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Front Row: Mary Henle, Mike Stahnke, Mike Pristash.
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James Benhardus, Madeline Severtson, Joe Hartman, Antonio
Backman, HS Principal Tom Keith.

SAVHS Knowledge Bowl Team State Champions

For the third time in four years, the St. Anthony Village High School Knowledge Bowl team swept the field and returned home State Champions in the "AA" Division. Across the state, 769 teams compete all year for the honor of being invited to participate in the 48-team field. Unlike Minnesota State High School League events, our high school is classified as a "large school" attributable only to its location in the Twin Cities Metro region, and our students consistently compete against the largest public high schools and private schools in the state. "An onlooker would never suspect that St. Anthony is the smallest team in the field," says Michael Pristash who is in his sixth year as coach. "The way our kids handle themselves and the pressure of competition is first-class; they're truly polished, spirited competitors. We spend all season (September-April) practicing and attending

invitationals, all of this for the opportunity to represent SAVHS at the State Tournament. To have the kids see the fruits of their labors each year has been the most rewarding facet of coaching. And any time we get to vanquish our friendly foes Chaska, St. Thomas Academy, and Eden Prairie . . . well, that's simply a good day."

Students returning home with the first-place trophy include Team Captain & Senior James Benhardus, Junior Joe Hartmann and Sophomores Antonio Backman, Madeline Severtson, and Eli-Wilken-Resman. With four returning starters and an accomplished "fierce crop of eighth graders" coming into the program next year, Pristash has high hopes for the future. "It's a testament to the caliber of instruction that takes place at all levels in that I consistently have such academically-gifted and motivated students," Pristash beams.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTORIAN



Nicholas Caretta Valedictorian

Nick is one of the quiet leaders of our school neither creating nor demanding attention for his accomplishments. He simply leads by example. His GPA is an amazing 3.995 for the four years of schooling at SAVHS.

Last year, Nick was a Junior Book Award winner. He is the current treasurer of the Key Club, an active member of the National Honor Society, and also a key member of the Pep band. But what really drew my attention to Nick were the glowing positive comments from the custodians in charge of his summer employment at our school. He gets the job done in an exceptionally responsible manner. Nick will be attending the University of Minnesota in the fall.



Owen Anderson Salutarian

Owen has a fantastic cumulative GPA of 3.994. He is also one of our quiet leaders and was a Junior Book Award winner last year. Owen's leadership is very evident at our school. He is the Vice-President of the Student Council and a two-year member of the National Honor Society. He was a captain of the football team, selected by his teammates as Most

Valuable Player, and received all-conference recognition. Owen has also been a member of the track team, basketball team, and golf team throughout his high school years. Owen will also be attending the University of Minnesota in the fall.



Jeanne Borgstede

Submitted by Mindy Gerard, 6th grade teacher at SAMS

For the last 14 years, Jeanne Borgstede has taught 6th grade at St. Anthony Middle School. During this time, she has taught language arts, social studies, and most recently math. When asked what her favorite part of teaching was, Jeanne responded by saying, “The time I get to interact with the students, and when I have ‘ah-ha’ moments.” Jeanne was one of the first teachers at SAMS to embrace and welcome technology into the classroom. Her efforts were rewarded in 1995 when TIES awarded her the title of “Exceptional Teacher.” Jeanne could often be seen running from classroom to classroom to help solve her team-mates computer problems. She has always been the kind of teacher who will go out of her way to help support her colleagues and her students. Jeanne has served as both math department chairperson and 6th grade team leader. She is also known for being the first car in the parking lot and the last one to leave. Students have described Jeanne as supportive, loving, caring, dedicated, and a real go-getter.

She is looking forward to what retirement is going to bring her, starting with a new home base. Jeanne and her husband Bob will be moving to Colorado this summer to be closer to her beloved family. She is extremely excited to have the opportunity to watch her four grandchildren grow up before her eyes. Jeanne has made a lasting impression on the community of St. Anthony and will be greatly missed.



Barb Kolbe

Submitted by Amy Crotteau, 5th Grade Teacher at Wilshire Park

Barb Kolbe has been a dedicated, well-respected teacher in this district for nearly forty years. She grew up on the Iron Range and started her teaching career there, moving to the cities to teach sixth grade when Wilshire Park opened in 1968. She followed her students up to SAMS when 6th grade moved to that building, but eventually returned to Wilshire as a 5th grade teacher.

Barb is a very caring, committed teacher who “enjoys working with 5th grade students and getting to know them.” She’s always been very involved in social studies education, and spent a number of years team-teaching students in this area. In her long tenure as Safety Patrol Advisor, Barb has been able to pass on her love of the Minnesota Twins by leading the patrols each year on a field trip to a Twins game—a fond memory shared by many of her former students. Barb has

also been instrumental in introducing 5th grade students to the sport of skiing, another interest of hers.

Barb has kept the family home in Hibbing and plans to spend more time there in her retirement years. She’s also developed a passion for traveling and is planning a trip to Costa Rica upon retirement, along with spending time golfing, skiing, and shopping. Reflecting on her career, Barb says, “I feel fortunate to have worked in a district that takes pride in student achievement.” She leaves with many fond memories of the students she’s taught over the years and the friends she’s made.



Karen Neudahl

Submitted by Marlene Klassy, ISD 282 Retiree

Karen Neudahl started her teaching career in Gaylord and Maple Lake Schools, before joining the Special Ed team at Wilshire Park in 1979. She has been at St. Anthony Middle School for the last 15 years as Guidance Counselor. Karen is known for always showing a positive attitude in what she does and with whom she relates. She genuinely cares about students, puts kids first, and encourages and helps them in problem solving.

Karen is active physically, likes to try new things, and has an adventurous spirit as evidenced by her trip to Egypt in 2006 when she went camel riding. She is especially fond of and adept at sailing, traveling to exotic places, and attending theatre events. At home in New Brighton, her dog, Gertie, takes her on daily walks and helps entertain at birthday puppy parties.

After retirement, Karen plans to look for new adventures, possibly in fields other than education. She has interest in the redevelopment going on in her hometown of Henderson, MN. Karen will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by students and staff.



Ginny Wilkinson

Submitted by Shari Kopesky, 4th grade teacher at Wilshire Park

In 1966, Virginia Wilkinson (Ginny Spector) joined the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District as a fourth grade teacher. She was a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota and eager to begin her career. At that time, there were two elementary schools in our district—Parkview Elementary and Silver Oak Elementary. The district's student population was growing. The original four-room schoolhouse that was across the street from Parkview Elementary was reopened and that is where Ginny started what was to become a long and fulfilling journey.

In 1968 Ginny transferred to newly-opened Wilshire Park where she has taught fourth grade ever since, except for one year when she taught third grade. Throughout her 41-year teaching career, Ginny has been very involved in many activities. She has served on numerous curriculum committees, taught in various team teaching settings, and been a very integral part of the elementary staff. She has truly loved working with students. Her dedication, caring and compassionate ways, belief in all her students, and of course, her "humor," will be remembered by everyone. The Wilshire Park staff has treasured the opportunity to work with Ginny, and she will be remembered as a great educator by all.

WILSHIRE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Destination ImagiNation



You have heard of quiz bowls, speech competitions and Rube Goldberg events. Well, Destination ImagiNation is all of these and more. It is Minnesota's largest academic sport (K-12) with opportunities for national competition. This year 35 fourth and fifth graders from Wilshire Park, under the watchful eye of 12 adults (but no ideas offered), prepared skits to creatively solve a team challenge for the regional tournament at Blaine High School. The students used their technical, scientific, analytical, musical, linguistic and theatrical skills to solve an open-ended problem, and all five teams scored well.

At the end of the day, Wilshire Park's Team '007 (pictured on the left) was named North Metro Regional Winner for Destination ImagiNation and advanced to state finals at Chaska High School on April 21st where they once again presented their skit using color, shadow and illumination. They also showcased special talents and competed with an on-the-spot Instant Challenge. Congratulations Team '007 for making us proud at state!! Destination ImagiNation is part of the ACHIEVE program at Wilshire Park.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS

What does St. Anthony-New Brighton Public Schools have for you?

The Community Services Department of the School District offers numerous recreational, cultural, and educational activities. We also have volunteer opportunities for those interested in working with children. Do you need help staying in your home? If so, the School District can assist you with finding students to help with lawn mowing, light cleaning, window washing, and more. As a resident of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District and age 60 or older, you are entitled to attend school performances such as band concerts, theatrical productions, and athletic events free of charge. Passes can be obtained at the Community Services Office at 3301 Silver Lake Road, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Take advantage of what your School District provides for you and call us for more information at 612-706-1166.

ST. ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL

National History Day Winners

The mission of National History Day is to provide students with opportunities to learn historical content and develop research, hone thinking and communication skills through the study of history, and provide educators with resources and training to enhance classroom teaching. National History Day is a highly regarded academic organization for elementary and secondary school students. For more than 25 years the National History Day organization has promoted systemic educational reform related to the teaching and learning of history in America's schools.

Each year, more than half a million students (encouraged by thousands of teachers nationwide) participate in the NHD contest. Students choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews, and historic sites. After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics' significance in history, students present their work in original papers, exhibits, performances and documentaries. St. Anthony Middle School 7th and 8th grade students all created a project for competition at the local level. Many students moved into the regional competition with their excellent displays. Seven students furthered their competition onto the state level. Two SAMS students (of the 28 projects from Minnesota) have the honor of representing the state and the school at the national competition in the University of Maryland on June 10 to 14. Brynna Wilken-Resman took a 1st place in her presentation on Tokyo Rose in the individual performance competition while Jared Burseth placed 2nd with his research paper on the sovereignty and statehood of Hawaii. Best of luck to Brynna and Jared!

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Spanish Classes go to Spain

In April, 34 Spanish students had the opportunity to travel to Spain, spending six days touring the country and six days with a host family. The goal of the trip was to learn more of the language and more about the history, culture, and geography of the country.

The tour started in Madrid where they visited the Grand Plaza, the Prado Art Museum, the Reina Sofia Museum of Modern Art, the National Palace, and walked through the Retiro Park. The next day included a visit to a palace called El Escorial in San Lorenzo where the highlight was seeing the catacomb of Spanish kings and queens, and a walking tour of Segovia which is famous for what remains of the Roman aqueducts. The itinerary also included the cities of Granada and Sevilla to view Moorish palaces of the Alhambra, a flamenco dance spectacular, and the cathedral in Sevilla, noteworthy for being the third largest in the world and the resting place of Christopher Columbus.



The end of the tour brought the beginning of the family stay in the Talavera area, something which made students nervous because they were going to be alone with the families for six days. The families met the students with hugs and kisses, as is their custom, and one could see the nerves began to melt away. At the end of the family stay, many students were sad to part ways. In those days they learned much about the language and culture of Spain. A common sentiment is that the family stay was the best part of the trip, something they were afraid of before it began.

The students who participated were well-mannered and respectful of the Spanish people. They carried themselves well and were good ambassadors of St. Anthony Village High School, Minnesota, and the United States.

Summer Building Renovation

The HS/MS facility will undergo a major construction project this summer consisting of the installation of a new fire protection system throughout. Lighting upgrades, various HVAC and energy improvements, and ceiling replacement work will also be part of the project. Due to the extensive amount of work associated with these projects slated for completion this summer, the District and its project teams are going to great lengths to minimize the effects on on-going operations and summer programs and, for this purpose, the projects will be completed on a phase-in basis.

If you're entering our buildings over the summer, for your safety, please watch for temporary directional signage marking posted construction areas. We appreciate your support and look forward to the successful completion of these exciting improvements.

Player Protection in Central Park

If you have been through Central Park this spring, you may have noticed some exciting additions to the ball fields.

Since the fields were closed last fall, new player protection areas have been added to the three softball / baseball fields in the park. Included in the project were six dugouts (enclosed bench areas). These dugouts will provide protection from batted balls and the elements for our youth teams playing in Central Park throughout the spring and summer.

This project was the product of collaboration between the City of St. Anthony and the St. Anthony - New Brighton School District. Among the numerous donors to finance the dugout areas were the Minnesota Twins, Northeast Minneapolis Lions, St. Anthony Sports Boosters, St. Anthony Baseball Association, and Huskies Softball team.

Many thanks to these donors and the City of St. Anthony for helping improve our student athletes' facilities and experience at ISD #282!

Cross Country Returns to SAVHS

Beginning in the fall of 2007, boys and girls cross country will return to SAVHS. After a successful long-term co-op partnership with Spring Lake Park, St. Anthony now has enough Cross Country runners to warrant its own teams. Look for our runners in your neighborhood beginning this August!

For additional information regarding school district events, log on to our website at www.stanthony.k12.mn.us and click on District Wide Event Calendar.

Announcing the SAVHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame Nominations Needed!

Beginning this fall, the St. Anthony Village High School Alumni Association will recognize distinguished alumni by their induction into the St. Anthony Village High School Alumni Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is intended to honor SAVHS graduates for their contributions to the community or their profession while promoting models of lifelong success to current SAVHS students.

For inclusion in the 2007 Hall of Fame class of inductees, nominees must be SAVHS graduates who have graduated in 1997 or before, and have demonstrated success in job-related achievements, been awarded professional honors, have been recognized for community involvement, have been noted for their personal accomplishments, or have made a positive impact on the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District.



Nominations may be made over the Internet by visiting www.stanthony.k12.mn.us

Paper nomination forms are also available in the District Office. All nominations received by June 15, 2007 will be evaluated for induction for the 2007 Hall of Fame class by a selection committee consisting of representatives of each decade of SAVHS's history. This year's inductees will be announced in the Fall.

"This is a great opportunity to honor alumni whose success deserves to be recognized," said Eric B. Brever, chairperson of the Selection Committee. "We encourage the SAVHS community to get involved by nominating alumni who are model examples of where you can go and what you can achieve with a St. Anthony Village High School education."

More information about the Hall of Fame, including information about nominating individuals and the selection process, can be found at the website www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/savhshalloffame/.

Our Town by Thornton Wilder
Presented by Saint Anthony Village High School

O. D. Tingum Auditorium
May 18: 7:30 pm
May 19: 7:30 pm
May 20: 2:00 pm

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning homage to the celebration of everyday life is set at the turn of the twentieth century in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, where the Gibbs and Webbs families and their neighbors go about their daily business. Our Town is considered enormously innovative for its storytelling style and lack of props and scenery. The play is revered for its sentimental, yet realistic depictions of classic small-town America. Our Town is a staple of American theater.

Chamber Choir Senior Concert
Monday, May 21, 2007—7 p.m.

Please come and enjoy an evening of wonderful a capella music featuring the award-winning St. Anthony Village Chamber Choir. This 6th Annual Senior Concert will highlight the literature from Moses Hogan, Eric Whitacre, Paul Christiansen, Giovanni Palestrina, and other accomplished composers and arrangers. First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights, located at 1555 40th Avenue NE, graciously hosts this event. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations welcome.

Jazz Band & Concert Band Senior Concert
Thursday, May 24th – 7:30 p.m.
O. D. Tingum Auditorium

It's the last opportunity to hear the best St. Anthony Village High School has to offer in instrumental music. You'll be in for a fabulous evening of large group, ensemble, and solo performances. Free and open to the public.

Energy Efficiency Work Begins in ISD 282

At the board meeting on April 17th, the board approved a contract with McKinstry Essention for energy conservation in the district including lighting, building automation, mechanical HVAC, boiler replacement, water conservation retrofit, pool mechanical equipment, ceiling replacement-HS/MS, and solar wall application. Brett Roeman of McKinstry reported that now that the board had formally authorized the work, grant opportunities would be sought, particularly for the solar wall. With this contract, the district has received a guarantee that the improved efficiency will ultimately fund the projects. It all begins this summer with the re-lighting of the MS/HS which takes place in conjunction with the fire protection project.

St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board Filing

St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board is seeking interested district residents to consider filing for school board. Filing begins on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, and continues until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. ISD 282 residents of both St. Anthony and New Brighton should file during normal business hours at the St. Anthony City offices at 3301 Silver Lake Road. There are three 4-year positions open for re-election on the 6-member board, with terms beginning in January, 2008.

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