



STEM SCHOOL

HIGHLANDS RANCH

Never Stop Innovating

Back-to-School Parent Info Session

Topic: Getting Connected

Parent Website

Your Hub for Parent News,
Procedures and Policies
stemk12.org/parents

STEM SCHOOL HIGHLANDS RANCH Financial Transparency

Students Parents **GIVE TO STEM**

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Information for Current STEM Parents

Welcome the STEM Parent Page. Informed and involved parents are so important to the success of our entire school. This page includes everything that our parents need to know while their student is enrolled at STEM.

Get Involved

Getting involved at STEM is easy. There are a variety of ways that include volunteering, the School Accountability Committee (SAC), Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Board of Directors and more.

Click below to find information on:

- Volunteering at STEM
- The School Accountability Committee (SAC)
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Board of Directors

[Explore How to Get Involved](#)

Get Connected

We want to hear from our families. Communication flow between STEM and our families includes our social media channels, weekly newsletters and our Communications Pathways process.

Click below to find more information on:

- Communications Pathways
- Newsletters
- Social Media Channels

[Explore How to Get Connected](#)

Get Informed

Informed families are empowered families. We want to make it as easy as possible for families to access all of the information needed to help their students have the best experience possible.

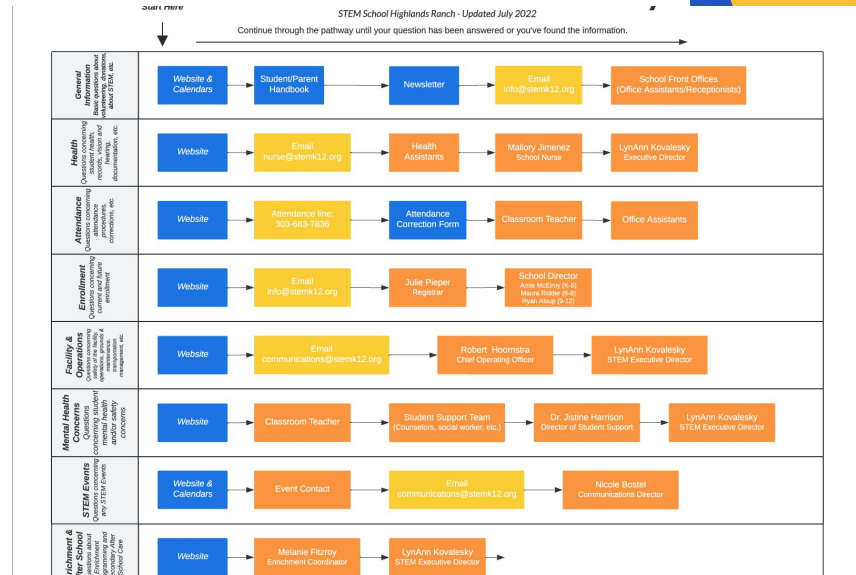
Click below to find information on:

- Student/Parent Handbook
- Transportation Management Plan/Driveline
- Attendance Information (Guidelines, Absence, etc.)
- Lunch Program
- Technology Support
- Health Services
- More

[Explore How to Get Informed](#)

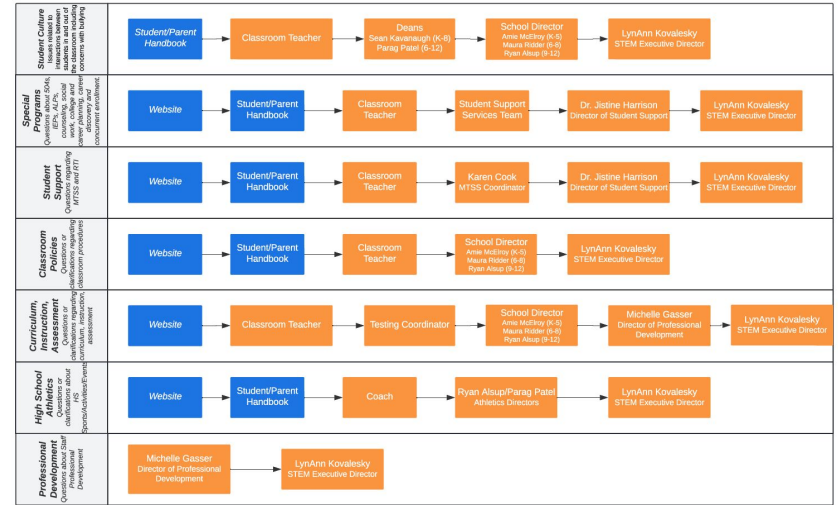
Communications Pathways

- The Communications Pathways document can be found on our Get Connected section of our Parent page, or on our Contact Us page.
- Outlines a variety of topics that we get each year and who to contact, in what order.
- The Communications Pathways was an initiative created by our School Accountability Committee.



Communications Pathways

- Our goal is to have all issues resolved quickly and efficiently.
- Jumping the pathway could result in a delay in getting a response.
- Staff have 72 hours to respond back to families.
- If the matter is not resolved, please reach out to the next individual along the appropriate pathway.



Communications Pathways

- If there is something that is not identified on the Communications Pathways, please either email communications@stemk12.org or complete the STEM Feedback Form located on the Contact Us page.
 - <https://stemk12.org/contact/>
- Please keep in mind that at the start and end of each semester, the workload for school staff increases so please allow for patience.
- Teachers are not required to respond during the day when they are teaching.

Communications at STEM

The communications team at STEM manages all communications efforts for STEM School Highlands Ranch. The team develops STEM's messaging direction and strategy, maintains and expands the Communications Plan, communicates to both internal and external audiences, responsible for all promotion of events, coordinates media interviews and conducts media training, and so much more.

Communications Team



Nicole Bostel

Director of Communications

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communications@stemk12.org

Office: P-Tech Building

Responsible for: Overall messaging for STEM, Website, Board and Leadership Team Communications, Event Approvals



Jeff Maher

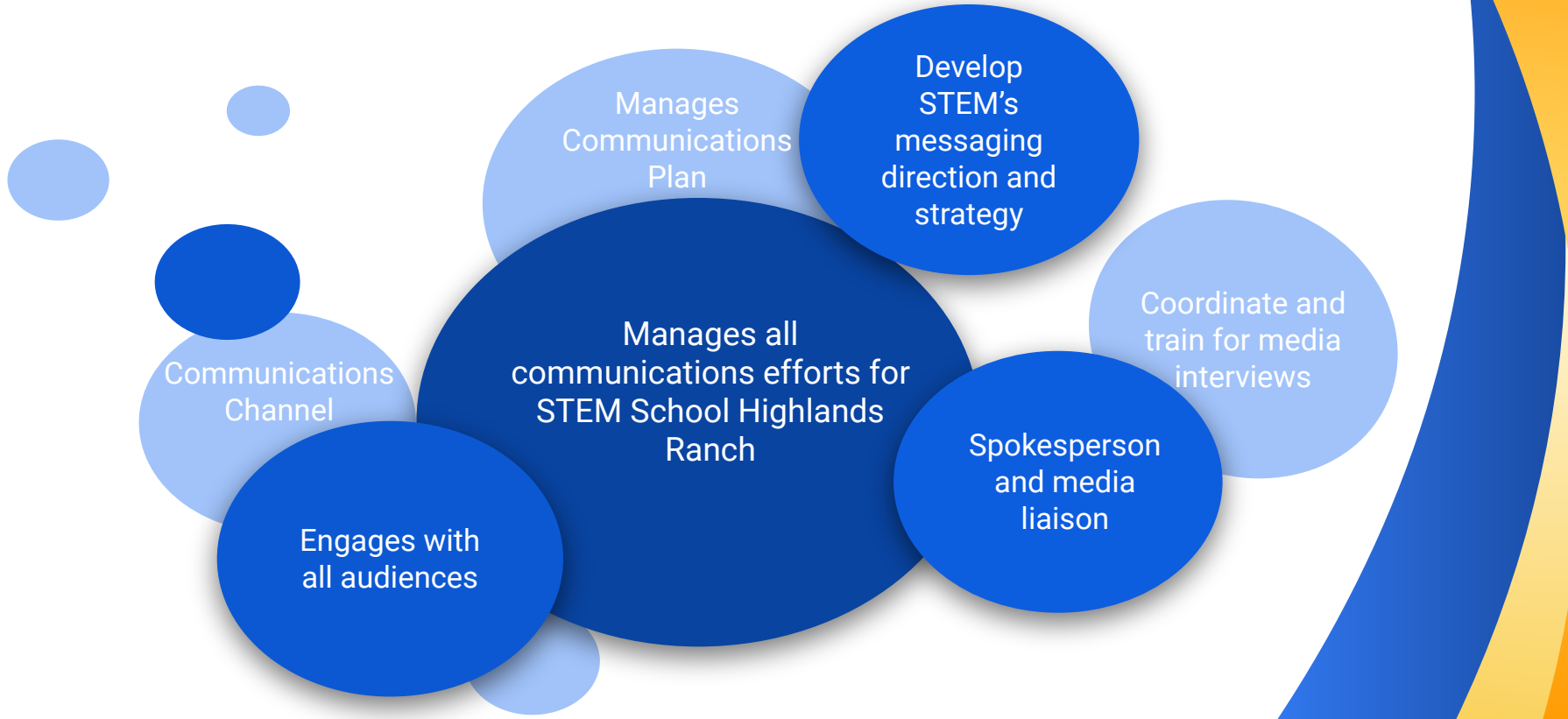
Communications Manager

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Office: P-Tech Building

Responsible for: Social media content/analytics, multimedia content development, Website, Media Training

Roles and Responsibilities



Audiences and Platforms

INTERNAL AUDIENCES

- Students
- Staff and Teachers
- STEM Board of Directors
- Leadership and Administration

EXTERNAL AUDIENCES

- Parents
- DCSD Board of Education
- Prospective Employees and Families
- Peer Schools
- Parent Organizations
- Industry Partners/Business Organizations
- Elected Officials
- Civic Groups/Neighborhood Associations
- Colleges/Universities
- Media Members/News Outlets

COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS

- Stemk12.org
- Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Instagram
 - YouTube
 - LinkedIn
- Newsletters
 - Staff
 - Parent
 - Student (grades 6-12)
- Infinite Campus/School Messenger
- Advertisements
- Media Stories

How to Collaborate with us

Communication, Communicate, Communicate!

- Working with STEM Communications is easy. Involving STEM Communications early is the key to a successful event or message. The STEM team will help with strategy, best practices and navigating STEM's internal procedures.
- Have news that you'd like to share with the STEM community, click the button below to access our Share Your Good News Parent Submission Form.
 - Find the form here:
<https://stemk12.org/about-us/communications-at-stem/>

How to Stay in the Know

- All information will be posted to our website
- Each Friday parents will receive the Weekly Parent Newsletter
 - Emails are downloaded from IC each week.
 - Parents can subscribe:
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/ybYtY5c>
- News and Highlights will be subsequently posted to our Social Media sites
- You will only receive IC/School Messenger notifications in the event there is an Emergency, or a message of a timely nature that cannot wait until the Parent Newsletter on Friday.

Parent Newsletter

The Parent Newsletter includes:

- Message from our Executive Director
- STEM School-Wide News/Initiatives
- Elementary News/Updates
- Secondary News/Updates
- Athletics and Enrichment (NEW!)
- Social and Emotional Supports
- STEM Center for Strength
- PTO and SAC News

Archives of all Parent Newsletters are on the Get Connected section of the Parent Page

PARENT/COMMUNITY news & updates

Friday, July 29, 2022 | [Newsletter Archive](#) | [View as Webpage](#)

PREPARING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



Express Check-In Is Open

Express Check-In is an online application that ALL FAMILIES, new and current, use to verify their student's contact and household information and to complete district and STEM School required forms before each new school year. All families MUST complete the Express Check-In Process to ensure they receive communication from the school. Failure to complete the Express Check-in process will result in significant limitations to internet service at STEM School Highlands Ranch. Fees have not yet been loaded into MySchoolBucks. As soon as they are, you will receive a notification from MySchoolBucks directly to the email address in their system. Please ensure that your contact information is correct in MySchoolBucks. [Click here to read more.](#)

URGENT: STEM Base is Hiring

STEM BASE is URGENTLY hiring! We are looking for 1 Program Assistant Manager and 2 Senior Program Leaders to join in a busy and fun program. If you or someone you know is looking to develop management skills and gain experience in a growing program with a fun, experienced, and dedicated staff, this is the right move for you. The Assistant Manager position is a "Select Charter Position" that offers an additional 10% monthly pay stipend, 30 hours per week and full-time hours on school breaks. Sr Program Leader hours are M-F 1:30-6:30P. Part-time and full-time hours are available during school breaks. Happy to coordinate BASE managers who have staff looking for more hours. Feel free to call or email me for more details or questions. amy.dupays@gdsdk12.org (720) 696-2926.



volunteering/donations

Each week we update our Parent "Get Involved" page of our website with new volunteer and donation opportunities:

- Health Room Donations
- Staff Gift Card Donations
- Classroom Wishlists

[Click here to read more](#)

July Newsletters

07/03/2022 Newsletter

07/10/2022 Newsletter

07/18/2022 Newsletter

07/23/2022 Newsletter

STEM CALENDARS

Our Calendars page is where you can find specific calendars for upcoming events, as well as Elementary and Secondary Bell Schedules

The STEM Events Calendar is where you can find all the information needed about all of our upcoming events at STEM. The calendar can be viewed in Week, Month and Agenda format and includes the following separate calendars that are color-coded.

- Orange – STEM-Related, School-Wide
- Green – Enrichment Events
- Blue – Athletic Events
- Purple – Testing Events



SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Each Friday we send out three newsletters to our various stakeholder groups (parents/community, students and staff). Parents are automatically signed up for our newsletter using the information provided in Infinite Campus. People can also sign-up for the newsletter using our [sign-up form](#) and can find archives via the Get Connected page on the Parent Page. Newsletters are sent through Constant Contact.

Since we are a K-12 school, there is a lot of information that gets shared with our community each week. In order to be as efficient as possible with our limited resources, we break up the newsletter into specific sections to organize the information as best as we can for our families. For Elementary-specific news, please click on the Elementary News/Updates section. For Secondary (6-12)-specific news, please click on the Secondary News/Updates section.



Elementary News/Updates

In this week's Elementary News, you can find information about:

- Picard Pick-Up
- Kindergarten Spartan Launch Sign-Up
- Elementary Spartan Launch Information
- More

[Click here to read more](#)



Secondary News/Updates

In this week's Secondary News, you can find information about:

- Picard Pick-Up
- Secondary Spartan Launch Information
- Message from the High School Counselors
- Secondary Schedule Information
- More

[Click here to read more](#)

Upcoming Events

- Monday, Aug. 1 - Schedule Changes for Missing and required classes opens
- Monday, Aug. 1 (12-1 p.m.) - Welcome Back to School Zoom Webinars - Driveline
- Tuesday, Aug. 2 (12-1 p.m.) - Welcome Back to School Zoom Webinars - Getting Informed
- Tuesday, Aug. 2 (8:30-7 p.m.) - STEM BOD Meeting (High School Commons)
- Wednesday, Aug. 3 (10-11 a.m.) - Prospective Parent Building Tour (Secondary School Entrance)
- Wednesday, Aug. 3 (11 a.m.-12 p.m.) - Math Placement Assessment (Secondary Front Office)
- Wednesday, Aug. 3 (12-1 p.m.) - Welcome Back to School Zoom Webinars - Getting Connected
- Wednesday, Aug. 3 (1-2 p.m.) - Math Placement Assessment (Secondary Front Office)
- Thursday, Aug. 4 (12-1 p.m.) - Welcome Back to School Zoom Webinars - Getting Involved
- Friday, Aug. 5 (12-1 p.m.) - Welcome Back to School Zoom Webinars - The STEM Experience
- Monday, Aug. 8 - Spartan Launch (Grades 1-12) (See News/Updates Section for more information)
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Grades 1-12
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 (8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) - School Picture Day
- Tuesday, Aug. 9-Thursday, Aug. 11 - Kindergarten Spartan Launch (See News/Updates Section for more information)
- Wednesday, Aug. 10 (8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) - School Picture Day
- Wednesday, Aug. 10 (10-11 a.m.) - Prospective Parent Building Tour (Secondary School Entrance)
- Thursday, Aug. 11 (7:30-9 a.m.) - STEM PTO Parent Coffee (STEM Center for Strength)
- Friday, Aug. 12 - KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
- Friday, Aug. 12 (8:30-9:30 a.m.) - Kindergarten Parents Tissues and Tears (ES Cafeteria)

[Click here for the STEM Events Calendar](#)



STEM PTO Event at Pirates Cove, August 4

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on Thursday, Aug. 4 at Pirates' Cove for a STEM PTO Community Event. This is a great opportunity to meet others in the STEM Community before the school year gets underway. The event is from 6-8 p.m., and the whole park will be reserved for the STEM Community. More details to come!

Social Media

- STEM is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube and LinkedIn. Check us out!
- Parents can get connected with other parents via their student's Class Page on Facebook
 - Links to those Parent Class pages will be posted to our Get Connected section of the Parent page this week.
 - Please note: Fellow STEM Parents are a great resource for getting your questions answered and for learning best practices. However, information does change so please consider reaching out to us as well.

STEM Community Facebook Pages (Parent-Moderated and Managed)			
STEM School Highlands Ranch Class of 2022	CO STEM School HR - Parents of Class 2023	STEM School Highlands Ranch Class of 2024	STEM School Highlands Ranch Class of 2025
STEM HR Parents of Class of 2026	STEM School Highlands Ranch Class of 2027	STEM HR Parents of Class 2028	STEM HR Parents Of Class of 2029
			STEM School HR Class of 2029
STEM School HR Class of 2030	STEM class of 2031	STEM Highlands Ranch Class of 2032	STEM Highlands Ranch Class of 2033
STEM School Highlands Ranch Class of 2034	STEM School Highlands Ranch Parents and Community		

Best Practices

1. If you have questions, please use the Communications Pathways to start.
2. Email communications@stemk12.org if the Communications Pathways does not apply.
3. Complete the STEM Feedback Form if needed.

We are here for you!