

Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Each year during Fire Prevention Month, the State Fire Chiefs Association, along with the National Fire Sprinkler Association, host an annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest. St. Anthony firefighters get the opportunity to discuss a specific fire safety message with fifth-grade students from St. Charles Borromeo School and Wilshire Park Elementary School. In turn, each student is asked to design a poster that creatively captures that message. This year's theme was "Serve Up Fire Safety in The Kitchen." This a great message for everyone, young and old, since a majority of residential house fires start in the kitchen. Student posters included a variety of tips, such as always watching what you cook and keeping combustible materials, like dish towels, three feet from the heat.

Posters are narrowed down to the top four finalists. The top two finalists are entered into the state-level contest. Over the past two years, state-level winners

came from St. Anthony. Naomi Waldusky's (2018) and Josie Tomas' (2019) posters were both recognized on covers of the Minnesota State Fire Chief's Magazine. In November, four new finalists were named in the Fire Prevention Contest:

- First place: Ella Gallagher, St. Charles Borromeo
- Second place: Stella Sawyer, Wilshire Park
- Third place: Stella Jacob, St. Charles Borromeo
- Fourth place: Stella Barrett, St. Charles Borromeo

Thank you to every student who participated—and congratulations to all of our finalists! ■

