



Date: July 8, 2026

To: Dr. Jon Graff
Saint Peter School Board

From: Darin Doherty
North Elementary Principal

Re: North Elementary 2026–2027 Field Trip Plan

The purpose of this memo is to provide the School Board with an overview of the planned field trip experiences for North Elementary students during the 2026–2027 school year. These experiences are designed to extend classroom learning through authentic, hands-on opportunities that support district curriculum, student engagement, and social-emotional development.

The current field trip plan includes the following grade-level experiences:

- **Second Grade**
 - Gustavus Adolphus College Arboretum (Spring) – Outdoor environmental learning experience. Transportation costs are limited to in-city busing.
 - Picklebarn in Mankato (Spring) – Social-emotional learning experience with an approximate admission cost of \$3 per student.
- **Third Grade**
 - Minnesota Science Museum (Spring) – Science curriculum extension supporting Minnesota Academic Standards. Costs include transportation and a student admission fee of approximately \$2–3 per student. Scholarships are typically available to offset admission costs.
- **Fourth Grade**
 - Farmamerica in Waseca (Spring) – Agricultural literacy and STEM learning experience with transportation costs limited to busing.
 - Nicollet County Fairgrounds Kindness Retreat (Spring) – Character education and leadership experience. Expenses are generally supported through grants and community donations.

To ensure equitable access, **Saints Funds** are available to provide financial assistance so that every student has the opportunity to participate regardless of financial circumstances. Additionally, classrooms may participate in other instructional experiences throughout the year that occur within the City of Saint Peter or are within walking distance of the school and therefore are not included in this annual summary.

These field experiences align with district goals of providing engaging, real-world learning opportunities while reinforcing classroom instruction and supporting the development of the whole child.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the 2026–2027 North Elementary field trip plan.