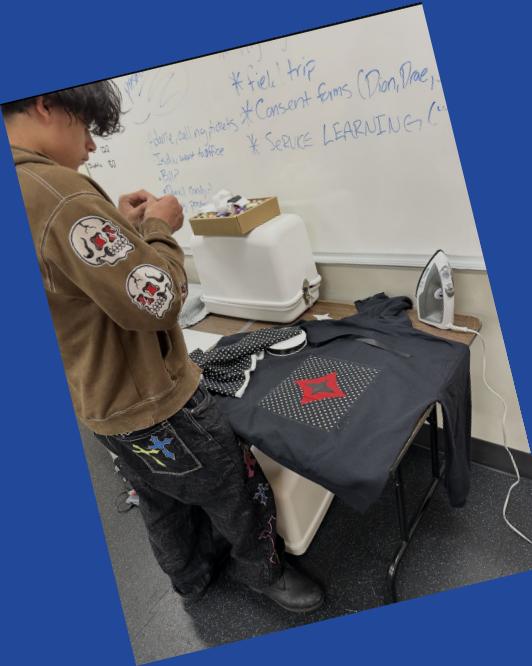


# American Indian Education Update



# St. Cloud Area School District

# Purpose

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Per MDE, our American Indian Education Program, with suggested input from the Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC), designs programming and instructional activities that affirm the cultural identity of American Indian students and their families.



# Kip and Misty

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AIEP Coordinator



AIEP Cultural Liaison

# Overview

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Data is sourced from **MARSS** (Minnesota's state student database) using the **federal race code**. Included are students who self-identify as **American Indian/Native American, Other Indigenous, or Native Hawaiian**, as well as students reporting **Two or More Races** if one of their selected races falls into these categories.

## Student Counts:

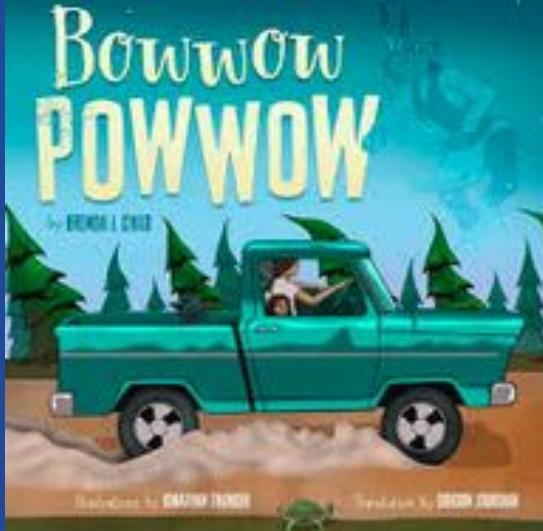
**Total:** 234

- a. **Elementary:** 109
- b. **Secondary:** 125

**\*506 Federal American Indian Form**



# Elementary Programming



- Ojibwe Language Games
- Weekly Lunch Groups at Talahi, Lincoln, and Madison
- 1:1 Check in/Check Out
- We have recordings of three books that are in Ojibwe and Navajo for teachers to use in the classroom as well. This will be in our AIP Internal Site.

# Secondary Programming

## Upcoming College Visits/Field Trip

- SCSU
- Manufacturing Tours

## Weekly Smudging and Beading groups

Contracting tutors for subject help with the assistance of SCSU.

## Upcoming Host Financial Aid Assistance

- Lara Gerhardson Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program
- MN Indian Scholarships
- Tribal Scholarships
- American Indian Tuition Waiver Schools



# 2025 Community Graduation Honoring

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**2025 Graduation:** 75% American Indian seniors graduated

**2026 Graduation Honoring:** Thursday, May 7th, 2026

## Participating Schools:

- District 742
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Cloud Technical & Community College
- St. John's University & College of St. Benedict

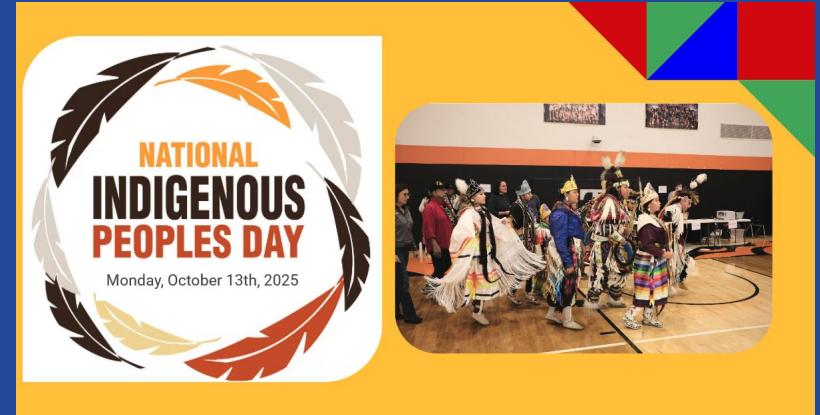
## Tracking for 2026 Graduation:

- Apollo: 100%
- Tech: 75% (1 student is going for their GED)
- McKinley: 50%



# Indigenous Peoples Day

- October 13, 2025
- At least one hour of instruction is dedicated to learning about Indigenous People of this land as a way to recognize and celebrate their communities.



A profile page for Joe Jourdain. The top half features a stylized illustration of a deer and a bird. The name "JOE JOURDAIN" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the name are two smaller images: one showing Joe drumming and another showing him singing. The bottom half contains text about Joe's background and his role as a member of a drum group.

Joe Jourdain, a member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, is a talented drum maker and singer dedicated to sharing the traditions of his people.

As part of a drum group that travels across the country, he brings songs and stories that celebrate culture and community.

Joe also performs hand drumming, creating powerful rhythms that connect audiences of all ages to the heartbeat of Ojibwe traditions.

# 2025 Ptanyetu Powow



*Free  
Open to the Public!*

# 2025 Ptanyétu PoWWOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**Halenbeck Hall,  
St. Cloud State University  
1000 4th Ave S, St. Cloud, MN 56301**

Hosted by  
**St. Cloud State University**

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**MASTER OF CEREMONY**  
Wee Jourdain

**ARENA DIRECTOR**  
Kevin Kingbird

**HEAD MALE DANCER**  
Conner Hammer

**HEAD FEMALE DANCER**  
Annie Huberty

**HONOR GUARD**  
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

**HOST DRUM**  
Cedar Creek

**INVITED DRUMS**  
Red Tree Singers  
Little Otter  
Storm Crossing

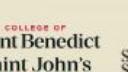
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**FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS**  
**HAND DRUM CONTEST**

For more info, contact Lacey Lokken  
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## GRAND ENTRIES

1:00PM & 5:00PM



# **MIEA (Minnesota Indian Education Association) Conference**

The **Minnesota Indian Education Association (MIEA) Conference** is an annual professional learning event focused on supporting Native students, educators, and culturally responsive practices.

It is attended by **NAPAC members, district staff, and other education professionals**, offering opportunities for professional development, collaboration, and learning about best practices in Native education. The conference provides sessions, workshops, and networking to strengthen cultural understanding and student success across the district.



# Staff Professional Development



Anton Treuer (Waagosh)  
Professor of Ojibwe, Bemidji State University



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# Upcoming Events for Students and Families

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## Native American Storytelling

- Saturday Feb. 21th, 2026



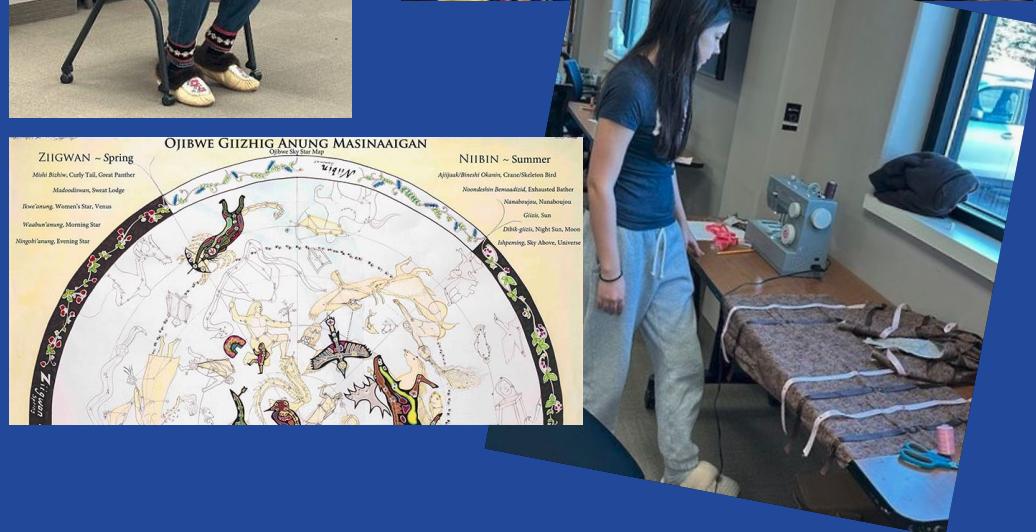
## Round Dance at Apollo High School for Native Families around the state

- Saturday Feb. 28th, 2026



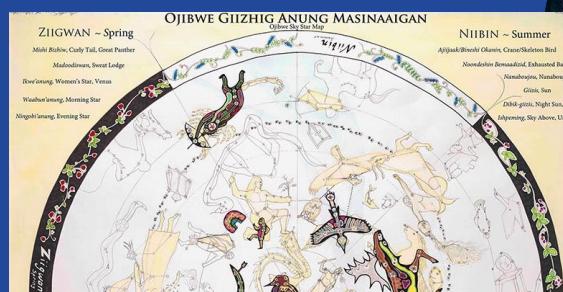
## Native American Drum Making

- Saturday March 7th, 2026



## More that we are in the middle of scheduling:

- Ojibwe/Dakota Skywatch with SCSU
- Nature walk
- In school beading and sewing circles
- Ojibwe Language with Elementary Students





# Thank you!

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St. Cloud Area  
School District  742!

# Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC)

Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 1, states that any school district with 10 or more American Indian students must establish an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee. To ensure inclusivity for all Native Americans, the board voted to change the name from the MDE wording “American Indian” to **Native American**.

## Committee Officers:

- Chair: Cora Chinander
- Vice Chair: Lindsay Teller
- Secretary: Melyssa Hager
- Treasurer: Ian Chinander

## Committee Meetings:

- Meets a minimum twice per trimester
- 8–10 parents and students typically attend each meeting.

## Annual Responsibilities:

- Compliance with the Resolution of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence
- Provide recommendations to the District.

# Thank you!

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