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COMO PARK
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

December 2, 2022 Newsletter



MTC Bus changes start December 3, 2022

Como Park – Peak frequency will stay the same on Route 65 on the Metro Bus, but trip times will be slightly adjusted starting 12/3/22. Check the trip planner to see if you will need to be at the bus stop at a different time starting Monday 12/5/22. metrotransit.org/trip-planner

Use the link below to see if other routes you ride will have a new schedule effective 12/3/22. Click on the route number in the summary to view the new pocket schedule or use Trip Planner to plan new trips to and from school – be sure to select 12/5 or later as your date of travel.

<https://www.metrotransit.org/quarterly-service-changes-begin-saturday-dec-3>

New Temporary Escort System Effective 11/28/22

In an effort to gain, implement, and improve hallway expectations, Como Park Senior High is moving to an Escort Only approach. This means that we no longer have passes and any permission out of the class would require an escort. Although this is not an ideal approach, we as an administration team need to get a better grasp on keeping students in their classes where they are most safe and expected to learn. Please know that this approach will be temporary. Once we gain a stronger sense of monitoring where students are going throughout the day, we will move to a less restrictive approach. We want to be as proactive as possible with the challenges we face at Como Park Senior High School.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during this process.

Admin team





Interested in a club or activity? Check out the list of [clubs](#) being offered at Como!



Girls Empowerment

When: Tuesdays

Where: #1613 with Ms. Cash

Time: 3:00pm- 4:00pm

Come join us and learn more about Como Park High Girls Empowerment Group (there will be food, positivity, games, and great conversation)





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?

Encourage your student to join **Como Park High School Robotics**

Email traci.buckle@spps.org to get signed up!

Or speak to Mr. Fischer, Ms. Buckle or Mr. Hanson at Como Park High School

Informational pre-season meetings are happening once a week in Ms. Buckle's room 1214 at 3:15, come and check out the shop and help us get ready to construct and program a robot for the 2023 season beginning in January.

Build Season will have after school opportunities Monday-Thursday, and Saturdays starting the first Thursday of January through Spring break.

COMO CHOIRS WINTER CONCERT !

**Thursday, December 8th
6pm at the Como Auditorium
Free and Open to the public!**

Come support your Como Choirs and all their hard work in their winter concert! We will be singing all different types of music!

Questions? Please email siri.keller@spps.org





Your Monthly Money

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Getting your finances right before the end of the year

Fall is officially here!

As the weather gets cooler, prices on consumer goods are still red hot due to inflation. Now is a good time to check in on your finances. If you focus on your income and expenses in the fall, you should be able to make it through the expensive holiday shopping season and start the New Year right.

To help you get started, KOFE has put together this fall financial checkup, so you can focus on all the points that need your attention right now.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

To view in Spanish, click [here](#).

A message brought to you by Hiway Credit Union located inside Como Park Senior High School.



Como Park Senior High School Prom

May 12, 2023

Landmark Center, St. Paul, MN



Upcoming Dates

- DECEMBER 2- Fall Play 7:00pm
5- Parent Advisory Council 6:00pm
8- Winter Choir Concert 6:00-8:00pm
15- Mid Quarter
19- January 2 No School (Winter Break)
- JANUARY 3- Students return to school
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)

St. Paul Public Library Resources

St Paul Public Libraries are community places with free/open space AND staff trained to help families with a variety of family-supportive services including:

- County benefits and applications
 - Consultations for IEPs/504s
 - System navigation for needs related to disabilities, immigration, health care...
 - Shelter services
 - Interpretation (including access to language lines)
 - Referrals to other community service organizations
 - And so much more!
- [Homework Help](#) (open to all youth) and [Createch](#) (intended for 12 – 18 years of age) are great resources for students. And, for older siblings (18 years and up), [Innovation Lab](#) might be of interest.
 - [SPPL hours](#) vary a bit depending on the site but, generally, they are open into the evening hours
 - For more information on family support at SPPL, visit the [SPPL Social Work](#) page.

[St Paul Public Library](#)





ELIGIBILITY CENTER

UNDERSTANDING INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS WEBINAR

For College-Bound Student-Athletes

Do you want to compete in college sports? Join the NCAA Eligibility Center on Wednesday, December 14 from 6-7 p.m. Eastern time for a webinar for college-bound student-athletes and your families. The discussion will include review of the most recent COVID-19 automatic waiver relief. We'll also go over requirements you must meet to pursue your dreams of studying and competing at an NCAA Division I, II or III school. [Click here](#) to register.

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LIVE WEBINAR

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Share this QR Code to Register



Winter Weather Guidelines

As we head into the winter weather season, we'd like to remind you about our weather policies. Please visit spps.org/weather for more information regarding school closures and e-learning days. SPPS notifies families through text, email, and robocalls. Families should make sure their contact information is up-to-date through [Campus Parent](#).



YEARBOOK

Cost: \$50.00

Order at

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>

Como Yearbook order code:

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Attendance and Tardy Process

- All students coming to school late after 8:50AM must sign in on the iPad at the security desk.
- Students who are not in class by 9AM will be marked absent.
- Attendance will be taken by teachers during the first 10 minutes of each class. Any students arriving 10 minutes late without a pass will be marked absent.
- Students who do not have a pass, call from the office, or permission from a teacher to leave class/school early will be marked absent.



COMO PARK THEATER PRESENTS...

THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS



PLAY BY SAMARA SISKIND

Friday, December 2nd at 7:00pm
Students: \$3 — Adults: \$5

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DIRECTOR - SUZANNE MYHRE
CO-DIRECTOR - CECE HAWKS
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR - KAYA SOLHEID
PRODUCER - SIRI KELLER





COMO PARK HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Give to the Max

Give to the Max may be officially over, but we will continue to accept donations through the end of November. Thank you to everyone who has graciously donated! The funds will be used to support Como Park students' clubs, activities and sports throughout the year! Go Cougars!

If you haven't donated, it's not too late!

- 1) Go to this link: <https://www.givemn.org/story/Cs2ujf> ,
OR
- 2) Visit **GiveMN.org**, click on the Donate button, and search for Como Park Booster Club

Thank you!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome our new Band Director, Katie Miller

Katie Miller

Contact info:

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Hello, Como community! My name is Katie Miller, and I teach Band, Jazz Band, Beginning Piano, and Beginning Guitar to all grades at Como Senior. I also teach extended day learning (EDL) music at St. Anthony Park Elementary and Hamline Elementary.

I was born in St. Paul, and grew up in White Bear Lake, where I graduated high school in 2018. After graduating I attended the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire where I received my Bachelor's Degree in PreK-12 Instrumental and General Music Education. During my time there I had the pleasure of performing in a 450+ member marching band, performing the world premiere of a piece for percussion quartet, and was principal percussionist of UWEC's top wind ensemble. I also played professionally in groups such as the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra, Chippewa Valley Symphony, and Master Singers. I have had teaching experiences in Eau Claire, Menomonie, Baldwin, River Falls, and more, and completed my student teaching practices at New Richmond High School and Rosemount Middle School.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends and family, cats and dogs, traveling, being outdoors, and physical activities that include wheels.

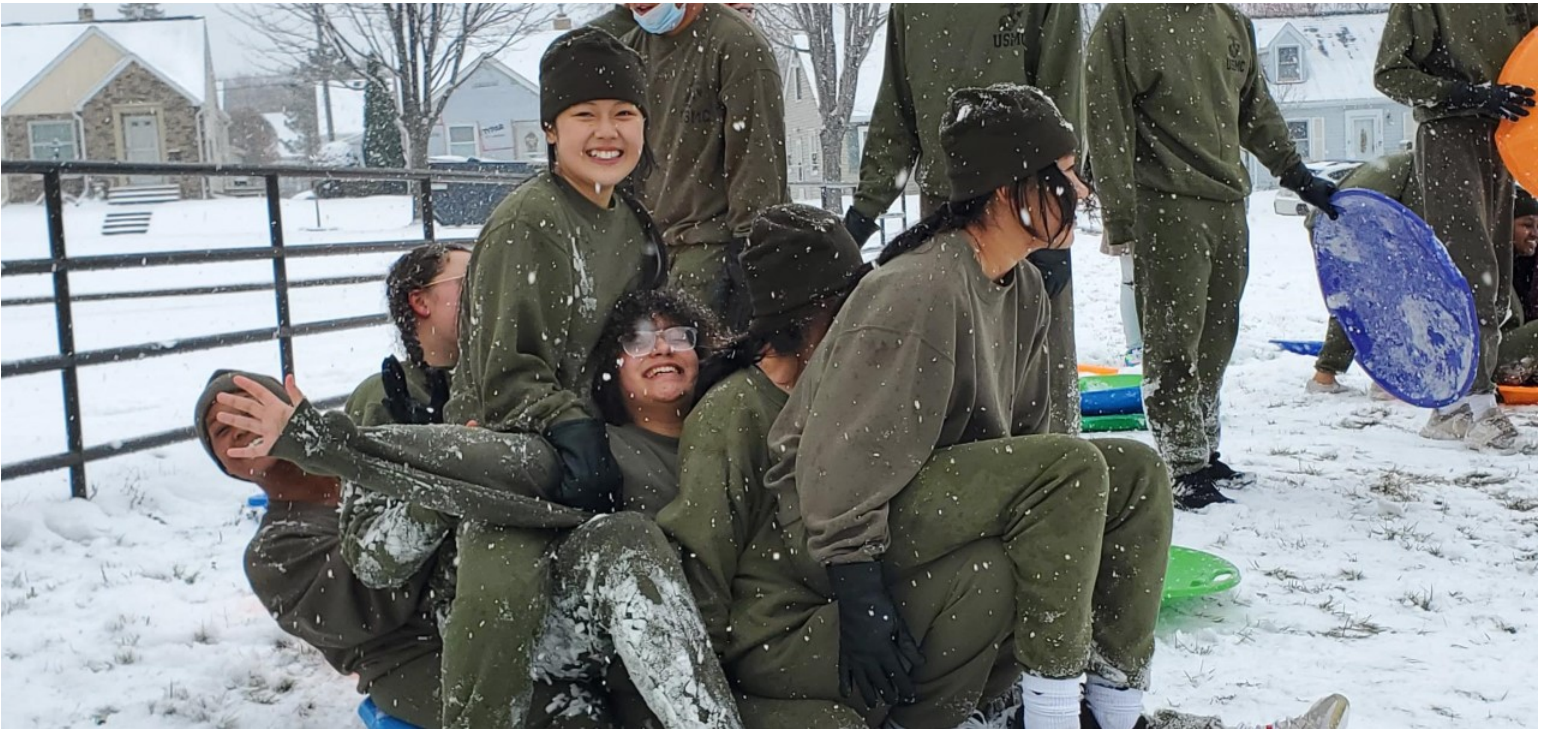
This is my first year teaching, and I am so grateful to be here! Getting to know the staff and students with each new day has been a joy. My hope is that through being in music classes, Como students experience the many benefits music has to offer, such as community, healing, creativity, discipline, confidence, and so much more.



GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT COMO



MCJROTC cadets take advantage of our first snow fall and thrust themselves into combat sledding. OOH RAH!





Ooh Rah Como Park MCJROTC. 2nd place VB team lead by Selena Paul and Elijah Xiong at the Washington Magnet High School Sports Competition 😊



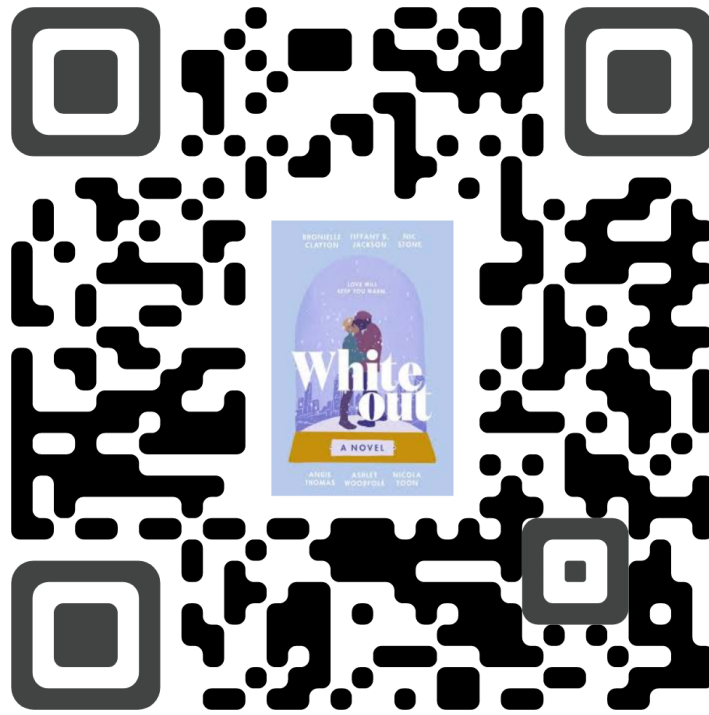
Superb dedication from Como Park cadets today at the annual Twin Cities Turkey Trot Community Service. Errrrr-Minneapolis, Minnesota. Happy Turkey Day!



New Best-Selling Novels hitting the shelves at your Como Library!

Whiteout: A Novel

Check out this interview on CBS news with Dhonielle Clayton and Angie Thomas.



“Bestselling Authors Angie Thomas and Dhonielle Clayton Discuss New Book “Whiteout.”” *Www.cbsnews.com*, CBS News, 9 Nov. 2022, www.cbsnews.com/video/bestselling-authors-angie-thomas-and-dhonielle-clayton-discus

Come to the library where you can check out *Blackout* (v.1) and the new release *Whiteout!*

