



# ST. MICHAEL - ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

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August 1st, 2024

Dear Ninth Grade Student, New Students and Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of our teachers, administrators and support staff, we would like to welcome you to STMA High School. The 2024-2025 school year will soon be underway, and your high school journey at STMA will begin. We are proud to be offering a high quality education taught by a dedicated and talented staff. In our ongoing quest to build a solid transition for incoming freshmen and new students, we have scheduled a few opportunities to help ease the transition to our high school.

## Student Kick-Off Day-Tuesday, August 20th

We are excited to announce that our Student Kick-Off Day will take place from **10:00AM to 6:00PM**. This is for all high school students. This is an opportunity for students and their parents to pick up class schedules, tour the building, purchase parking permits and have their picture taken for the yearbook and ID badge. Counselors will be available throughout the day to help with any scheduling needs.

## Chromebooks

STMA HS requires all students to utilize district assigned Chromebooks. Devices will be distributed at the high school kickoff day on August 20th for students without a device. All information regarding the use of Chromebooks can be found on the [district technology website](#).

## Freshmen and New Student Orientation – Wednesday, August 28th

We are asking that all incoming freshmen and students new to the district, along with their parents, attend our orientation **6:00-7:30 PM**. **We will be starting with a brief program in the STMA High School Gymnasium at 6:00 PM**. After the program, students will meet with their advisor in their homeroom to receive their schedule. Students will have an opportunity to tour the building, find their lockers and meet with their teachers. Information on all our extracurricular activities will also be available that evening.

## Bus Information

Transportation information will be available in ParentVUE the week of **August 5th**. All transportation changes for new and existing families must be submitted to Vision STMA by **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** to be in effect for the first day of school. All changes received after this date will start on **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** and parents must drive their students to school. You will be notified by an automated message when the bus stop location and time information is available in the ParentVue parent portal system. A change form is available within ParentVue if the information is incorrect. \*\*Juniors and Seniors must opt-in for the bussing service. If you plan to ride the bus, please use the 2024-25 Opt-in Form. You must fill out the form to be placed on a bussing route. Form Link: <https://forms.gle/Z1ajyhPcsQsVPjkE8>

## First Day of School for Grade 9 ONLY – Tuesday, September 3rd

September 3rd will be exclusively for 9th-grade students. This approach aims to ensure a supported transition into the high school setting and to promote a culture of respect. By having only 9th graders in the building, students can acclimate to their new environment without the added pressure of upperclassmen. Students will benefit from the guidance of student mentors and participate in specialized programming designed to foster respect and a positive school culture.

## First Day of School for Grades 10-12 - Wednesday, September 4th

STMA High School opens its doors to all grade levels on September 4th. School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. When you arrive at school, please report to your assigned homeroom.



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## Important Dates – Trimester 1

August 1st	Fall Eligibility Meetings / HS PAC	6:00 PM
August 12th	Fall Sports Start	
August 20th	Student Kick-Off Day	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
August 28th	Freshmen/New Student Orientation	6:00-7:30 PM
September 3rd	First Day of School - Grade 9	8:30 AM
September 4th	First Day of School - Grades 10-12	8:30 AM
September 27th	Homecoming Game	7:00 PM
October 14th	Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences	4:00-7:00 PM

## Health Information Form

The health information form linked [HERE](#) needs to be completed and returned to the health office prior to the start of the school year. If you have any medical concerns, please contact Teesha Kristine LSN, at: 763-497-6597.

We look forward to our continued partnership in your student's education as we move forward. Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful school year and Go Knights!

John Reeves | **Principal** | **STMA High School**