

Royal Roundup

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

Superintendent, Darren Schuler
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I hope that everyone's summer was filled with fun, friends and family! We all celebrated many successes across our district last year. Many teams and individuals, both athletic and activity, competed and finished at the top of state competition, and both Mock Trial and BPA

were nationally recognized. We are proud of our students and coaches for their accomplishments! Academic excellence was also celebrated with seven seniors being named valedictorians for achieving a 4.0 GPA throughout their high school careers.

As we enter into a new school year and many of our construction projects are nearing completion, our facilities now reflect the 21st century learners that are entering our classrooms. Our flexible seating

across all K-12 classrooms, flexible classrooms, and meeting spaces all support our district's Profile of a Graduate model. We are creating an environment to promote and support students who are problem solvers, effective communicators, critical thinkers, resourceful, self motivated, and who exhibit personal responsibility. At Watertown-Mayer Public Schools, we provide an outstanding educational experience for all students in a culture and environment in which all students feel welcomed and supported in their learning.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit one of our school buildings recently, I want to invite any of our district residents or alumni to schedule a tour of our new and updated facilities. If interested, please email Heather Heun at heather.heun@wm.k12.mn.us. We would be proud and honored to share with you our new learning spaces at Watertown-Mayer Public Schools! Go Royals! 🏰



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Learning Never Ends at WM!

WMES Principal, Katie O'Connell

In education there is always new learning to be done as we continue to learn more about how children learn. The elementary school's largest initiative for the upcoming school year is refining our instructional practices related to literacy. Our staff have taken time this summer to participate in professional learning on literacy and language in the science of reading. This professional development is called LETRS® (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling), and its focus is on providing teachers with the skills they need to master the fundamentals of reading and writing instruction. It is unique as it strengthens our teachers' knowledge of language structures and correlation with the development of the brain. WM is always striving to meet the needs of our students to ensure all students become skilled, proficient readers! Read Like a Royal! 🏰



**REFERENDUM
\$ AT WORK**

Wrapping Up the Referendum

This summer, as we wrap up the 2019 Bond Referendum projects, we have focused on improving some of our locker room facilities,

renovating and improving the security at the Middle School and District office spaces, and improving the flow of traffic to and from our Middle School.

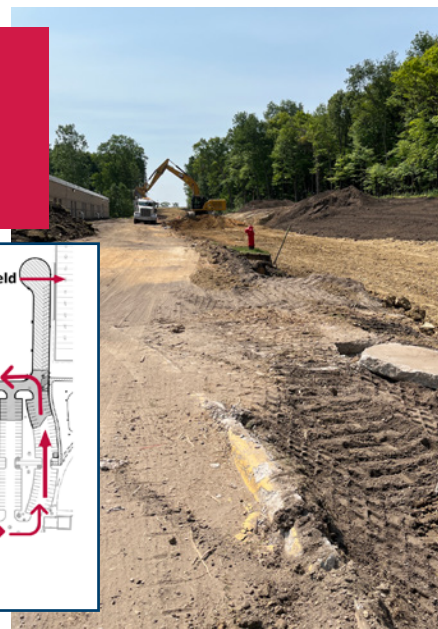
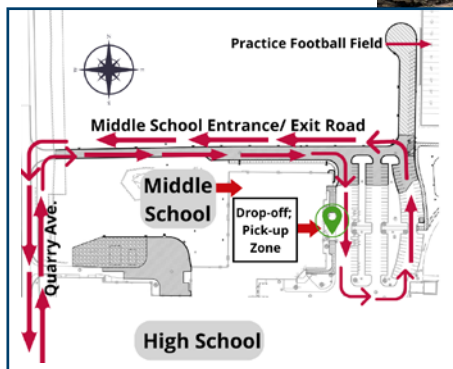
The Middle School PE/Athletic locker rooms and the High School Pool locker rooms have undergone a complete renovation including new layouts bringing added privacy and functionality.

The Middle School and District office renovations' key focus was an improvement on building security and functionality. The renovations will bring a new secure entry that aligns more with district standards, as well as a separate secure district office entry.

The new Middle School entry, which aligns with the paving of Quarry Ave, will offer a new entrance to the Middle School. Entering on the North side of the building will allow for a dedicated entry for student drop off and pickup as well as allowing traffic to utilize two entry points on Hwy 25.

As we look forward to the future, we will be using some long term facility maintenance (LTFM) funding to improve the secured entry at the Elementary School utilizing current entries, but will add new technology to allow separation between our building staff/students and any visitors. 🏰

**New Middle School
Drop-off and Pick-up
route for 2022-23
School Year.**



The 2022-23 Royal Activities School Year is Quickly Approaching!

Our Royal student participants have been working hard all summer to continue our programs' successes from last year:

- Wright County Conference Champions: Volleyball & Gymnastics
- Section Championships: Wrestling, Gymnastics, Mock Trial, BPA & Baseball
- Back-to-Back Gymnastics State Titles
- National recognition and placement: Mock Trial & BPA teams

2021-22 will be hard to beat, but our participants and coaches are up for the challenge!

One of the best perks of attending Watertown-Mayer is the ability to offer so many beneficial co-curricular activities! Studies show that students who participate in cocurricular activities have a much more meaningful educational experience.



Participation enhances overall student achievement by shaping their core ethical values, creating lifelong learners, and establishing a strong sense of community. Students active on our fields, courts and stages have increased confidence and self-esteem which leads to higher GPA, better attendance records, lower dropout rates, fewer discipline problems and ultimately higher graduation rates. We encourage all students to get involved, there truly is something for everyone!

Come! Support Royal Activities by cheering on our students starting this fall. The fall season gets underway August 15th with the start of fall practices. Visit wcconference.org and select Member Schools and Watertown-Mayer to see the full activity schedule! Go Royals! 🏰

We're Hiring!

Watertown-Mayer is always actively looking to fill vacancies. Check out our website frequently to see what our district needs. Be a part of the Royal team and contribute to the success of our students!

Visit www.wm.k12.mn.us/Page/289



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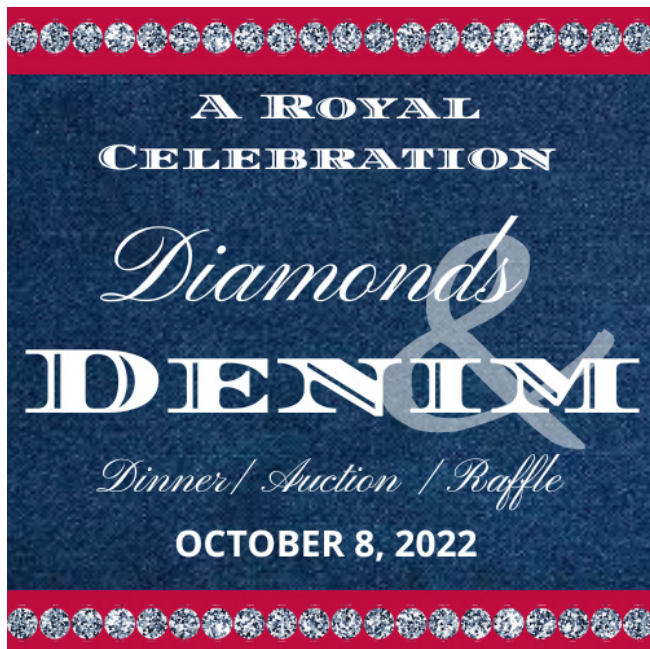
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At Watertown-Mayer Public Schools, we make authentic learning connections with each of our students, providing them with the opportunity to reach the full potential of their passions and strengths.

Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation Event

The Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation (WMEF) will be hosting their first Royal Celebration "Diamonds & Denim" Dinner / Auction / Raffle on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022.



Since 2017, the Foundation has provided over \$165,000 in scholarships to graduating WM seniors. To attend the event or participate in the auction,

please look for information on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WMEducationFoundation. If you're interested in being a sponsor or donating items for the auctions, contact us at 612-516-3434 or email wmeducationfoundation@wm.k12.mn.us.

As of this writing, our event is sponsored by the following businesses: **Platinum Sponsors:** Russ Runck & Associates, ProCise Solutions/Gone Again Travel, Workshops of Watertown/Edina Realty. **Gold Sponsors:** Watertown Veterinary, Coldwell Banker Burnet Realty, WM FFA Alumni Association, John Kraemer & Sons, and Dr. Nathan & Charlotte Speikers Johnson.

WMEF is also continuing to sell 500 raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2022 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium side-by-side. Tickets can be purchased at Marketplace Foods in Watertown or CorTrust Bank in Mayer. Other raffle prizes include \$500 cash, a 21-speed Trek bicycle, and a Wings of Watertown pheasant shoot. The winning tickets will be drawn on October 8 at the Royal Celebration "Diamonds and Denim" fundraising event. We hope to see you in October at the Diamonds & Denim Fundraiser!

WMEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that operates independently of the School Board and the District. Gifts to WMEF are tax deductible. 



School Is Just Around The Corner!

What do you need to know before school starts?
Check out our website, www.wm.k12.mn.us

Online Registration

ALL EXISTING families to Watertown-Mayer School district need to register for the 2022-2023 school year!

Each year, all families are asked to complete online registration via Infinite Campus for the upcoming school year. For many families, this will simply be an annual update where you will verify information and make any necessary changes. Verifying your family's information ensures accurate information within our system.

To complete online registration, please log-on to the Infinite Campus – Campus Parent Portal. On the left-hand side under the 'Message Center', there will be a 'More' option; click on 'More' and then click 'Online Registration Link'. If you do not have access to the parent portal, please contact one of our building administrative assistants. Please complete this online process from a tablet or computer. You will only need to complete one application per family.

NEW FAMILIES TO THE DISTRICT: Please visit our website: www.wm.k12.mn.us; hover over 'About Us'; click on 'New to District'; click on the link under 'Enrollment and Registration'.

Dates To Remember

Tuesday, September 6
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for grades 5–12

Thursday, September 8
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for grades K–4

**Thursday, September 8 &
Friday, September 9**
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for YR Preschool

Open Houses

Visit www.wm.k12.mn.us for additional information! Hover over 'Schools' at the top, and click on the school of your choice.

Young Royals Preschool

Classroom visits for the upcoming 22-23 school year will be held on September 6 and 7. Information with details was mailed to registered families on July 30. If you have registered, but have not received your information, please call 952-955-0280.

Kindergarten – 4th Grade Royal Connections

Royal Connections is the elementary school's Open House format. Royal Connections is a scheduled 25 minute pre-conference with teachers to create an opportunity to get to know the student and parents, to learn about the student's strengths and needs, and complete a short academic inventory. Royal Connections will be held on Tuesday, September 6 between 11:30 am and 7:30 pm and Wednesday, September 7 between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm.

During Royal Connections, there will also be opportunities to:

- tour the building,
- visit our photo booth,
- learn about drop off and pick up procedures/ receive a NEW pick up number,
- deposit money in lunch accounts,
- drop off school supplies and more!
- Jostens will be here during Royal Connections to take student pictures!

More details and information on how to sign up for a Connections conference will be sent to your email prior to Royal Connections.

**More Open House
information on next page.**

Open Houses (continued)

Incoming 5th Graders:

WEB Orientation (Students only)

Wednesday, August 24 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Optional busing provided – a sign-up for busing to and from WEB Orientation was sent out the first week in August.

Open House – 5th Grade only

Wednesday, August 24 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
in your child’s Advisory Classroom

Incoming 6th – 8th Graders:

Wednesday, August 31 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
at the Middle School

Incoming 9th Graders:

Wednesday, August 31 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm
at the High School

Specific agenda details for this evening will be emailed out to high school families prior to August 31.

Handbooks, School Supply Lists, and other Pertinent Forms for the 2022-2023 school year

All this and more can be found by going to the school website www.wm.k12.mn.us. Hover over ‘Schools’ at the top and select Elementary School, Middle School, High School or the Community Learning Center (CLC). School supply lists, handbooks and important forms and information are located under ‘Student Life’.

Electronic Devices

Elementary School:

All students will have access to a device to enhance learning. Students K-1st grade will have iPads in their classroom to access during the school day. Students in grades 2-4 will have access to a Chromebook. All devices will remain at school.



Middle School & High School:

Once again, Watertown-Mayer Schools is pleased to partner with Best Buy to offer discounted devices to students in grades 5-12. In even better news, Best Buy has opened their offerings up to any device in the mobile computing department. You may recall in the past that there were only a select number of devices to choose from. That is no longer the case!

Program Details

- One \$100 code can be used per student every 4 years.
- Email wmtechnology@wm.k12.mn.us to obtain your coupon code. You will need your code prior to purchasing.
- Shop on Best Buy’s site.
- Enter your code upon checkout.

The program will run from Monday, July 5 - Friday, October 7. You will only be able to use your coupon code during the scheduled time frame.

Want more details? Visit the school website www.wm.k12.mn.us, hover over ‘Departments’ at the top and click on Technology.

School Lunches

Breakfast Prices	2021-22	2022-23
Grade K-4	\$1.70	\$1.90
Grade 5-12	\$1.70	\$1.90
Adult	\$2.10	\$2.30

Lunch Prices	2021-22	2022-23
Grades K-4	\$2.90	\$3.10
Grade 5-12	\$3.15	\$3.35
Adult	\$4.25	\$4.45

Watertown-Mayer encourages families to apply for free/ reduced lunch (‘2022-2023 Application for Educational Benefits’). If you feel your family may qualify, we strongly encourage you to apply online. You can apply by going to the WM website: www.wm.k12.mn.us. Click on ‘Lunch Menus & Payments’, then on ‘Free & Reduced Lunch’. Information on how to apply online or how to obtain a paper copy of the application is listed. If you have any questions about the free and reduced lunch application, please feel free to call Heather Heun at 952-955-0480 or email heather.heun@wm.k12.mn.us.

Transportation

Watertown-Mayer school district is served by Koch Bus Company. Any families who opted out of bus transportation for their students last year, must contact Koch Bus Company if they would like their student to resume riding the bus for the 2022-2023 school year. Email Koch Bus Company at jackie@kochbus.com or call 952-955-1866 as soon as possible so they can plan their routes accordingly.

Fees

Parking Fee	\$140.00 / year \$70.00 / semester \$40.00 / quarter
MS Athletic Fees	\$100.00 / sport Family Cap: \$850.00
MS Activity Fee	\$40.00 / student
ES Activity Fee	\$33.00 / student
Band Instrument Rental	
Instruments including percussion	\$60.00
Free/ Reduced price	\$30.00
HS Athletic/ Activity Fees	
Sports	\$200.00 / sport
Trap Shooting	\$125.00
Boys Hockey	\$355.00
BPA, FFA	\$55.00
Theatre Fees	\$155.00
Mock Trial, Speech, Knowledge Bowl, & Robotics	\$80.00
Family Cap	\$850.00
Admission Fees	
\$5.00 / student	
\$7.00 / adult	
Senior Citizens (65+) – Free	
Athletic Season Passes	
\$60.00 / student	
\$90.00 / adult	
\$250.00 / family	
Senior Citizens (65+) – Free	

Community Learning Center (CLC)

The Watertown Mayer Community Learning Center is home to Young Royals Preschool, Early Childhood Family Education, Kids' Company Childcare, and many other community events. Check out the revised WM Community Ed fall brochure. Online registration opens August 8 at wm.ce.eleyo.com.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- The Vehicle Fair will kick off the fall quarter for ECFE on Thursday, September 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
- ECFE classes will begin the week of September 19.

Caring Hands & Kids' Company Child Care 6 weeks to 12 years old

- Child Care 2022-2023 season will open September 6 and run Monday-Friday 6:45 am to 5:30 pm through the school year. Participants in grades K-4 who need full day care on September 6 & 7 need to sign up for the non-school days.
- Any questions or to register for Kids' Company or Caring Hands, go to: wm.ce.eleyo.com or contact Michelle Hess, Program Coordinator, at 952-955-0283 or michelle.hess@wm.k12.mn.us.

Notices

Release of Public Student Data / Student Records Notice

According to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, student directory information is public unless a parent requests that the information not be released. Watertown-Mayer recognizes its responsibility in regard to the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of pupil records and protection of the privacy rights of students as provided in state and federal law. Parents who DO NOT want their child's data released for the 2022-2023 school year must notify their child's school in writing, following the guidelines of 'Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records' found on our website at www.wm.k12.mn.us. For this policy and all other policies regarding student records, please visit the website, hover over 'About Us', click on 'School Board' and then on 'District Policies'. Additionally, pertinent student-related policies and procedures can be found in each of the schools' handbooks.



Notice of Curriculum, Testing, and Assessment Tools

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools uses a variety of digital tools to support student learning. Technology vendors and software is utilized to support work as we help all students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world. We have an inventory of our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools posted on our district website (www.wm.k12.mn.us, hover over 'Departments' at the top and click on Technology) and include an outline of the student data elements within each tool. This list is maintained and communicated annually to all families at the start of the school year.

Please reach out to Joe Vieau, Director of Teaching and Learning, for additional questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms.

Volunteer at Our Schools

Watertown-Mayer schools welcomes and appreciates our volunteers and their efforts on behalf of our students! Our district uses the volunteer management system from Raptor Technologies to screen and track volunteers in our buildings. This is the same system currently used for visitor management and ensures safety and security for students, staff and visitors.

The district's risk management policy mandates that all volunteers MUST be screened every 3 years prior to participating in any school-related activity, including field trips. Each building secretary has an up-to-date list of those previously approved through a background check. This background check is provided to volunteers at NO CHARGE! If you are interested in volunteering, simply reach out to a building secretary and they will be glad to help guide you through the process!

Equal employment opportunity

It is the school district's policy to provide equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, family care leave status or veteran status.

Disability Nondiscrimination Policy

ISD #111 shall not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities because of the disabilities of such individuals, in regard to job application procedures, hiring, advancement, discharge, compensation, job training and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

Weapons Policy

No student or non-student, including adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a weapon when in a school location except as provided in policy. The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, school employee, volunteer, or member of the public who violates this policy. Licensed police officers are exempt from this policy.

Facility Usage

The Watertown-Mayer Community Education program has been designated to manage the use of school facilities during non-school hours. We encourage the responsible use of school district facilities by individuals and groups. Scheduling arrangements can be made by calling 952-955-0280.

Use of Pest Control Materials / Lawn Maintenance

Minnesota state law requires that schools inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property. State law also requires that parents and guardians be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. Watertown-Mayer Public Schools does not apply pesticides on school property unless all other measures have failed to control the problem. In the event that substances need to be applied, it will only be done by a licensed pest control and lawn maintenance company when students are absent from the area and will be out of the area until any spray/odor has dissipated. If you would like to be notified prior to a chemical application, please contact Bob Dressel, Building and Grounds Director, at 952-955-0417.

Allergy Alert

Food allergies are a growing food safety and public health concern that affects an estimated 8% of children in the United States according to the USFDA. Allergies to peanuts, shellfish, eggs and other allergies, have increased in the last decade. Since schools cannot guarantee a food-safe environment, upon request the school district will take measures to minimize the risk of an exposure. Watertown-Mayer will provide a "food allergy aware" environment for a student with a known food allergy without banning the food product at school. Our goal is to keep all students safe!

