

**PARENTS - PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE LETTER. THERE ARE MANY CHANGES TO OUR PROGRAMS DUE TO COVID THIS YEAR.**

Community Education After School Activities is pleased to announce that the following 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade sports and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade activities will be starting soon. These are the only sports and activities that Community Education is able to offer at this time.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sports**

Cheerleading (October 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Cross Country (October 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Dance (October 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Flag Football (October 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Swimming (October 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Tennis (October 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Volleyball (October 5<sup>th</sup>)

**5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities**

Art Club (October 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Code Club (October 13<sup>th</sup>)

This year, due to COVID, we are required to limit the number of students who can participate in our sports and activities. We expect the sports and activities to fill up quickly. We will be accepting registrations for these classes through **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** unless they fill up earlier. Also, if we do not receive enough students to hold these sports and activities, the classes may be cancelled. You may register for sports and activities here:

<https://www.winonaschools.org/wms/athletics-activities>

Sports and activities will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. You can choose to participate in all four days of practice or just the days your child attends school. If you only choose to participate in two days of practices, then you will only need to pay half of the fee. If your student is part of the “A” group of learning, then you will need to transport for practice on Thursday and Friday. Students in “B” group of learning will need to be transported by parents on Monday and Tuesday for practices. There will not be any sports and activities on Wednesdays due to this day being set aside as a distance learning day for the school. **There is one exception for this, on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> this day has been set aside as a distance learning day and Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> is now an “A” group school day. There will be NO activities on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Activities will be held on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Activities and sports may need to be cancelled due to weather and also conflicts with the instructors/coaches. Our cancellation line is 507-494-0970 and we try to have this updated by 2:00 p.m. We will also update Winona Middle School Facebook page with any cancellations.

All students enrolled in sports must have a current sports physical on file in order to start. All students also must have a COVID waiver signed by a parent before starting any sport or activity. You can find the sports physical and waiver on our web page.

All students enrolled in our programs who attend other schools in the Winona community and those students who are being transported to practices by their parents will need to wait outside and come into the WMS building after 3:45 p.m. We need to allow the WMS students to exit the building from 3:30 – 3:40 p.m.

Students will need to follow COVID guidelines by washing hands before and after activities. They must wear masks unless outdoors or participating in strenuous activities.

When the activities are finished for the day, coaches will be walking all students to the front doors of the WMS (Homer Road). Parents will not be allowed in the building. Please wait outside the front door or in your car for pickup of your child.

7th and 8th grade volleyball and football are still being scheduled. This grade level usually plays Wisconsin teams. They are working on getting games scheduled with teams from Minnesota. These sports are anticipated to start the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available at a later date. You may register on the WAPS website as usual for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball and football.

If you have any further questions, please contact the WMS After School Activities Office at 507-494-1060.

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