

We are excited to share that our staff have been working hard to offer a variety of unique and engaging program opportunities for St. Croix Prep Students during June through August 2023!

These opportunities will be at no cost to enrolled St. Croix Prep students (incoming 1st-12th graders only) and are possible with remaining funds from our final year of a Federal COVID Relief grant.

SCPA will be offering limited programs for all ages throughout the summer focused on developing each student's academic potential, personal character, and leadership qualities.

These programs will feature a variety of experiences designed to build a stronger sense of school, self, and community. Summer Fun 2023 will consist of on and off-site programs for all ages, some led by St. Croix Prep staff and some by outside guest instructors. We will also be offering some fun day and overnight field-trips.

**Check back on May 26th and again early June  
when we add additional July-August opportunities!**

**June 12-August 11: Summer Fun Programs Offered (*no programs offered July 3-7*)**

**August 23: St. Croix Prep 2023-2024 Back to School Night**

### ***SUMMER FUN 2023 - REGISTRATION FAQs***

- Even though there is no cost to participate, we are still using our Schoolpay system for registration purposes. Login to your account there to enroll your student(s).
- Program registration will close two weeks prior to the first/only day of a program. If the required minimum number of registrations are not met, some programs may be canceled, Families will be notified at that time, if that were to occur. If a program is full, students can sign up to be on a waitlist and will be contacted as space becomes available.

If you have other questions, please email [SummerFun@stcroixprep.org](mailto:SummerFun@stcroixprep.org)

## Opportunities for incoming 9th-12th Graders

### *Day Trips or Programs*

#### **Basic Automotive**

Date: June 9, 2023

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Grades: 9th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Pete Braun & Joann Karetov (School Representative)

Location: Braun Automotive, 425 5th Ave North, Bayport

Maximum spots available: 12

Learn Vehicle Maintenance for young drivers. Program will include learning basic car maintenance, checking and filling fluids, tire pressure, flat tires, and oil changes. Special Note: Participants should drive their own car to Braun Automotive or be dropped-off and picked-up at Braun Automotive. This program takes place entirely at Braun Automotive.

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Date: June 16, 2023

Day: Friday

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

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Instructor: Pete Braun & Joann Karetov (School Representative)

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#### **Drumline Camp**

Dates: July 10-14, 2023

Days: Monday - Friday

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Grades: 8th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: James DeCaro

Location: Band Room

Maximum spots available: 20

This is your chance to bang on a drum and use other percussion instruments! Students will learn basic percussion and marching technique as well as drum cadences. Rehearsals will happen outdoors, weather permitting. Sticks, drums, and other accessories will be provided.

**\*G3: Girls Gaining Grit**

Dates: June 26 - June 29

Days: Monday through Thursday

Time: 1:15-2:45 pm

Grades: 9th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Medora Benson

Location: SCPA Classroom

Maximum spots available: 12

This program is designed for female student athletes looking to add new strategies to their toolbox to help with overcoming obstacles and mistakes, to find courage to step out of their comfort, to strengthen their confidence and thrive under pressure. We'll also talk about leadership and what makes a good teammate.

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**\*G3: Girls Gaining Grit**

Dates: August 7-10

Days: Monday through Thursday

Time: 1:15-2:45 pm

Grades: 9th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Medora Benson

Location: SCPA Classroom

Maximum spots available: 12

This program is designed for female student athletes looking to add new strategies to their toolbox to help with overcoming obstacles and mistakes, to find courage to step out of their comfort, to strengthen their confidence and thrive under pressure. We'll also talk about leadership and what makes a good teammate.

### **Night of Improv**

Date: July 12, 2023

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Grades: 6th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Stacy Mittag

Location: SCPA PAC

Maximum spots available: 25

Spend a night playing improv games and become more comfortable in front of people while you improve your quick thinking skills!

### **English Learners Summer Fun**

Dates: July 17-20, 2023

Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 9:30am-4:00pm

Grades: 1st-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Ksenia Carpenter & Lisa Mast

Location: SCPA Room 120 and multiple field trips

Maximum spots available: 32

Join us for this fun program featuring language activities and field trips to MN Zoo and MN Science Museum, and special guest instructors! Program will also include a walking field trip for a summer treat on the final day. Students can attend either week offered as activities will be different. Activities will be designed for each age group, improving students' vocabulary and socializing. Special registration note: This program is only for students who are in the English Language Program (also known as English as a Second Language) at SCPA who meet with Mrs. Carpenter or Mrs. Mast.

### **Trip to the Guthrie!**

Date: July 25, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6:00-11:30pm

Grades: 7th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Stacy Mittag

Location: SCPA Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Maximum spots available: 23

Join us for a night at the theater! Students will enjoy Stephen Sondheim's (one of America's greatest musical composers) Into the Woods and the Guthrie's unique stage setup.

### **Women's World Cup (Soccer) Watch Party**

Date: July 26, 2023

Day: Wednesday

Time: 7:00-10:00pm

Grades: 9th - 12th (incoming)

Instructor: Christoph Brown

Location: TBD (PAC/Outdoors/Gym)

Maximum spots available: 100

Join us for a Women's World Cup Soccer Watch Party! Enjoy food and activities followed by watching the U.S. v Netherlands game with kick-off at 8:00pm.

### **Stage Combat Workshop**

Date: July 27, 2023

Day: Thursday

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Grades: 7th-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Stacy Mittag & Art In Arms Guest Instructor

Location: SCPA PAC

Maximum spots available: 15

Learn basic hand to hand stage combat techniques and how to perform them safely. Great for both theater and codsplay situations!

### **Blood & Gore Makeup**

Date: August 1, 2023

Day: Tuesday

Time: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Grades: 9th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Stacy Mittag

Location: SCPA Art Room (TBD)

Maximum spots available: 15

Get ready for Halloween by learning about specialty makeup techniques like creating wounds, bruises, etc! Students will have a chance to explore more complex makeup techniques and learn to use makeup to create special visual effects.

## **College Application Workshop**

Date: August 11, 2023

Day: Friday

Time: 10:00am-1:30pm

Grade: 12th (incoming)

Instructor: Elaine Bransford

Location: Room 214

Maximum spots available: unlimited

A successful college application tells YOUR unique story. Let's work together to break down the application process and write an authentic, effective essay. Create a to-do list for college applications, explore your unique story and find a way to tell it, and learn how to tackle supplemental essays.

## **English Learners Summer Fun 2**

Dates: August 7-10, 2023

Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 9:30am-4:00pm

Grades: 1st-12th (incoming)

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Location: SCPA Room 120 and multiple field trips

Maximum spots available: 32

Join us for this fun program featuring language activities, field trips to MN Zoo and MN Children's museum, and special guest instructors! Program will also include a walking field trip for a summer treat on the final day. Students can attend either week offered as activities will be different. Activities will be designed for each age group, improving students' vocabulary and socializing. Special registration note: This program is only for students who are in the English Language Program (also known as English as a Second Language) at SCPA who meet with Mrs. Carpenter or Mrs. Mast.

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## ***Multi-Week Programs***

### **Creative Writing Course 3.0**

Dates: June 13 & 15, June 20 & 22, June 27 & 29, 2023

Days: Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Grades: 6th - 9th (incoming)

Instructor: Amanda Preisler

Location: SCPA Room 126

Maximum spots available: 15

This course will focus on creative writing and improving writing skills. Students will work on creative writing pieces through brainstorming, drafting, and revising. Students will also learn to give and receive constructive feedback. Special Note: This program is for students who have already had a writing class with Amanda Preisler or who have teacher approval.

### **Violin Ensemble-Advanced**

Dates: June 15, 22, 29 and July 13, 20, 27, 2023

Days: Thursdays

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Grades: 7th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Joan Molloy

Location: Orchestra Room

Maximum spots available: 20

Join us as we improve our ensemble skills and prepare for the upcoming school year!

Special note: This program is a series of dates. Students will need to bring their own violin and should have already played violin. Questions? Email Joan at [joanmolloy@stcroixprep.org](mailto:joanmolloy@stcroixprep.org).

### **Photography Portfolio**

Dates & Times: this program is a series of Mondays

June 19, June 26 and July 10: 10:00am-12:00pm

July 24: 9:00am-12:00pm

July 31: 9:00am-1:00pm

Grades: 10th-12th (incoming)

Instructor: Claire Fiedler

Location: SCPA Room 103B

Maximum spots available: 8

This program is designed for students at the intermediate to advanced level who have completed Digital Photography I during the regular school year. Students will use a camera to produce photographic artwork. Students will also create a drumleaf or hand-sewn portfolio book of their work. Special Note: This program is a series of dates - please note different times on different days. Students must have completed Digital Photography I.

### **Learn to Knit**

Dates: July 31 and August 7, 2023

Days: Mondays

Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Grades: 9th-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Darn Knit Anyway Staff

Location: Darn Knit Anyway-Makers' Lounge (423 S Main St, Suite 423b, Stillwater, MN 55082)

Maximum spots available: 6

Minimum spots to have the program run: 3

This program will introduce students to the art of knitting through small-group instruction. Students will receive instruction, pair of needles, skein of yarn and patterns.

## ***Overnight trips***



### **Apostle Islands Base Camp & Kayak Tour**

Dates: July 13-16, 2023

Days: Thursday-Sunday

Time: Departure and Arrival times TBD

Grades: 10th-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Christie Miller, Erin Richgels & Christoph Brown

Location: Apostle Islands (basecamp in Bayfield, Wisconsin)

Maximum spots available: 15

Join us as we create lasting memories together while sea kayaking on Lake Superior, learn and practice tent camping skills at Wilderness Inquiry's Little Sand Bay Base Camp, and hike through the Northwoods of Bayfield, WI. Bus transportation will be provided.

If interested in applying for consideration, email Erin Richgels at [erichgels@stcroixprep.org](mailto:erichgels@stcroixprep.org).

Special note: Wilderness Inquiry will provide sea kayaks, PFDs, paddles, wet suits, tents, and cooking equipment for participants. Pre-trip pack party date TBD.

### **College Tour Trip**

Dates: August 7-9, 2023

Days: Monday-Wednesday

Time: Departure & Arrival Times TBD

Grades: 11th-12th (incoming)

Instructors: Andrew Sachariason, Matthew Williams, & Jessica Ducklow

Location: 5-6 Midwest colleges

Maximum spots available: 30

Excited to start visiting colleges and thinking about your future? Join us for this whirlwind tour as we meet with professors and admissions representatives, tour dorm rooms and campuses, eat lunch in student unions, and more! Join us for a whirlwind tour of 5-6 colleges in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Students will have a pre-trip meeting in late July to discuss trip details, including lodging, transportation, itinerary with leaders.

Interested applicants: email [tseichte@stcroixprep.org](mailto:tseichte@stcroixprep.org) or complete College Tour Google Form at <https://forms.gle/nYRNbEgcAhf8Rc7u6>. Special note: Registration closes July 1, 2023.

### ***PRIVATE LESSONS [multiple grades]***

Number of lessons offered will be based on instructor availability and program interest.

### **Violin Private Lessons**

Duration options: 30, 45 or 60 minutes

Days: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Lessons availability: June 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, & July 12-13, July 19-20, & July 26-27, 2023

Instructor: Joan Molloy, Contact [joanmolloy@stcroixprep.org](mailto:joanmolloy@stcroixprep.org) to set up lessons.

Student will need to bring their own violin.

### **Viola Private Lessons**

Duration options: 30, 45 or 60 minutes

Days: Tuesdays between 10:00am-1:00pm

Lessons availability: June 13, 20 or 27, July 11 or 18, and August 1, 2023

Instructor: Marissa Frye, Contact [marissafrye@stcroixprep.org](mailto:marissafrye@stcroixprep.org) to set up lessons.

### **Cello and Bass Private Lessons**

Duration options: 30, 45 or 60 minutes

Days: Mondays and Fridays between 12:00-5:00pm

Lessons availability: Mondays and Fridays between June 12-Aug 11, 2023 (except July 3-7)

Instructor: Teddy Schumacher, Contact [teddyschumacher@stcroixprep.org](mailto:teddyschumacher@stcroixprep.org) to set up lessons.

Cello students will need to bring their own instrument but Bass students can borrow a school instrument.

## ***COMMUNITY-SCPA EVENTS***

### **Valley Concert Winds**

Community band based in Stillwater that provides an opportunity for life-long musical participation while promoting a love of music, especially band music.

<https://sites.google.com/view/valleyconcertwinds>

Rehearsals: Monday nights (7-9pm) from early June to mid August

Location: SCPA Band Room

Grades: High School through Adult

Director: James DeCaro

No audition required.

Cost: Dues (\$20) are covered for SCPA students.