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January 6, 2023 Newsletter

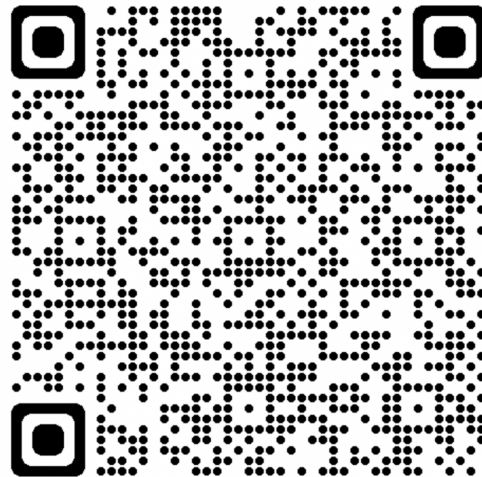
Attention Como families,

We need your help planning family engagement activities. Please complete this short survey no later than January 26th so we can better serve the families in our school community. Thank you!

bit.ly/comoparentsurvey

or

Scan this QR Code



Surveys are also available in: [Karen](#), [Spanish](#), and [Somali](#) and will be available to students in Seminar classes to bring home for parents to complete next week. Forms may be returned to the main office or to Seminar teachers no later than January 26th.



GSA is hosting a **Bring Your Own Shirt event on January 18th** after school in Profe. Butler's room. The event is open to staff and students and is free, but we will accept donations to help cover the cost of materials. Ideally your shirt should be 100% cotton.

Here is an example of what your finished shirt will look like.



Girls Empowerment

When: Tuesdays

Where: #1613 with Ms. Cash

Time: 3:00pm- 4:00pm



Do you feel like your student needs an awesome intellectual fun after school program this Winter where they can learn valuable life and career skills?

Email traci.buckle@spps.org to get signed up or speak to Mr. Fischer, Ms. Buckle or Mr. Hanson at Como Park High School

Robotics will meet Monday -Thursday 3:15 till 5:00 in room 1214 and in the Shop Room, and Saturdays as arranged with Coaches. A Calendar will be posted to the Robotics Schoology Group once we meet to confirm.



Upcoming Dates

- JANUARY 12- Winter Band Concert 7:00pm
16- No School (Martin Luther King Jr.)
19- Showcase/Open House 5:00-7:00pm
26- End of Quarter 2
27- No School (Grading Day)
31- First Day of Quarter 3 (2nd Semester)
- February 6- Parent Advisory Council 6:00pm
13- National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)
20- No School (President's Day)

Upcoming District and State Testing at Como Park

ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs- Testing window is January 31- March 24, 2023

- Administered to students whose first language is not English and who qualifies for ELL services at Como

ACT- March 7, 2023

- Administered to all juniors and any senior who has not taken the ACT through district testing last year

MCA/MTAS- Testing window is March 6- May 12, 2023

- MCA/MTAS Reading is administered to all 10th grade students.
- MCA/MTAS Math is administered to all 11th grade students.
- MCA/MTAS Biology/Science is administered to any student enrolled in a Biology or Life Science course.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

When: Monday, February 6, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Virtually through Google Meet <https://meet.google.com/caf-dwwh-uro>

We would like to hear from you!! Please email me with suggestions, topics, concerns, or questions to be discussed at the next PAC meeting...jamie.hoffman@spps.org



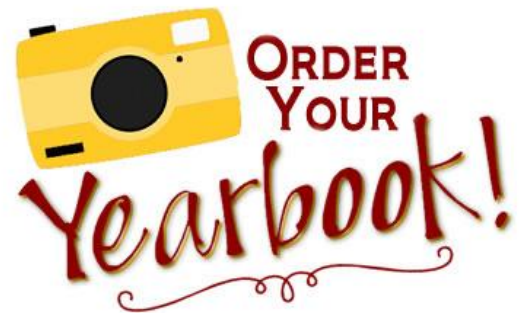
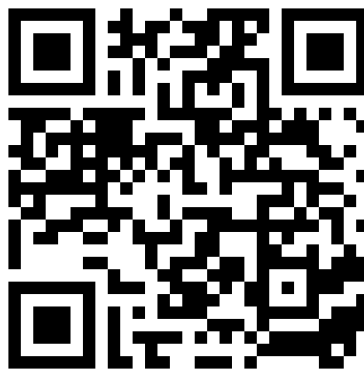
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GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT COMO

At the end of each quarter and during Spirit Weeks, Como staff are thinking...WTF? (Where's The Fun?) 😁;) Well, prior to our recent holiday break, we hosted a Futsal tournament with staff and students. Sophomores were the reigning champions beating out every other grade and staff. There were raffle drawings and prizes such as Como wear and a \$100 gift card given to the student winners! Fun was had by all involved.



MCJROTC fun and accomplishments before and during Winter break...



Left: The Como Park cadets gather for their annual Winter Festival on school grounds led by the entire Junior Class. The event included several sporting competitions, knockout drill, a diverse food menu, and gift exchange. A great way to close the year's comradery. Ooh Rah!



Above: Cadet 1stLt **Alex Le** was notified that he has been accepted to the Air Force Academy in Colorado. A first in Como Park High School MCJROTC history. He has accepted. Outstanding!



Left: The American Air Force Academy Ball. Cadet Color Guard last Friday night. Ooh Rah. Jesus Flores, Sumalee Reh, and Hsa Lae. 😊



Right: Cadets take a break outdoors during a wet snow day from the rigors of being cooped up all day inside and during their JROTC period. Snowballs are awesome.



Como Park Cougars sports review and preview

Eric Erickson 28 Dec 2022

Please click the link below to view Mr. Erickson's article in the Park Bugle highlighting Como Park's Fall and Winter athletics.

<https://www.parkbugle.org/como-park-cougars-sports-review-and-preview/>

Please enjoy another article written by our very own, Eric Erickson.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Como Park High School News

By Eric Erickson

Beyond required coursework and college prep classes, the uncertainties of life after high school loom large for many Como students.

Helping students navigate their future is a team effort led by school counselors and supported by educational entities who embed their human resources in the school.

Como partners with Achieve Twin Cities to staff a career and college coordinator in the school's Career Pathway Center. Known to students as the CPC, the recently renovated space provides Como students access to resources, opportunities and support.

Aisha Mohamed is a Como alum from the class of 2015. Af-

ter she graduated from the University of Rochester in New York, she began working in educational research. She returned to her alma mater this fall as the CPC coordinator.

"Whether it's an initial conversation about their interests and potential college major or what pathway post-graduation is the best fit, the aim of the CPC is to connect with students at any point about college and career," Mohamed said.

The CPC has hosted more than 20 college representative visits this fall. Students and families attended workshops targeting the college process during College Knowledge Night and received support with applications and the

financial aid process. Additional FAFSA completion workshops are forthcoming.

Mohamed collaborates on additional initiatives to bring students to campuses. Field trips are spearheaded by Mai Chue Moua and Steven Martinez Grande who lead the Get Ready program.

Get Ready is sponsored by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and primarily funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Get Ready's mission is to improve the post-secondary outcomes for students from low-income backgrounds and communities of color.

To do that, students need to see themselves in college. For many aspiring first-generation college students, these day trips from Como



Como Park High School students on a "Get Ready" field trip visited the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth on Nov. 1. Photo by Mai Chue Moua.

are the first time they've set foot on a college campus. It's frequently eye-opening and inspiring.

"For those students, I believe the field trips have helped them understand that college can be a reality, especially when that may not have been the case before," Moua said. "There's an increase of self-awareness concerning what they want, need and aspire to do for their future. The field trip ex-

periences allow them to explore their potential."

Schools visited include the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minnesota State Mankato, UMD, UW River Falls, St. Scholastica, Concordia St. Paul, and St. Paul College. ■

Eric Erickson is a teacher at Como Park Senior High School.



COMO PARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

When: Thursday January 19, 2023

Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Hey Como families! If you know any prospective Como students or families who are undecided about what high school to send their child to, please invite them to our Open House. It is a great opportunity for families to meet our staff and learn more about the programs, clubs, athletics, and services that we offer at Como.

Como Park Ceramics NEEDS empty plastic jars please



Please save plastic, screw covered jars for ceramics students

We use them to custom mix colored slips.

Donations gratefully accepted in CPHS room 1211

This is our [E-Learning Day Schedule](#) for any possible future dates. Como E-Learning Day Meet nicknames are available at spps.org/dlday for students to log on during Seminar and office hours.

Time	Expectation
8:30 - 10:59	Asynchronous Learning
11:00 - 11:30	Seminar (Synchronous)
11:31 - 11:39	Break
11:40 - 1:10	Office Hours (Synchronous)
1:11 - 3:00	Asynchronous Learning





Como Park Senior AP Exams Calendar

Date	8:30am START time	12:30pm START time
Monday May 1, 2023	United States Government and Politics	Chemistry
Tuesday May 2, 2023	Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday May 3, 2023	<i>No AP testing during this time</i>	<i>No AP testing during this time</i>
Thursday May 4, 2023	Human Geography Macroeconomics	Statistics
Friday May 5, 2023	United States History	Art History
Monday May 8, 2023	Calculus AB Calculus BC	<i>No AP testing during this time</i>
Tuesday May 9, 2023	English Language and Composition	Physics Mechanics Physics E&M at 2pm
Wednesday May 10, 2023	<i>No AP testing during this time</i>	Biology
Thursday May 11, 2023	World History	<i>No AP testing during this time</i>
Friday May 12, 2023	<i>No AP testing during this time</i>	<i>No AP testing during this time</i>

