

September 12

First Late Start Day

September 17

Parent Advisory Council Meeting (PAC)
7:00 PM, Media Center

September 28

Early Release Day

October 1

Homecoming Coronation
7:30 PM, FAC

October 3

Homecoming Bonfire
6:30-10:00 PM

October 5

Homecoming Day
Tailgate Party 5:00 PM/Parade 6:00 PM
Football Game 7:00 PM

October 6

Semi-formal Dance 8:00—12:00

October 8

Picture Retake Day

October 11

Turn Off Violence Day

October 12

No School
Workshop/Inservice

October 15 & 16

Evening Conferences 4:00—7:30

October 17

Day Conferences — No School

October 18 & 19

No School

PARKING (School Board Policy 527)



Student permits are issued for the school year, by trimester, for limited use, or on a daily basis. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase yearly or trimester permits. Students can purchase daily permits from the parking lot attendant. Daily parking will be limited to a total of 5 spaces and is appropriate for the student who occasionally needs to drive to school. Daily permits will be numbered 1 through 5. When these are gone, the daily lot will be considered full, and additional students seeking daily parking will be turned away. Fees for 2007-2008 are as follows:

Yearly	\$150.00	Limited use**	\$ 30.00
Trimester	\$ 60.00	Daily	\$ 2.00

**Limited use permits are valid for a specific 3-hour (or less) time period.

Permits will be sold the first week of each trimester according to the following priority schedule:

- * Wednesday By need (PSEO, work-study, trades, 916, open enrollment, independent study, etc.)
- * Thursday Seniors
- * Friday Juniors

Time to Clean Out Your Closets for the SLPHS Theatre/Drama Department!

The SLPHS Drama Department is beginning work on its fall production. We are always in need of items for our productions.

Please drop donations off at the office at either end of the high school building and mark them to the attention of Ryan Julien or the High School Drama Program and they will find their way to us.

We cannot return these items and any and all donations will become property of the SLPHS Theatre Department. If you have any questions about things the theatre department may need, please feel free to call Ryan Julien at 763-785-5566.

Watch your calendar and please join us for the fall play in November!



Don't forget to check out our District Website it includes:

Spring Lake Park District Calendar
Spring Lake Park High School

- * Announcements
- * Activities
- * Athletics
- * And so much more.....

www.springlakeparkschools.org

Involvement Opportunities

Teens benefit when their parents get involved with the school. There are countless ways you can help at Spring Lake Park High School.

1. Share your collections, career, hobbies, ethnic heritage, and other areas of special knowledge by volunteering to be a guest speaker in the classroom or working with students individually.
2. Serve as an interpreter.
3. Give language students extra practice.
4. Assist non-English speaking students in expanding their voices and improving their conversational skills.
5. Be available in the guidance office to help students find answers to questions about careers, training opportunities, and college.
6. Help organize our career days.
7. Help find job shadowing mentorships, internships, and apprenticeships.
8. Attend parent-teacher conferences and other school events.
9. Patrol the neighborhood to help keep it safe.
10. Serve on our Principal's Advisory Board.
11. Help support school clubs and interest groups.
12. Help students use library resources and assist with research projects.
13. Help improve our Reach for Excellence Program.
14. Contact the student administrator to support the Reach for Excellence Program.
15. Make props or costumes for the school plays.
16. Supervise school dances.
17. Organize field or class trips into the community to augment class learning.
18. Tutor students needing extra help.
19. Raise funds for special projects or equipment.
20. Find donated supplies and other resources the school needs.
21. Host a student during International weekend.
22. Welcome new families in your neighborhood.
23. Offer to type or file at school.
24. Supervise students taking make-up tests.
25. Help with all-school mailings.
26. Run for the school board.
27. Help with pepfests and other events.
28. Attend Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings with the principal. (3rd Monday – evenings)
29. Become active and attend the Athletic Advisory Committee meetings.
30. Help develop partnerships with community businesses for the Reach for Excellence Program.
31. Help with Diversity Committee.
32. Be a Panther booster
33. Help with the Senior All-Night Party.
34. Cleaning (trophy cases, special projects).
35. Ask teachers or the school principal how else you might help.

As you can tell by the list, there are numerous ways to help at school. On the reverse side is a volunteer form you can complete and return at the Parent Back-to-School night or drop off in the office at your convenience.

School is not just for kids. Parents are always welcome on campus to help out and visit classrooms.

Schools Linking with Parents

Please place an **X** in the appropriate area(s) and complete the information at the bottom.

Spring Lake Park High School Areas of Need	Willing to Help (Please X)				
	Involved	Available	Available	Available	Need More
Academic Booster Clubs					
Athletic Booster – specify sport					
Athletic Advisory Committee					
Band or Choir Booster					
Bonfire Chaperone (Homecoming Wednesday)					
Chemical Health Advisory Committee					
Chemical Health Awareness Week					
Classroom assistance in subject:					
Cleaning (trophy cases, special projects)					
Clerical assistance – filing, stuffing and labeling envelopes.					
Conference (Parent/Teacher) Dinner for Staff --Provide food,					
Courtyard landscape maintenance					
Dance Chaperone					
Drama/Musicals: set design, costumes, make-up, hair, etc.					
Field Trip Chaperone					
Fundraising/Donations					
Host a Student during International Weekend					
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)					
Phone Calling					
Prom – Junior/Senior help with Clean Up					
Community/Business Involvement/Fundraising					
Decorating/Construction					
Reach for Excellence					
Business Partnership – donations, certificates, coupons					
Resource Speaker in Classrooms					
Senior All-Night Party (Not just for senior parents!)					
Staff Appreciation Luncheon – provide food, serve & clean-up					
Technology Assistance (network software/hardware)					
Technology Committee					
Tutoring/Homework Center Volunteer					
Video Productions (filming, editing, voice-over)					
Welcome New Parents to our School					
Parent's Skills and Talents: Please list your specific skills or talents such as: electrical, construction, make-up, sewing, sound, graphic design, etc.					

Your Name	Evening Phone Number
Your child's name and grade	Day Phone Number

Thank you for your help and interest.

Please return this completed form to the SLPHS main office on Parent Back-to-School Night, return by mail, or drop off in the office at your earliest convenience.



Welcome parents of all high school students!

Back to School Open House
5:30—8:00 PM
Tuesday, August 28, 2007
High School

Who's invited?

- Parents and Students

Back to School Night

- This is an information opportunity—Feel free to move about at your leisure.

Focus

- Meet your student's teachers
- Clubs/Activities/Athletics
- Community Services

Talk with People

- Gifted & Talented Coordinator
- Bus Transportation
- Special Education Services
- Principal, Associate Principals, Student Administrator, Athletic Director, Superintendent, School Board members, Counselors
- School Communications

Complete Tasks

- Deposit money in lunch account
- Parking Permit Information
- **Sign up for Parent Portal**
- Sign up for an activity, sport, or club
- Volunteer for the Sr. All Night Party
- Volunteer for the Principal's Advisory Council council.



NOTE: Bring along your students schedule and meet your student's teachers.



Spring Lake Park High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Since 1992-93, a student activity fee has been required of all students **each year** at Spring Lake Park High School. This fee is to off-set the costs of the picture ID (to be used, among other things, for checking out books and getting into after-school activities), the student handbook class senates, etc.

We ask that you submit payment for the 2007-08 school year as soon as possible. Make check(s) payable to ISD 16. Our mailing address is Spring Lake Park High School, ATTN: CW/Main Office, 8001 Able Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Payment may also be submitted at the main office or at parent-teacher conferences.

Please keep this top portion for your records as your receipt.

Check #: _____ Date Mailed: _____

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Spring Lake Park High School Invoice

I have enclosed payment in the amount of \$5.00 for the Non-athletic Student Activity Fee for the 2007-08 school year. I have made the check payable to:

ISD 16 (mail to Spring Lake Park High School, ATTN: CW/Main Office, 8001 Able Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432)

Student name: _____

Student grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Check # _____

Date Received: _____

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Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

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