


SAINT PETER
 SCHOOL DISTRICT 508

DISTRICT OFFICE
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 SAINT PETER, MN 56082

A winning tradition continues



It was an amazing year at Saint Peter Public Schools with our students showcasing their skills and talents both in the classroom and in their co-curricular activities. From our progress on the MCA tests, to our state-recognized Agri-Science/FFA program, to another top-10 state finish for our speech team, to both our band and choir programs earning Section 2AA superior ratings, and to four of our athletic teams and numerous individuals qualifying for state tourney play; 2018-19 proved to be another banner year at Saint Peter Public Schools!



Saint Peter PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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What's going on at Saint Peter Schools?

SEPTEMBER 16 School Board regular meeting	NOVEMBER 18 School Board regular meeting	DECEMBER 12 Middle School Choir Concert
OCTOBER 7 School Board study session	NOVEMBER 21-24 SPSHS Fall Musical	DECEMBER 16 School Board regular meeting
OCTOBER 22 School Board regular meeting	DECEMBER 2 School Board study session	DECEMBER 17 Middle School Band Concert
OCTOBER 17-18 MEA Break	DECEMBER 9 SPSHS Choir Winter Concert	DECEMBER 18 Grades 7-8 Band Concert
NOVEMBER 4 School Board study session	DECEMBER 10 South Elementary Winter Concert	DEC. 23-JAN. 3 Winter Break

2018-19

ANNUAL REPORT

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About District 508

St. Peter residents have always cared about education. Early missions at Traverse des Sioux were educating children in 1844—five years earlier than the Minnesota Territory was incorporated and seven years before the Dakota sold this area to the United States.

The community and public education have grown up together. The first common school district was formed in 1854, the same year the city was first platted. In 1866, just 16 months after the new district opened its doors, overcrowding and poor conditions led voters to overwhelmingly approve a new school referendum 188 to 12.

Citizens continued to support the district, while students and faculty called the community home. Many events brought the two closer together. When flood waters rose in 1965, students volunteered to sandbag. After the 1998 tornado, the city and school district worked together to repair the damage and get lives back to normal. In 2015, residents approved construction of a new Saint Peter High School building and to repurpose the other three buildings which was completed in time for the 2017-18 school year.

SAINT PETER — WHERE LEARNING MATTERS

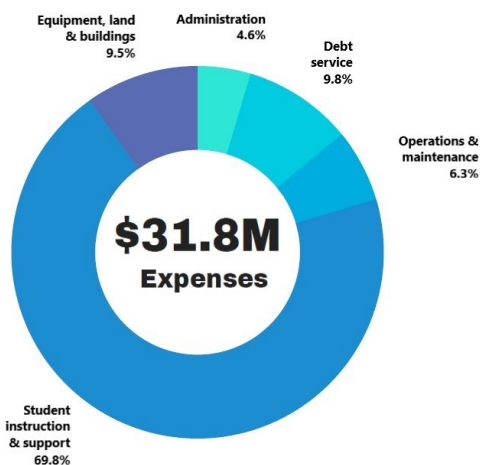
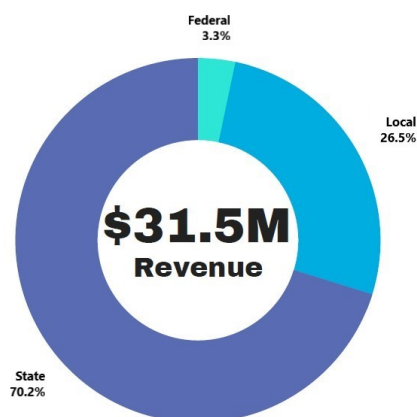
Thank you for your interest in Saint Peter Public Schools. The Saint Peter School District has a well-earned reputation as an outstanding school district with exceptional students, staff, and administrators, as well as a community that supports education. The school board is committed to providing a high-quality education to all learners in a safe, orderly, and caring environment. In addition, the district is focused on delivering a rigorous and relevant curriculum designed to have students “choice ready” upon graduation from Saint Peter High School.



I hope that you will find this information useful and informative as you look to learn more about our school system. I want you to know that Saint Peter is a place where “LEARNING MATTERS.”

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information about the programs, services, and opportunities we have for students in Independent School District No. 508.

Jeffrey Olson, Ph.D.
Superintendent



Source: District Financial Office



AAA/A+

District 508 was once again awarded a bond rating from Standard & Poor's of AAA/A+ Stable.

Class of 2019

PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

70.8%	plan to attend 4-year college/university
15.9%	plan to attend 2-year college
2.7%	plant to attend technical college/trade school
4.4%	plan to join the military
18.6%	work (full-time or part-time)
4.4%	other (apprenticeship, other, or no response)

(Percentage is > than 100% as seniors could mark multiple responses)

Student Awards and Recognition

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Inducted 38 new members (grades 10-12) during May 2019 ceremony

FFA/AG Gold National Chapter Award; Michael Moline, Leif Annexstad, and Matthias Annexstad earned State FFA Degrees; Horse, Milk Quality, Meat Judging, Soils, and Ag Mechanics teams were state qualifiers

BAND Concert Band earned overall superior rating at Section 2A Contest

CHOIR Concert Choir earned overall superior rating at Section 2A Contest

SPEECH MN State Speech Tourney - 7th place as team; Section 2A team runner-up; Sophia Lee & Isaac Peterson, 2nd in Duo; Josh Ellerbeck, 5th in humorous; Vanessa Krueger, 5th in original oratory; Aubry Landsom, 7th in poetry. Other state qualifiers—Lauren Mayer, Mikinley Prafke, Nils Berglund, McKenzie McCann, and Lillie Sund

ONE-ACT PLAY: Section 2A, Sub-Section 7 champion and Section 2A third-place finisher

ACADEMIC DECATHLON Minnesota State third-place team; Bennett Combs and Nils Berglund were the top two at Minnesota State Contest for individuals over-all scores

MOCK TRIAL SPHS team placed 3rd in Region 5 meet

BOYS TRACK Jade Reicks state champ in 300 hurdles, 2nd

in 200 dash, 4th in 100 dash; Ben Bode, 2nd in wheelchair shot put, 3rd in wheelchair discus

GIRLS TRACK Amelia Carlson, Izzy Lind, Hadley Stuehrenberg, Madison More (Yana Burgess alt.), 9th in state 4x800 relay; More, state qualifier in 1,600 run

SOFTBALL Section 2AA runner-up, third straight 20-win season; Mackenzie Brey participant in MN Coaches All-Star Series

BASEBALL: State Class AA fourth-place finisher; Section 2AA champions; Andy Regner, MN Coaches All-Star Series participant

BOYS TENNIS MN Liam Dixon and Bailey More, MN State Class A Doubles qualifiers

BOYS GOLF Carter Doose, State Class 2A Tourney 3rd place finisher; Kendall Nicolai, State Class 2A Tourney participant; Section 2AA team runner-up

GIRLS GOLF Section 2AA team fourth-place finisher

ADAPTED BOWLING 11 MN State Tourney participants; Mason Doherty, 5th place CI boys singles, Emma Soderlund 6th PI girls singles, Paul Warzecha, 6th PI boys singles, Sabrina Kopischke, 7th PI girls singles; Other state qualifiers—Abigail Erickson, Shawn Borgers, Brock Portner, Dustin Hutchins, Evan Borgmeier, Lucas Henze, and Sean Kulzer

WRESTLING Eli Hunt, 6th place in MN Class 2A State Wrestling at

170 lbs

GIRLS BASKETBALL State Class AA Tournament qualifier, Section 2AA champions

BOYS BASKETBALL State Class AA Tournament qualifier, Section 2AA champions

BOYS HOCKEY State Class A Tournament qualifier for first time in school history. Section 1A champs

GYMNASTICS Bella Edmonds MN State Meet participant on the vault

VOLLEYBALL Big South East Division champions. Section 2AA, South Sub-Section runner-up

BOYS SOCCER Section 2A semifinalist

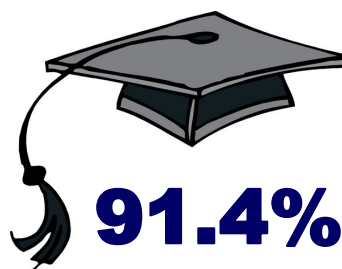
GIRLS SOCCER Big South Conference Champions

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Hadley Stuehrenberg, Minnesota State Class A CC Meet 30th place, & Izzy Lind, MN State Class A CC Meet. 46th place

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Bailey More, MN State Class A CC Meet 14th place.

FOOTBALL Section 3AAA semifinalist

SWIMMING & DIVING: Signe Alger, Shelby Graft, Morgan Kelly & Jaiden Landsom, state qualifier in 200 medley relay; Signe Alger state qualifier in 100 backstroke



91.4%

Five-year SPHS Graduation Rate

State Average
= 82.4%

Source: MN Dept. of Education data



Earn college credit while at SPHS

Saint Peter High School offers the following programs to earn college credit:

* MSU College in School	24 credits
* Source Code Info Tech at SCC	12 credits
* Health Science Academy at SCC	3 credits
* Agri-Science Academy U of M	4 credits
* Advanced Placement (AP)	4 opportunities

NOTE: in 2018-19, our students earned approximately 1,110 credits from MSU, U of M, and SCC saving parents/students approximately \$320,000 in tuition (based on tuition costs at MSU which is where the majority <1,026/1,110> of our credits are earned).

Achievement

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP Honors for SPHS

Saint Peter High School continued its recent run of success with students participating in the National Merit Scholarship program with two students earning high honors for their participation.

YANA BURGESS, a member of the Class of 2019, was named a 2019 National Merit Scholarship Finalist, one of just 15,000 out of the 1.6 million participants.

AMELIA WERNING, also a Class of 2019 member, was named a Commended Student, placing her among the top 50,000 out of 1.6 million participants.

DID YOU KNOW?

For the fourth straight year, all SPPS students received a free Activities' Pass for home Saints events/games & that will continue in 2019-20 school year.

Facts & Figures



STUDENT Enrollment

High School (Grades 9-12)	658
Middle School (Grades 5-8)	689
North Elementary (Grades 2-4)	487
South Elementary (Grades K-1)	295
DISTRICT K-12 TOTAL	2,129
<i>(Up from 2,121 at end of 2017-18)</i>	

Early Childhood programs (PreK) 198

Source: District Data

COMMUNITY & FAMILY EDUCATION

Serving lifelong learners

ADULTS

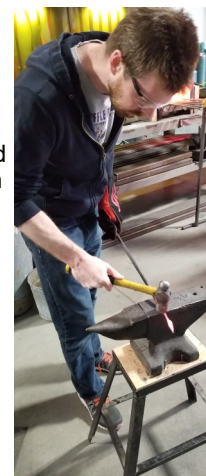
SERVING ADULTS THROUGH:

Adult Basic Education
GED, Diploma, English Language Classes, and Citizenship Preparation

Early Childhood
Education Classes
Parent Education

Adult Enrichment
Classes, Events & Programs

Aquatics
Lap Swim, Water Aerobics



YOUTH

SERVING YOUTH THROUGH:

ECFE
Early Childhood Family Education

School Readiness Preschool

School Age Care (SAC)
Morning & After School Care

After School Enrichment
Classes, Programs & Events

Summer Enrichment
VIP Program & Exploration Recreation

Aquatics
Swim Lessons, Family Swim, & Open Swim



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More than 20 community organizations & businesses support the mission of Community & Family Education through partnerships.

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\$48.7K
In contributions for scholarships

Made by the St. Peter-Kasota Dollars for Scholars Chapter to 71 members of the SPSHS graduating class of 2019. Those contributions were made possible through generous donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals.

Since its inception in 1977, the St. Peter-Kasota Dollars for Scholars Chapter has given out nearly \$900,000 in scholarships to around 2,200 students.

Source: Dollars for Scholars data



Saint Peter students, throughout their educational careers, continue to benefit tremendously from a district-wide 17:1 student-to-teacher ratio during their time attending classes in District 508, and 39% of the teaching staff holds master's degrees in their respective fields.

In all, District 508 employs **286** staff, which includes full-time and part-time employees, and each provides a valuable service to Saint Peter Public Schools.

Source: MN Department of Education, District Data