



# AFSA K-12 Family Update

**February 2, 2024**

AFSA K-12 Families,

Congratulations to the 7th-9th graders who presented their science fair project this week! There were a ton of great presentations. Coming up February 15th is the 10th-12th grade science fair. See below for details.

A reminder that Friday, February 9th is an early release day. Students K-12 will be released after lunch at 12:35 p.m. Buses will run as usual. The elementary is holding their Literacy Night for the K-6 students and the High School is holding the High School leadership Conference for the 9th-12th graders. See below for more information about both events.

Thank you!

**Important Date Reminders:**

- **February 9 - AFSA K-12 Early Release 12:35 pm**
- **February 16 - AFSA K-6 ONLY No School**
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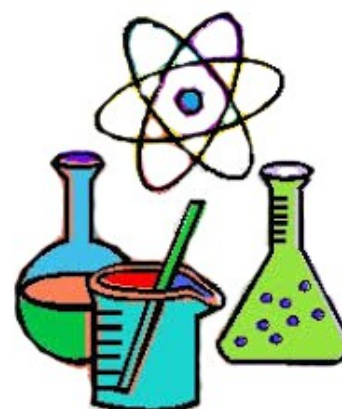
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## Science Fair 10th–12th Grade Student Information

The 7th-9th graders did a great job with science fair this week! Students in 10th - 12th grade are presenting their findings on Thursday, February 15th. **Friends and Families are invited look at the science projects in the staging areas. but are not allowed in the judging rooms.**



Students must sign up for a time slot to present their project. Science fair night is divided into two sessions 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Students must stay at school for their entire two hour session. Limited transportation is available for students that need a ride home on science fair night. If your student needs a ride home they must sign up for the 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. session. **The last day to sign up for a time slot is February 13 for grades 10th-12th.** [To sign up for a session please click here.](#)

If your student needs transportation they must contact either [Ms. Wyatt](#) or [Kristina](#) in the front office.

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## AFSA Elementary Fundraising Results

The results are in! AFSA would not be the same without the generosity of our community! Thank you to everyone who was involved with the elementary fundraisers! We appreciate your support! Here are the results and where they are going:

- \$3000 profit from the Equal Exchange fundraiser
- \$750 in ticket/concession sales for Carnival

- \$2500 in estimated profit from Silent Auction
- \$1000 in books from the book fair (some teachers already have their new books in their classrooms)

Field trips and scholarships have cost \$2863 so far, leaving \$3387 left from the fundraisers for J-term, field trips, or supplies. See list below for details.



#### **K-6 Donations this year have funded:**

- Transportation costs for 46 field trips so far! Cost includes salary for driver and fuel costs. Average of \$320 per half day trip.
- Field trips for classes, including:
  - Kindergarten and 1st grade trip to Science Museum \$84 for tickets
  - Kindergarten and 1st grade to MN History Center \$192 for tickets
  - 2nd grade trip to Minnesota Orchestra performance \$138 for tickets
  - 2nd grade to Wargo Nature Center for a series of lessons \$130 for class fees
  - 2nd grade to Gibbs Farm \$96 for class fees
  - 2nd grade to MN Landscape Arboretum \$25 for class fee
  - 2nd grade to Mill City Museum \$100 for tickets
  - 3rd grade to Children's Museum \$288 for tickets
  - 3rd grade to Dodge Nature Center \$130 for class fees
  - 4th grade trip to Grand Slam \$240 for passes
  - 5th and 6th grade to Snake River Fur Post \$168 for tickets
  - 5th and 6th grade to Science Museum \$140 for tickets
  - 5th and 6th grade trip to History Center \$213 for tickets
  - 5th and 6th grade to Dodge Nature center \$ 114 for class fees
- 36 scholarships for K-6 O-term choices totaling \$805
  - O-term transportation costs totaling \$5250
- Classroom supplies, including:
  - Beginning of the year supplies totaling over \$4000 for the K-6 building
  - Book donations for classrooms and our new library!
  - Science Fair materials
  - Fidgets & sensory tools for all students to access
- Silent Auction baskets
- Literacy and Numeracy Night activities
- Soar Slip incentives (dance parties, giveaways, etc.)

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## **Last Chance Science Fair Judge Volunteers**

All students at AFSA are required to complete a science fair project each year. Projects are typically evaluated by three judges. We count on our friends, partners and supporters to help us run this event. We are looking for volunteers to be Science Fair Judges on February 15 (Grades 10-12), 2024.

[If you or someone you know are interested in being a Science Fair Judge for 2024 please click here to fill out the volunteer form.](#)

Please contact [Erik Bruner-Wiltse](#) with any questions.



## High School Leadership Conference

On Friday, February 9th, High School students are invited to stay after the early release for High School Leadership Conference from 12:45-3:00pm. This event is open to all 7th-12th graders and is a time for students to learn from our FFA chapter, region, and even state officers about qualities of leadership and team building. This is offered at no cost to students. [Sign up here today!](#) Please contact Ms. Wyatt or Mr. Roessler with any questions.



## AFSAK-6 Literacy Night

Join us for the annual AFSA Elementary Family Literacy Night! Connect with the AFSA Elementary community while participating in literacy-themed crafts, games and other fun activities! Literacy Night is coming up Friday, February 9th. This is an early release day. School is dismissed at 12:35 p.m. Literacy night has two sessions:

- **Student Session:** Students are invited to stay after school for a read aloud and other activities.
- **Family Session:** Families are invited to join in the fun. Friday, February 9 from 4:00 to 5:00



**Friday, February 9**  
**4:00-5:00pm**

### 1:00-4:00: Student Activities

(Students Only)

Friday, February 9 is an AFSA early release day. School will be dismissed at 12:30. Students are invited to stay after school (with completed permission slip) for a read aloud and other activities.

### 4:00-5:00: Family Activities

Families arrive to join in the fun. At least one adult must arrive at 4pm and participate in activities along with their student(s).

Return Below Portion to School by Monday, February 6.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The student above has permission to stay after school in order to participate in Student Activities.

☐ The student above will go home as usual from school and will return with an adult at 4:00pm to participate in Family Activities.

Name Adult(s) Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



All students who wish to attend must have a signed permission slip. Permission slips are due to the front office by Monday February 6th. The permission slip is attached.

**Literacy Night\_ Fri. Feb. 9 2024 .pdf**

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## Model United Nations (Model UN) – 7th–12th Grade

Model United Nations (Model UN) is a hands-on civic learning program through the Center for Youth Voice where students in grades 7-12 take on the role of diplomat from one of 193 countries, engage in respectful discussions about the state of the world, and explore solutions to international challenges.

Participating in Model UN helps students develop into an informed, global citizen who understands why nations approach issues differently and how those differences affect policies and politics locally, regionally, and worldwide.



Our AFSA delegation will meet regularly to research countries, prepare for program areas, and practice presentation skills. Then in early April, we will be a part of more than 500 students gathering in downtown Minneapolis for the annual Model UN conference, where we meet in program area groups to discuss and debate global issues, pass resolutions, form diplomatic alliances, and draft legal opinions while practicing cooperation and diplomacy.

But it's not all work! There are two nights at the Minneapolis Marriott, the chance to explore a variety of food options in the skyway, and fun evening activities.

Sign-up is between January 30 and February 27. Next AFSA Delegation meeting is on Tuesday during second lunch in Ms. Nelson's classroom. [If your student is interested in finding out more please contact Ms. Laura Nelson.](#)

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## AFSA High School College and Career Fair

Our 9th-12th graders had the opportunity to visit with area colleges, universities, job corps, unions, and branches of the military. Students asked a ton of great questions and learned a lot about their post-secondary options!

Thank you to the following for joining us:

- [Bethel University](#)
- Bonfe Heating and Air
- Carpenter Union
- Conservation Corps
- Construction & General Laborers Union
- [Dunwoody College of Technology](#)
- Education Opportunity Center
- Express Employment Professionals
- Ironworkers Union



- MDE - MCIS specialists
- Minn Poly
- Minn State - Ag Center of Excellence
- Pipefitters Union
- Ramsey/Washington CO Parks and Public Works Departments
- St Cloud State University
- St Thomas
- St. Paul College
- The Energy Center of Excellence
- United States Army recruiters
- University of Minnesota
- US Marines
- University of Wisconsin River Falls

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## AFSA Class of 2024 Graduation Update

Dear Parents and AFSA Seniors,

As we near the end of the school year it is time to start thinking about graduation!!! The graduation committee is excited to be planning this memorable event for the 2024 AFSA Senior Class. Please read this carefully and make note of times, dates and requests.



### Graduation Ceremony Information:

Graduation will be held on **Friday, June 7th**, at **Bethel University in Arden Hills**.

Commencement is set to begin at **6:30pm**. **Seniors will be expected to arrive by 4:30pm** for orientation and preparation. Parents/Guardians and other guests may begin arriving at 5:45pm. The ceremony should last roughly 1 hour with time to socialize afterwards.

Each graduate is encouraged to invite family members and friends to celebrate this momentous accomplishment! AFSA provides **4 free tickets** to each graduate. Any additional guests will need to purchase a ticket for \$10. Children 5 and under are not required to purchase a ticket. Tickets are on sale now through May 24th. [Click here to purchase tickets online](#) or go to [www.afsak12.com](http://www.afsak12.com). Tickets can also be purchased in the high school office with cash or check now through Thursday, June 6th. Tickets will be available at the door the evening of the ceremony cash or check only. No credit card purchases will be made at the door.

**Cords, Medallions and FFA Sashes** that students have earned over their high school career can be worn during the graduation ceremony. These items will be provided to qualifying students at no cost and students will be allowed to keep them. Examples of eligible organizations and clubs include: FFA, National Honor Society, Infinite Reach, and Youth in Government/Model United Nations.

### Senior Picnic and Parade Information:

The senior picnic will be on Friday, May 31st. This event is for ALL seniors who have completed graduation requirements (i.e., presentation(s) and science fair(s)) and are in good standing academically and behaviorally. In addition, the senior class will participate in a graduation parade at both the K6 and High School campuses to allow for AFSA students and staff to celebrate all their accomplishments. Seniors will receive their gown, cap, and tassel on this day.

### Graduation Day:

Friday, June 7th is an early release day for students. Students will be released at 12:30 p.m. Please make sure seniors and their cap and gown are at Bethel no later than 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Olson  
Ms. Forliti

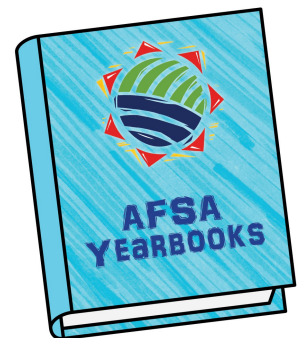
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## AFSAK-12 Yearbook Ordering Information

### Elementary Yearbook:

Elementary Yearbooks are on sale now for \$15. Yearbooks will be delivered at the end of the school. If you would like to order an AFSA Elementary (K-6) yearbook please follow the link below. Cash and check payments can be made in the front office of the elementary school.

[To order an Elementary yearbook online click here.](#)



### High School Yearbooks:

High school yearbooks are on sale now! Yearbooks are \$40 now through March 22, 2024 and after that the cost goes up to \$50 until the last day to order, May 3, 2024. Click here to [order the HS yearbook online](#). The HS yearbooks are ordered through Entourage (not Schoolpay). You can also pay for high school yearbooks with cash or check in the front office at the high school.

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## Help Spread the Word About AFSAK-12

Attention AFSA K-12 Families! We need your help getting the word out about AFSA K-12! We would love to have you write a review on Google, share a post on social media, submit a quote or story about what you like best about AFSA K-12 or distribute flyers!

- **Flyers:** If you are interested in getting some flyers to help advertise the school please contact [Ms. Forliti](#).
- **Google Reviews:** To write a Google review for [AFSA Elementary click here](#) and for [AFSA High School click here](#).
- **Social Media:** To follow us on [Facebook click here](#). [To follow us on Instagram click here](#).

- **Submit a Quote:** If you are interested in submitting a quote or story, please fill out the [AFSA Cheer Google Form](#) or email [Ms. Forliti](#).

Thank you for helping spread the word about AFSA K-12!



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## AFSA Eagles Basketball Update

Join the AFSA Eagles Basketball team at their next games:

- Monday, February 5th at 5:00 p.m. as they take on Community of Peace at Community of Peace (471 Magnolia Ave E, St Paul, MN 55130). This is part of the EMAC Tournament. If the team wins on Monday they will have another game on Tuesday time and location TBD.
- Wednesday, February 7th at 4:30 p.m. as they take on the MN State Academy for the Deaf. This game will be played at Gethsemane Lutheran Church (2410 Stillwater Rd E, Maplewood, MN). Go Eagles!



Contact [Mr. Penner](#) or [Mr. Moeller](#) with any questions.

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## AFSAK-12 Parent Group Meetings

Parents/guardians of all K-12 students are welcome to attend the AFSA K-12 Parent Group meetings! Come share joys and concerns, connect with other parents, discuss upcoming events, share your vision for how the parent group can support your family and the school.

Meeting schedule:

- **February 15th: IN PERSON MEETING! at AFSA High School 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**
- March 18th: Zoom 7:00 pm
- April 11th: Elementary Library 5:00 pm
- May 13th: Zoom 7:00 pm

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## AFSAK-12 Culver's Fundraising Nights



Join us at Culver's in Little Canada (2880 Rice Street Little Canada) for our next fundraising nights! Take your family out to dinner and support AFSA K-12 at the same time! AFSA receives 10% of all food purchases from 5-7 p.m.

- February 20, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- May 21, 2024

Special thank you to the Little Canada Culver's for their continued support of AFSA K-12!



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## AFSAK-12 Family Game Night

Only 2 Family Game Nights left for the school year! Make sure to join us at the Battleground Cafe 5-7 p.m. on the following dates for our AFSA K-12 Family Game Night! The AFSA Gaming club will be joining us! Stop by to learn a new game or play a family favorite!

- February 12, 2024
- April 8, 2024

The Battleground Cafe is located at 2008 Co Rd E East, White Bear Lake.



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## AFSAK-12 Photos of the Week

Ms. Schulte's second graders are learning about meal planning and budgets! Students voted on a couple of meals they wanted to make, made their grocery list, and headed to the grocery store. Looking at package sizes, prices, fresh or ready-to-serve products they figured out ways to stay within their budget while making delicious meals. How awesome is that?



# AFSAK-12 Family Directory

The school directory is a great way for AFSA K-12 families to stay in touch! [Click here if you are a current or incoming AFSA K-12 family and would like to be added to the 2023-2024 school directory](#). We will send updated editions as additional families are added to the directory. **Questions? Please contact [Ms. Forliti](#)**



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## Become a Part of the AFSA StAFSA Community – Now Hiring!

Become a part of the AFSA StAFSA community! We are looking for a few additional staff members. Please pass these opportunities on to friends and family!

- We are looking for substitute teachers for grades K-12, all subjects. Must hold or be eligible for an MN teaching license. On call as needed.
- We are also hiring Educational Assistants.
- We are looking for a van driver for both AM and PM routes. There is a 4 hours minimum paid per day, approx. 2 hours am and 2 hours pm. Pay starts at \$19/hour.

Please contact [Becky Meyer](#) for more information.

[For more information click here](#). Please contact [Becky Meyer](#) if you are interested or have any questions.

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## Community News

### Maplewood Area Historical Society Camp Information:

MAHS Youth Camps explore the worlds of our Indigenous Dakota, Yankee-American, German-Immigrant, and Hmong Refugee peoples and culture through...Fun. Friends. Food. Art. History... And so much more!

The Maplewood Area Historical Society is proud to present another season of one-of-a-kind hands-on and experiential day-camps for youth ages 6 – 16 at the beautiful 1891 Bruentrup Heritage Farm in Maplewood, MN as well as the quaint 1888 Eder Schoolhouse in Oakdale, MN. Nestled among 25 acres of restored rolling prairie, the Bruentrup Heritage Farm offers a unique setting for youth to





explore many facets of our local history with professional historians, artists, culinary-experts, and architects!

See attachment for information about spring break camps and summer camps at MAHS. For more info: Email: [info@maplewoodmuseum.org](mailto:info@maplewoodmuseum.org) Phone: (651) 748-8645

### MAHS Camp Ad - Phone Screen Sized PDF.pdf

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## AFSAK-12 Lunch Menu

 <h1>AFSA K-12</h1> <p>February 2024 Lunch Menu</p> <p>Lunch will be provided at no charge for all students.</p>				
			 <b>Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti</b>	 <b>Tacos</b>
 <b>Beef Casserole</b>	 <b>Ramen</b>	 <b>Meatball Sub</b>	 <b>Chicken Nuggets</b>	 <b>Cheesy Breadsticks</b>
 <b>Spaghetti</b>	 <b>Chicken Bowl</b>	 <b>Teriyaki Chicken</b>	 <b>Corn Dog</b>	 <b>Beef Stew</b> K-6 Students No School
<b>No School</b> <b>Breakfast Available</b> <b>every morning</b> <b>7:30-7:55 am</b>	 <b>Nachos</b>	 <b>Orange chicken</b>	 <b>Sloppy Joes</b>	 <b>Special of the Month</b>

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## AFSAK-12 Upcoming Events 2023-2024

February 5, 2024

AFSA Eagles Basketball vs. Community of Peace 5:00 pm

Community of Peace (471 Magnolia Ave E, St Paul, MN 55130)

**February 7, 2024**

AFSA Eagles Basketball vs. MN State Academy for the Deaf 4:30 pm  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church (2410 Stillwater Rd E, Maplewood, MN)

**February 9, 2024**

AFSA K-12 Early Release 12:30 pm  
AFSA Elementary Literacy Event 1:00 - 5:00 pm

**February 12, 2024**

Family Game Night Battleground Cafe 5:00 - 7:00 pm

**February 15, 2024**

Grades 10-12 Science Fair 3 pm -7:30 pm AFSA High School  
AFSA K-12 Parent Group Meeting at AFSA High School 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**February 16, 2024**

**K-6 STUDENTS ONLY - NO SCHOOL**

**February 19, 2024**

AFSA K-12 No School

**February 20, 2024**

Culver's Fundraising Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm Culver's Little Canada

**February 27, 2024**

AFSA K-12 School Board Meeting 5:00 pm AFSA Elementary

**February 29, 2024**

AFSA High School Open House/Presentation Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm

[Click Here to go to the School Calendar](#) for more details

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**AFSA K-12 School Calendar FY24 FINAL - HS Students.pdf**

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## **AFSAK-12 Contact Information**

**Please call the attendance line or email the following if your student is absent.**

**Elementary Attendance Line:**

612-260-2664 or email [k6attendance@afsak12.com](mailto:k6attendance@afsak12.com)

**High School Attendance Line:**

651-209-3910 or email [hsattendance@afsak12.com](mailto:hsattendance@afsak12.com)



## AFSA K-12 Social Media



**Stephanie Forliti**

Stephanie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters