

COMMUNITY EDUCATION



Watertown Mayer
Public Schools
Connections • Opportunities

January-May 2024

Registration begins December 4



Grow with Lifelong Learning





REGISTRATION

3 Easy Ways to Register

Payment methods include:
AMEX, Visa, MasterCard, Discover,
& cash or check if registering in person.
**Refund deadline is 2 weeks prior to
class start unless otherwise listed.**

Online wm.ce.eleyo.com

Convenient registration available 24/7.

By Phone 952-955-0280

Registration by phone when you
charge your class to your credit card.

In Person

**313 Angel Ave NW,
Watertown MN 55388 Door 4.**

Stop by our Community Ed Office
Mon-Fri, 8 am-4 pm

Email Notifications & Announcements

Fill out your email and cell phone on
your online user profile so we can send
a confirmation, instructor or weather
cancellation messages. We will never
give your information to any other
agency, it is strictly for the use by
ISD 111 Community Education.

Sign Up Today!

Many classes fill quickly

If classes have insufficient enrollment,
the class will be canceled, so please
sign up early.



**The pool will be closed for
renovations mid Nov to mid Feb**

Registration for lessons opens January 8
Watch for updates at wm.ce.eleyo.com & the
Community Ed bi-weekly e-newsletter.

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Winter is the season of transformation and growth!

Thank you for your feedback, we have worked hard to incorporate many of your ideas and suggestions.

Some of our new offerings include; Barn Quilting, Finance classes, Electrical and Plumbing home repair and Yoga & Art to name just a few.

We hope you find these offerings will support your personal transformation and growth.

Keep Calm and Winter on!

Amy Dimmler, Director of Community Ed

Party Packages

Have your next party in our gym, pool or lounge!

Looking for a space to host a party or gathering? WM Community Education has party packages available. You bring the cake and ice-cream, and other food/ non alcoholic drinks, and we'll provide the facility. *See page 40 for details.*

We Are Hiring

Share your passion... Teach a class, lifeguard, or work with kids in our child care programs

Interested in teaching a class or working for WM Community Education. We are hiring for various positions with lots of flexibility.

For more information see our website at wm.k12.mn.us or contact Amy Dimmler, Community Education Director amy.dimmler@wm.k12.mn.us

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Door 4 Community Education Office, Young Royals Preschool, ECFE, Kids' Company and Youth Classes

Door 3 Evening ECFE Classes

Door 1 Adult Community Wing
All Community Opportunities, Adult Enrichment, Fitness Classes, Community Lounge & Various Youth Fitness Classes

WM Elementary School

500 Paul Ave, Watertown MN 55388

WM High School & Middle School

1001 MN 25 NW, Watertown MN 55388

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sat, Dec 2
City Center Park
4:30-5:30 pm



Join us for Christmas music, hot chocolate and the arrival of Santa Claus on his Fire Engine Sleigh! There will be a holiday greeting and the lighting of the tree at 5 pm. This is a free event and all are welcome!

Sponsored by the Watertown Area Fine Arts Council (WAFAC)

WATERTOWN



CHRISTMAS

**SATURDAY,
 DECEMBER 2**

*Join us for Watertown's
 official kick-off to Christmas!
 A fun-filled day for the entire family!*

presented by
WACC
WATERTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



SANTA-STRAVAGANZA

Sat, December 2, 9 am-Noon, Watertown City Hall

Bring the kids down to see Santa Claus and get their picture taken for free! There will be Reindeer Games Letters to Santa, Christmas Crafts and a chance to win a ride with Santa in his fire truck!

This is a free event and all kids are welcome!



Watertown Commission on Aging

Free

SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER

Join us for a free holiday dinner hosted by the Watertown Commission on Aging, and made possible by our many local sponsors.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Watertown
 Community Center
 309 Lewis Ave S

Entertainment 4:00pm

Dinner 4:30-6:30pm

Event and time is subject to change

Holidays

MENU

Chicken Wildrice Casserole, Coleslaw, Roll,
 Pumpkin Bar, Coffee, Lemonade and Water

Call WM Comm. Ed at 952-955-0280
To reserve your spot

Easter Eggstravaganza

Sat, March 30
9 am-12 pm

A Fun FREE event for all ages at the Watertown Community Center!

Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Cookie Decorating, Coloring Contest, Face Painters, Crafts and More!



Events



Upcoming Events & Meetings

River City Theatre presents

It's a Wonderful Life—Radio Show - Nov 24, 25, 26

Summer Youth Theater Presents Space Case

Thur, Fri & Sat July 25, 26 & 27 at 7 pm / Sun, July 28 at 2 pm

WM Community Education Advisory

Join us and make a difference!

Tues, Dec 12, Feb 20 & May 21 6-7pm

WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 4, Rm 302

W-M Special Education Advisory Council **WMSEAC**

Thur, Feb 15 5:30-6:30 pm WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 4, Rm 302

Grab a cup coffee and join our

BOOK CLUB

- Meets monthly
- Discover New & Old Books
- Mystery & Romance Themes

Hearthside books invites you to discover new tales in our monthly book club. Book selections will be posted on the website. You can sign up monthly by the book selection or for the entire winter session. Books will be available for pick the month prior.

HEARTHSLIDE BOOKS

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Watertown Mayer
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Date: 3rd Tuesday
Time: 6-7 pm
Fee:
\$30 per monthly session
\$125 All 5 sessions
Location: Hearthside Books

Early Childhood

See pages 8-9 for more events and details regarding the activities listed below.

Winter Sledding on the Hill

Sat, Jan. 20 10-11 am

Storybook Lane

Sat, Feb 24 9:30-11 am

Kids' Stuff Sale

Sat, Apr 22 8-11 am

Kick off to Summer

Wed, May 22 6-7:30 pm

ECFE on Wheels at Watertown Library

Wed 3:30-4:15 pm

Jan 17, 24, 31 Feb 7, 14 & 21

April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15

Registration Required



Young Royals Preschool & Child Care Open Houses

Thur, Jan 25

Meet the early childhood staff and visit the classrooms. Registration for the upcoming year will open following the event. Caring Hands and Kids' Company child care will also be open for tours.

See page 11 for more details.



Early Childhood Family Education-ECFE

A unique parent-child education program for all families with children ages birth to kindergarten

Classes are fun and affordable for families offering both daytime and evening classes. ECFE is a great place to meet other families with children the same age. Spend quality time with your children and receive parent support and information.



ECFE Parent/Child Sliding Class Fees

Please use the table below to determine your fee category for ECFE classes.

ECFE Class Fees based on yearly total family income

Under \$20,000	Fee Waived
\$20,000 - \$49,999	Fee A
\$50,000 - \$74,999	Fee B
\$75,000 and above	Fee C

No one will be denied participation due to an inability to pay. Please call our office at 952-955-0280 to inquire.

Sibling Care Fees

See income guidelines in the box above named Sliding Fees for ECFE Parent/child Classes. Sibling care is per class fee. If your children attend different classes a fee will be assessed for each class period.

Under \$20,000 - Fee Waived

Sib Fee A

1st child \$30 / each additional child \$20

Sib Fee B

1st child \$40 / each additional child \$25

Sib Fee C

1st child \$50 / each additional child \$40

WHY TAKE AN ECFE CLASS?

Learning Together

In the children's classroom, parents and children have time to play and learn together. You can choose from many planned activities designed just for you and your child. Learn new ideas for activities to do at home. This time together is planned by a licensed early childhood teacher.

Purposeful Play for Children

Children enjoy learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher. Activities are designed for children to learn through play with their peers. The goal is to help children develop a healthy self-concept and a love for learning.

Connecting With Others

While children are learning with their teachers, parents join together in an informal group setting for a discussion time led by a parent educator. The group discusses current family topics, share ideas, learn more about their child's development, and benefit from feeling connected to parents.

ECFE OFFERS...

- ◆ Fun, affordable classes for families with children birth to five years old
- ◆ Daytime and evening classes
- ◆ Quality time with your child
- ◆ A great place to meet other families with children the same age
- ◆ Parent support and information
- ◆ Fun learning activities for your child
- ◆ Lasting friendships

Classes are held at the Community Learning Center

in Room 203 Parent Ed & Room 204 ECFE Classroom

Enter door 4 for daytime & door 3 for evening classes



REGISTRATION

Register at ce.eleyo.com

See page 2 for registration procedures.

Refund deadlines are 2 weeks prior to class start date unless noted otherwise.

A \$5 processing fee per participant will be withheld from all refunds.



Early Childhood

ECFE Classes

Baby & Me 0-12 months

Play together while learning more about your baby. Parents and babies stay together the entire class time.

Early Childhood Staff Sib Care Available

Wed 9-10 am FREE

ECBaby- W1 Jan 10-Mar 13 10 Sessions

ECBaby- S1 Apr 3- May 8 6 Sessions

For the following classes with separation time, bring along a "security" item to make your child feel more comfortable.

Busy Ones One year olds

Early Childhood Staff Sib Care Available

ECBusy- W1 8:30-9:45 am

EC Busy-W2 10-11:15 am

7 Sessions Mon, Jan 29-Mar 18

No class Feb 19

Fee A \$84, B \$96, C \$112

ECBusy- S1 8:30-9:45 am

ECBusy-S2 10-11:15

6 sessions Mon, Apr 8-May 13

Fee A \$72, B \$84, C \$96

Terrific Twos Two year olds

Early Childhood Teacher Sib Care Available

ECTerrific-W1 Tue, Jan 9-Mar 12

10 Sessions 8:15-9:30 am

Fee A \$120, B \$140, C \$160

EC Terrific-F2 Tue, Apr 2-May 7

6 Sessions 8:15-9:30 am

Fee A \$72, B \$84, C \$96

Discovery Time Ages 1-5 yrs

Early Childhood Staff Fees are per family

ECDisc- W1 Tue, Jan 9-Mar 12

10 Sessions 4:30-6 pm

Fee A \$120, B \$140, C \$160

ECDisc-W2 Th, Jan 11-Feb 15 (No class Jan 25)

5 sessions 6-7:30 pm

Fee A \$60, B \$70, C \$80

ECDisc- S1 Tue, Apr 2-May 7

6 Sessions 4:30-6 pm

Fee A \$72, B \$84, C \$96

ECFE SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Bring the Early Childhood Classroom to your home with a monthly subscription box. Activities include but are not limited to: large motor activities, fine motor activities, social and emotional lessons, art projects and access to a digital circle time with songs, a story and quick tips and tricks with our parent educator. Activities are geared toward children ages 15mo to 3yrs. Boxes will be available on the indicated date for pick-up date. (Childcare Providers can register for bulk boxes)

Ages 15 months-3 years

\$25 single registration / \$35 bulk registration

Snow Much Fun 100W24

Registration deadline Feb 1 / Pick Up Feb 20

Spring Has Sprung 100Sp24

Registration deadline Apr 4 / Pick Up Apr 23



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Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- Affordable daytime & evening classes birth to age 5
- Great place to meet other families
- Cost is based on sliding fee scale
- Quality time with your child
- Fun learning experience
- Licensed teachers & experienced staff
- Events for families



Young Royals Preschool

- Serving 3, 4 & 5 year olds
- Morning & Afternoon classes with 2, 3, 4, & 5 day options
- Dedicated licensed teachers
- Curriculum aligned with MN Early Learning Standards
- 4 Star Parent Aware rated



Caring Hands & Kids' Company Childcare

- Licensed infant, toddler, & 3 year old child care
- Certified 4-5 year olds and grades K-6 child care options
- Before & after school, wrap around and full-day options
- Dedicated and experienced staff
- 4 Star Parent Aware & NAEYC Accredited (Ages 6 weeks - 5 years)



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ECFE on Wheels at the Watertown Library **Ages 0-5**

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) staff provide a free ECFE experience for families, caregivers and children ages birth to five at the Watertown library.

There will be a circle time, an art activity along with a literacy take home project. Parents/guardians need to stay with their child/ren.

Wed Free 3:30-4:15 pm

Jan 17, 24, 31 Feb 7, 14 & 21 6 Sessions
Apr 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15 5 sessions

Registration required at

<https://carverlib.libcal.com/calendar/>

ECFE EVENTS

Winter Sledding on the Hill **All Ages**

Join us on "the hill" at the Community Learning Center for a morning of sledding! Bring your family, along with your own sled. We will provide the hot chocolate and a treat! It is a great time to connect with your friends and embrace the cold! This event is sponsored by the WM Early Childhood Advisory Council.

SLED-0121 Sat, Jan 20 Free Event 10-11 am WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Playground

Young Royals Open House **Preschool Age**

You are invited to attend and have the opportunity to tour the classrooms, meet the staff, and ask questions about the curriculum and activities. Children are encouraged to come and visit classrooms and meet the teachers. Child care classrooms will also be open and available to visit.

582OH-24 Thur, Jan 25 4:30-6 pm Free Event WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 4

Storybook Lane **All Ages**

Take a stroll down storybook lane dressed in your favorite storybook character! The ECFE and Young Royals classrooms will be prepped with literacy activities and projects. There will be a book exchange held in room 210, we welcome you to bring a book and exchange it for a different book. This event is sponsored by the WM Early Childhood Advisory Council.

SBL-224 Sat, Feb 24 9:30-11 am Free Event WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 3

Kids' Stuff Sale **All Ages**

Time for the Spring Sale! Located at the WM Community Learning Center (WM CLC)! Come check out the clothing, toys, books, games and equipment! Mark your calendars! Seller packets are available at in the WM CLC office, if you are interested in selling. Returning Sellers can pick up their packet on Feb. 27 and new seller packets are available starting March 7

Sat, Apr 22 8-11 am WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 7
Seller packets available (returning sellers Feb 27 & new sellers Mar 7)

Kick off to Summer **All Ages**

Join us for the annual end of school year celebration and kick off to the summer party. There will be games, face painting, balloon sculptures, music and ice cream treats! Fun for the whole family, this event is sponsored by the WM Early Childhood Advisory Council.

KOTS-524 Wed, May 22 Free 6-7:30 pm WM Comm. Learning Ctr., Door #7 (playground)



Caregiver Connections

It's time to relax, talk and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa. Bring a friend and join other caregivers to share joys and challenges about parenting. A licensed Parent Educator will assist with leading the discussion. Sibling care available (registration required)

5 Sessions Fri 8:30-9:30 am
Free for adults \$5 per child
Door # 4 Room 203 & 204

Registration for adults helps us determine if the class can run.

100CC-W1	Jan 12
100CC-W2	Feb 16
100CC-W3	Mar 8
100CC-S1	Apr 5
100CC-S2	May 3



Early Childhood

Help Me Grow Early Intervention Services

Help Me Grow connects Minnesota children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families to early intervention services. If you are concerned about a child's development, you can refer the child through Help Me Grow for a free screening or evaluation. Services are free to eligible children ages birth-5, regardless of income or immigrant status. To refer a child, visit helpmegrowmn.org or call 866-693-GROW (4769). Interpretation services are available for referrals by phone.

ECFE/Young Royals Advisory Council

Help us plan and organize events and make decisions for improvement of both the ECFE and Young Royals Preschool program. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month, 6:30-8 pm. FREE childcare is available. You can have a direct impact on your child's early childhood experience. The current council members represent the working parents, stay at home parents, school board and the business community. For more information call 952-955-0280 or wmcommunityed@wm.k12.mn.us.



Mini-Royals

Ages 2 ½-5 years and not yet in Kindergarten

Mini-Royals a unique blend of parent-child time and peer group interaction offering an introductory preschool experience.

Early Childhood Staff

ECMini-W1 Jan 9-May 9 (No Class Mar 26, 28 & Apr 11)
Tues-Parent Child Day Thur-Child Only Day
33 Sessions 9:45-11:15 am
Fee A \$198, B \$231, C \$264

Pop-In & Play

Ages 0-5 Early Childhood staff

\$5 for drop in or see fees below for full sessions

Pop in with your caregiver to spend time together playing in the ECFE classroom or Gym. There will be special projects as well as circle time with music and stories. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends.

Mornings

AMPop-W1 Thur, Jan 11-Feb 15
6 sessions 8:15-9:15 am \$24 per child
*Gym: Jan 11, 25 Feb 1 & 15 Classroom: Jan 18, Feb 8

AMPop-W2 Thur, Feb 22-Mar 14
4 sessions 8:15-9:15 am \$16 per child
*Gym: Feb 29, Mar 14 Classroom: Feb 22, Mar 7

AMPoP-S1 Thur, Apr 4-May 9 (No class Apr 11)
5 sessions 8:15-9:15 am \$20 per child
*Gym: Apr 4, 25, May 9 Classroom: Apr 18, May 2

Evenings

PMPop-W1 Thur, Jan 11-Feb 15 (No class Jan 25)
5 sessions 6-7 pm \$20 per child
*Gym: Jan 11, Feb 1 & 15 Classroom: Jan 18, Feb 8

PMPop -W2 Thur, Feb 22-Mar 14
4 sessions 6-7 pm \$16 per child
*Gym: Feb 29, Mar 14 Classroom: Feb 22, Mar 7

PMPop -S1 Thur, Apr 4-May 9 (No Class Apr 11)
5 sessions 6-7 pm \$20 per child
*Gym: Apr 4, 25, May 9 Classroom: Apr 18, May 2



Early Childhood Screening

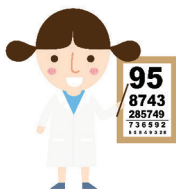
Early childhood screening for children ages 3 1/2 and up to kindergarten. Screening is provided at **NO COST** to families.

Schedule your screening appointment today



2023-2024

Dec 15	Fri, Mar 15
Fri, Jan 26	Fri, Apr 19
Fri, Feb	Sat, Apr 20
Sat, Feb 10	Fri, May 10
Fri, Mar 1	



WM Community Learning Center
313 Angel Ave NW / Door # 4
952-955-0280

Dawn Hilgers - Screening Coordinator
dhilgers@wm.k12.mn.us

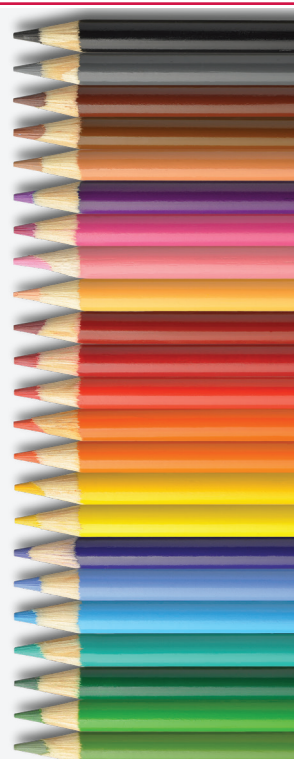


Early Childhood Screening is a Free developmental screening required by the state of Minnesota prior to entry in Kindergarten and by some early childhood program. Appointments are required and held at WM Community Learning Center. **Schedule by calling 952-955-0280 or scanning the QR code above.**

2023-24 Screening Dates

Fri, Dec 15, Jan 26 & Feb 9, Sat, Feb 10, Fri, Mar 1, 15 & Apr 19,
Sat, Apr 20, Fri, May 10

YOUNG ROYALS PRESCHOOL ROAD MAP FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS



CHILD CARE

Caring Hands Ages 0-3
Kids' Company Ages 4- 12

Providing a safe, caring, enriching, and recreational environment conducive to learning and social interactions.

Child Care Coordinator

Michelle Hess



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PRESCHOOL

Young Royals 3-5 yrs

STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING WHERE
 YOUR CHILD IS VALUED & LOVED!

Early Childhood Coordinator

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Child Care

Caring Hands 6 weeks-3 years
& Kids' Company 4-12 years

Support the development needs of all children through activities, and encourages them to pursue their interests, make choices, resolve differences, and develop friendships while gaining independence and confidence.

We promote respect and understanding for individual differences by maintaining a caring and challenging environment that allows freedom of choice and exposure to new experiences.

Join us at our open house
Thur, Jan 25 4:30-6 pm

Visit the child care classrooms and meet the staff.

Registration Opens March 7

Kids' Company 4-12 years Summer 2024

Kids' Company 4-12 years School Year 24/25

Caring Hands 6 weeks-3 years Sept 2024-Aug 2025



Young Royals Preschool Ages 3-5 years

Registration for the 2024-25 school year opens Thur, Jan 25 at 8 pm

Young Royals Preschool is designed to meet the needs of all children and support the district's mission of Growth through Connections and Opportunities. Curriculum encourages choices, problem solving, social skills and discoveries through independent and cooperative learning. Young Royals offers morning, afternoon and extended day preschool classes.

Join us at our open house on Thur, Jan 25 from 4:30-6 pm

Meet the Preschool teachers and visit the classroom.

ARTS & CREATIVE

Classes are held at Watertown-Mayer Comm Learning Center

For afterschool classes, Contact Koch Bus company for transportation options from the ES or MS to the CLC. Enter Door #4.



KidCreate Studio Art Classes

Drawing Made Easy Ages 5-12

Have you ever wished drawing was easy? Well in this class, it couldn't be easier! For each drawing project, students will learn a simple step-by-step method as they draw well-dressed llamas, cute kittens, adorable pandas, and more. Drawing is easy, fun, and anyone can do it- and this class proves it!

585KC-W1 Tues, Jan 16, 23, 30 & Feb 6 4 Sessions \$62 3:15-4:15 pm

Snow Palooza Ages 4-9

It's a Snow Palooza! In this class, we'll get messy with projects that celebrate the cheerful chill of winter. So come cozy up with paint while we create a cute birch tree scene, complete with falling snow and even a silly reindeer. Winter for the win! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

585KC-W2 Mon, Jan 22 \$40 1-4 pm

Easter Craft Party-Jelly Bean Mosaic Ages 4-9

Here comes Peter Cottontail. Hoppin' down the bunny trail. Hippity hoppin', Easter's on its way. Hop on over to class to create Easter inspired art. We'll be making jelly bean mosaics and much more. Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

585KC-W3 Wed, Mar 27 \$39 9 am-12 pm

Garden Gnome Ages 5-12

They're taking over your gardens, and they couldn't be cuter! Come explore the art of contour-line drawing while creating an adorable gnome on canvas. Best of all, these cute little guys will be drawn and painted all on a real canvas board! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

585KC-W4 Mon, Apr 1 \$40 9 am-12 pm

Messes & Masterpieces Ages 5-12

What's one thing all great artists have in common? They make a mess, of course! In this class, we'll create stunning masterpieces while using some of the coolest, messiest art techniques ever. From Frida Kahlo, Picasso, Salvador Dali and more, each messy masterpiece will be inspired by a different master artist. Kids, you better roll up your sleeves, because no masterpiece was ever made without first making a mess!

585KC-W5 Thur, Apr 4, 11, 18 & 25 4 Sessions \$62 3:15-4:15 pm

Pi Day After School Art

Grades 1-4

Thursday, March 14, or 3.14 is Pi Day! Come paint an abstract work of art - based on the mathematical ratio of Pi.

Concepts will be simplified and therefore will be accessible to all! No talent or experience necessary.

Bring an adult, bring a friend - open to all who are curious about either math or art - or both!

Participants should bring a water bottle. (A light nut free snack will be available prior to the start of class)

Emily Lynch Victory is an artistic enthusiastic about color and pattern. Emily has a degree in both mathematics and art and loves combining the two. Victory has been teaching art on the side for nearly 10 years, and truly believes everyone has hidden creativity. Emily works from her home studio in Watertown. She has two cats, a math-loving husband and four young, wild boys.

585Art-W1 Thur, Mar 14
\$25 3:15-4:45 pm



Summer Youth Theatre 2024

Space Case Grades 3-8 Registration opens March 11- Spots fill quickly.

All participants are wait-listed and will be accepted based on availability. Priority will be given to previous participants.

This program is an opportunity for young people grades 3 - 8 (2023-2024 school year) to experience the many facets of theater. Participants will learn about aspects and techniques of producing a major production, experience performing before an audience, gain an understanding of discipline and responsibility, experience how individual cooperation affects the success of the whole group, and enjoy the rewards of group and personal achievement. Parts will be assigned after the first two rehearsals, so there is not a traditional audition process and no actors are cut. A commitment to the rehearsal schedule and parental involvement is expected. Participants cannot miss more than four rehearsals total, and no more than one rehearsal after July 4.

Attendance is mandatory for the final week of rehearsals and all performances. Families are required to donate a minimum of two hours volunteer work to help with the production.

Script/Artistic Direction: Hannah & Jake Rosholt / Musical Composer & Director: Lauren Keyes / Costumes & Logistics Coordinator: Nikki Hunkins



About The Play A staple of Summer Youth Theatre (SYT) is original scripts and music. This year's script, Space Case, was originally premiered in 2017 and follows four Earthlings on their accidental journey to another planet. Upon landing, Earthlings discover a mystery and try to solve it before they are accused of the crime. Check the Summer Youth Theatre website for a thorough description and registration details. **Please reach out to Hannah Rosholt with any questions or concerns. E-mail: hannah.rosholt@wm.k12.mn.us**

Rehearsals All rehearsals are at the Performing Arts Center at W-M High School, unless otherwise announced at rehearsal. This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change.

Family Meeting Virtual Or In-Person All families will be required to attend a kick-off meeting. Families will be able to choose from virtual or in-person. The meeting is typically the Sunday or Tuesday before auditions in the evening. The exact meeting date and time will be sent out upon acceptance into the program.

Part Auditions Attendance required BOTH Wed & Thur, June 5 & 6

Held 9:30-11:30 am the High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) or Cafeteria. Watch for signs. Auditions are simply to cast a role. No students are "cut" in our process.



Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-Thu, June 10-27 9:30-11:30 am Mon-Fri, July 8-25 9 am-12 pm No rehearsal the week of July 1-5

Attendance Policy Participants cannot miss more than four rehearsals total, and no more than one rehearsal after July 4. Attendance is mandatory the final week of rehearsals and all performances.

Performances at Watertown-Mayer Performing Arts Center

Thur, Fri & Sat July 25, 26 & 27 at 7 pm / Sun, July 28 at 2 pm



Fees & Registration \$110 paid at registration time; Registration includes a t-shirt and recording of the show.

All potential participants must complete a schedule survey with conflicts when registering to being accepted into the program. Registration is open to the first 50 participants who meet the age requirement and can commit to the rehearsal schedule - typically fills up within 12-24 hours and may be closed after the first day. When registering you will be placed on a waitlist. You will be moved from the waitlist once you are accepted to the program.

This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

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Tech Academy- Virtual Classes on Google Meet

All classes are Virtual. Home Technical Requirements for all classes:

Computer: PC (Windows XP or later) or Mac (OSX) with at least a 2GHz processor and 4GB of RAM. Chromebooks and Tablets typically DO NOT Work, Internet: Broadband Internet, Webcam, Microphone and Speakers, Zoom Installed on computers

At Tech Academy we believe learning should be fun, innovative, challenging and hands-on.



NEW! Dungeons & Dragons 101: One Shot Minecraft Adventure **Grades 2-6**

Learn the basics of Dungeon and Dragons. Pick and develop your character and join us for a Minecraft one shot campaign. PC Needed, will not work on chromebook, tablet or phone.

585TA-W1 Tue, Jan 16 & 23
2 Sessions \$65 6-7:30 pm

NEW! Multiplayer Minecraft: Survival Camp **Grades 2-6**

Survival Camp in Minecraft: Team up & Survive in our multiplayer world. Explore the unknown and join other Survival enthusiasts to overcome challenges, complete quests on our server.

585TA-w2 Thu, Feb 1 \$35 6-8 pm

Intro to Minecraft Mod Development **Grades 2-6**

Learn to make Java mods for Minecraft Java Edition Minecraft using MCreator. Customize your gaming experience! MCreator is a great tool to learn Minecraft modding and to learn concepts of software programming. Students should be comfortable with keyboarding, and, of course, playing Minecraft! At the end of the class, take home your Mods to share with family and friends.

585TA-W3 Wed, Feb 28 \$35 6-8 pm

New! Minecraft Automations **Grades 2-6**

Learn to use Redstone and command blocks to make automated machines in Minecraft Java Edition. Basic computer skills needed (basic keyboarding and using a mouse).

585TA-W4 Wed, Mar 6 & 13
2 Sessions \$50 6-7:30 pm

NEW! Multiplayer Minecraft: Master Builders **Grades 1-5**

Join us in this new multiplayer Minecraft class. We will go over basic, and not so basic building techniques. Then Work alone or collaboratively to complete building challenges on our Tech Academy Minecraft server.

585TA-W5 Thur, Apr 18 \$35 6-8 pm

Code Championship Tournament Series Virtual Computer Coding Competition

Grades 3-9

Build a computer bot to play head-to-head against other coders! Whether this is your first Code Championship event, or if you've been competing for years, this is the perfect way to explore the competitive coding world of Code Championship. No previous coding experience necessary.

The Code Championship Series is a series of four tournaments in four weeks (it's ok to miss one or two). These tournaments will be hosted online using Google Meet and the Code Championship website.

If you have a modern browser like Chrome or Firefox, no additional download is required. Please come knowing how to navigate the internet (basic typing and mouse control). The link to the Google Meet event will be emailed two days before the tournament.

Code Championship Staff

585Code-Sp1 Sat, Apr 27, May 4, 11, 18
4 Sessions \$70 (plus supply fee)
9-11 am Virtual Class (Google Meets)

Dungeons & Dragons Club **Grades 5-12**

A club for students of all ages to gather and create stories together using Dungeons and Dragons 5e rule set. Students will have the opportunity to create characters, role play, problem solve, and practice communication skills in a group setting.

Ian Chalmers

Tues 8 Sessions \$45 3-4:30 pm
WM Middle School Royals Commons
585DD-W1 Jan 23-Mar 12
585DD-Sp1 Apr 2-May 21



SAFETY & SUPPORT



Participants must be able to follow a series of directions, verbally communicate with peers and instructors, and be able to collaborate with their peers.

Safe Kids 101 **Ages 8-12**

Does your child ages 8-12 want to stay home alone after school? Get your children trained with Safe Kids 101 and both of you will feel more confident about their safety at home and in the community. This program is a fun way of learning important safety principles for emergencies your children could come across while home alone. Please indicate any food allergies while registering. Topics include: answering the door or the telephone, basic first aid, burns, wounds and bandaging, poisonings, choking emergencies, storm and fire emergency training, dog emergencies, stranger danger, as well as fun, safe activities to do while home alone. Create fun, healthy – safe snacks!

Shelly Nahn, RN, BSN, PHN

\$40 WM Comm Learning Ctr Door 1 or 4

585SK-W1	Mon, Jan 22	12:30-2:30 pm
585SK-W2	Fri, Apr 12	3:15-5:15

Babysitting Safety Instruction **Ages 11+**

Boys and girls learn skill training and information necessary in caring for infants and children in the American Health and Safety Institute accredited program. This program will teach the importance of responsibility, recognizing an emergency, emergency action steps, personal safety, fire and water safety, infant/child basic care, responding to an unconscious victim, CPR, choking management, and basic first aid. Upon successful completion, participants will earn a babysitting safety certification card. Please bring a pen, paper, snack and beverage.

Shelly Nahn, RN, BSN, PHN

\$55 WM Comm Learning Ctr Door 1

585Baby-W1	Mon, Jan 22	2:45-5:45 pm
585Baby-W2	Thur, Apr 11	3:15-6:15 pm

Elementary Parent Support Group

Join Parent coach and Mental Health specialist Lindsey Weber for a parent support group for any parents of Kindergarten through 4th grade students. Topics will be determined by participants and the needs of the group. Possible topics may include: Navigating friendships, developmentally appropriate behaviors, regulating emotions, increasing connections, screen time, and sibling relationships. Group time will include sharing of research-based information and parent discussion time.

Lindsey Weber has worked with school age parents for the last 15 years as an educator and parent coach. She currently works in private practice therapy with parents supporting connective relationships between parents and children. She strives to create a safe & welcoming space for all parents to come and be supported in their parenting journey.

509PG-W1 Sat, Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 16, Apr 27 & May 18
 5 Sessions \$60 (family) 8:30-9:30 am
 WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1





RECREATION

Youth Mindfulness & Movement

Grades K-4

Elementary-aged students are invited along for an afterschool session in which we'll explore mindfulness, breathing techniques, and physical activity in an imaginative, playful way. Throughout each class, kids will engage in basic yoga poses, play games, sing songs, and listen to stories that are all geared toward improving self-regulation, focus, social/emotional skills, and relaxation. Participants should bring a water bottle. (A light nut free snack will be available prior to the start of class)

Ann Nelson is a longtime yoga practitioner and a certified RYT500 teacher through Yoga Alliance. She has completed continuing education training programs for meditation, prenatal yoga, baby and me yoga, and yoga for children. Ann has a passion for helping people develop a sense of calm and mindfulness through breath-work, movement, play, and imagination.

585yoga-W Thur, Feb 1-Mar 7 6 Sessions \$60 3:15-4:15 pm
WM Comm. Learning Ctr.

Contact Koch Bus Co 952-955-1866 for transportation from the Elementary to the WM CLC)

Mindful Movement & Masterpieces

Grades K-4

School-aged children are invited to get their bodies and creative juices flowing at these two-hour workshops, filled with yoga, games, crafting, and more! Each session features a different theme and activity. Bring a water bottle and nut-free snack. Stay busy and active on our Non-School Days

Ann Nelson

585yoga- W2 Mon, Jan 15 \$30 9-11 am
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 4

Tae Kwon Do Ages 7-Adult

Participants of all ages can benefit from this traditional Korean martial art. This is a great class for parent and child. No previous athletic experience is required. Our class offers students a well rounded training program to develop mind, body and spirit. Along with the physical and mental benefits of training, students will learn effective self defense techniques, develop self confidence, discipline, fitness and total health. Please wear comfortable clothing. Uniforms and gear can be purchased through the instructor.

The instructor is Master Dain Dreska who has been training and teaching at Quantum Martial Arts With Grand Master Fred Baker.

4 Sessions Mon 6-7 pm \$45
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door #1, Auditorium

585TKD-W1 Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
585TKD-W2 Feb 5, 12, 26, Mar 4 (No Class Feb 19)
585TKD-Sp1 Mar 11, 18, Apr 1 & 8 (No Class Mar 25)
585TKD-Sp2 Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6
585TKD-Sp3 May 13, 20, June 3 & 10

Party Crashers- RC Racing

Grades K-8

Interested in RC Cars? Want to try racing them on a track? Then come join us for some fun as we explore what makes them work and then get to try them out. Participants will leave with a better understanding of the hobby, and get some time testing out their driving skills on a few different types of RC Cars and Trucks. Participants can bring their own RC Cars on approval.

RC Racing Staff

Tues \$24 per person
WM Comm. Learning Ctr, MP Gym Enter Door # 7

585Cars-W1 Dec 5 6-7 pm
585Cars-W2 Dec 5 7-8 pm
585Cars-Sp1 Apr 2 6-7 pm
585Cars-Sp2 Apr 2 7-8 pm

KIPS Gymnastics

Girls Grades K-6 WM High School Auxiliary Gym



Classes are divided according to age and skill level: "Rollers" is the beginning level, "Advanced Rollers" is advanced beginners, "Springers" intermediate, "Advanced Springers" advanced intermediate, and "Aerials" advanced.

Students in 3:20 pm classes may take the designated bus from the elementary school to the high school. Make sure to contact KOCH Bus Company prior, to identify the correct bus and ensure space is available. Please provide a note to the bus driver and teacher to ensure your student rides the correct bus on the day of class.

Rollers and Advanced Rollers

506Roll-W1 Mon Mar 11-Apr 22 (No class Mar 25, Apr 1)
5 Sessions \$70 3:20-4:20 pm

506Roll-W2 Mon Mar 11-Apr 22 (No class Mar 25, Apr 1)
5 Sessions \$70 4:20-5:20 pm

506Roll-W3 Thur Mar 14-Apr 18 (No class Mar 28)
5 Sessions \$70 3:20-4:20 pm

Advanced Rollers, Springers, Advanced Springers, Aerials

***Must pass the Roller Level to take these classes.**

506Adv-W1 Wed Mar 13-Apr 17 (No class Mar 27)
5 Sessions \$140 3:20-5:20 pm

506Adv-W2 Fri Mar 15-Apr 19 (No class Mar 29)
5 Sessions \$140 3:20-5:20 pm

Registration

1) ONLINE: Log on to wm.ce.eleyo.com Available 24/7!!
Visa, MasterCard, and Discover payments are accepted at the website. An initial profile needs to be created before using the website. For more information on "eleyo", contact the community education office at 952-955-0280.

2) BY PHONE: Call the community education office at 952-955-0280. Phone registrations will only be accepted with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover payment. For placement questions, call Steve Hangartner at 952-465-1687.



Winter Youth Swim Camp

Grades 3-6

Join our two weeks after school swimming program for girls and boys in grades 3-6. The swimmers will spend time practicing stroke technique, starts, turns, and other swimming skills.

The goal of this camp is to give young boys and girls the opportunity to have fun and discover the competitive sport of swimming. We will be differentiating for different skill levels and will cater to advanced swimmers as well.

Requirements:

Girls and boys will need to bring a swimsuit and goggles. Participants should also feel comfortable swimming independently in the deep end of the pool.

There will be a lifeguard on duty, but we would like participants to have a solid swimming foundation - recommendation of successfully completing Level 3 in Red Cross swimming lessons.

Ashley has been coaching for 10 years (3 years with WM Royals). She swam collegiately at the University of Minnesota and earned multiple Big Ten championships and NCAA All-American honors. Ashley is also a WM Middle School teacher in addition to coaching the high school girls swim team.

560camp-W1 Mon-Thur Feb 26-29 & Mar 4-7
8 Sessions \$100 3:15-4:30 pm
WM High School Pool, Door #1

Contact Koch Bus Co regarding transportation afterschool from ES to the HS.



TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

Home Improvement & the Trades **Ages 16+**

Woodworking, Welding, Electrical & Plumbing [See page 28 for details](#)

Inspire Your Best Self: Connecting Your Head to Your Heart **Age 16-Adult**

Let's have fun together! Connect to fresh perspectives, fun ideas, and interesting people. Find inspiration and encouragement that comes from the heart. Free copy of, *I Like This Heart Space: Quotations & Reflections to Inspire Your Best Self*. [More details on page 30](#)

Rec Sunday Night Basketball **Age 14-Adult** Pickleball Lessons & Court Rentals **Age 16-Adult**

[See page 33 for details](#)

Apple Technology & Devices **Ages 16-Adult**

Watch, iPhone, iPad & Mac Fundamentals & More
iPhone Photography & Editing [See page 31](#)



WSI & Lifeguard Certification

Get your certification & get a job!

Visit www.redcross.org for available classes.
When you obtain a Lifeguard or WSI Certificate
apply online at <https://www.wm.k12.mn.us>

Also check out CPR, AED & First Aid Certification on page 27

For questions or more information
contact Grand Master Fred Baker at
Quantum Martial Arts
fbuddh33@gmail.com

www.quantummartialarts.net

Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts

Learn effective self-defense techniques and develop discipline,
self-confidence, fitness and total health. Participants of all ages
benefit from this traditional martial art.

Mondays 6-7 pm \$45
(4 session class)

WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door #1

Winter Classes
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 (No Class Feb 19)
Feb 5, 12, 26, Mar 4
Mar 11, 18, Apr 1 & 8 (No Class Mar 25)

Spring Classes
Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6
May 13, 20 June 3 & 10

Register wm.ce.eleyo.com

Virtual Code Championship Tournament Series

Grades 3-9

Build a computer bot to play head-to head
against other coders! Whether this is
your first Code event, or if you've been
competing for years, this is the perfect
way to explore the competitive coding
world of Code Championship.

[See page 14 for details](#)

PARTY CRASHERS RC RACING

Gr. K-8
Tues, Dec 5
Tues, Apr 2
6-7 pm or 7-8 pm
Register at wm.ce.eleyo.com

\$24 per session
****Reduced Rate****

Watertown Mayer
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Online Piano & Guitar Lessons

Age 13+

You can learn enough secrets
of the trade to give you years
of musical enjoyment.

[See page 30 for details](#)

FREE GED CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Walk-ins Welcome!

WM COMMUNITY LEARNING CTR.
313 ANGEL AVE NW, WATERTOWN
Teacher: Michelle Hess
michelle.hess@wm.k12.mn.us
952-955-0283

Thursdays
5-7 pm
Closed same days as WM Schools

Adult Basic Education (ABE) is a free program to help adults age 17+ not
enrolled in high school. The program is designed to strengthen important
basic skills in math, reading, communication and technology.

Free GED practice tests for enrolled students. The GED is a recognized
credential for job seekers and for admission to technical school or college

Watertown Mayer
Community Education
For more information contact
WM Community Education
952-955-0280 or wmcommunityed@wm.k12.mn.us

Get your Diploma!

Earn your GED... If you are 17 or 18 years old and are
not currently enrolled in high school, you must apply for
an age waiver before testing. An ABE teacher can assist
you with the process. [See page 23 for details](#)

ACT Prep Course

Grades 10-12 Zoom Course Led by Advantage Prep Instructors

The Advantage ACT Preparatory Course is designed for students who wish to improve their test-taking skills and their overall scores on the college entrance exams. The Advantage provides an introduction to the ACT a source of scholarships and grants that is given only once—in October of the junior year. Each class meets for 3 hours, once each week for four weeks, with make-up classes also available. Focal points of the program include diagnostic testing, vocabulary development, intensive mathematical review, reading comprehension improvement, science reasoning, concentration improvement, overcoming test anxiety, essay writing, and time management. Students may repeat the courses in future offerings— free of charge. All class materials are included in the tuition fee. In addition, the Minnesota Tax Credit for Learning Programs may offer a state tax deduction to parents with children who participate in this program. For more information, you should speak with your tax advisor. Students need to bring notebook paper, pencils, and a calculator to each class. For more information visit. For test site information for the ACT exam, visit the ACT website at www.ACTstudent.org. For more information on Advantage Educational Programs call 1-800-521-3177 or visit www.AdvantagePrep.net The ACT Test date is April 9, 2024

4 Sessions Sat 9 am-12 pm \$180

585ACT-922 Jan 13, 20, 27 & Feb 3

585ACT-923 Feb 10, 17, 24 & Mar 2

585ACT-924 Mar 9, 16, 23 & Apr 6 *Class ends just prior to the April 9 test date*

585ACT-925 May 4, 11, 18, & June 1

Self-Paced Online ACT Prep Course

585Act-888 Self Paced \$80



Driver Education Traffic Safety Education

Classroom - Ages 14+

Must be 15 to take written test

This course will offer instruction in all areas of content needed for the driving task and driving related issues. This program meets the MN State required 30 hours of classroom instruction.

A certificate of completion of Classroom Driver Education will be distributed at the end of the class. The Certificate of Completion must be submitted as proof of completion of class when you register for a Behind the Wheel program. Please note each class is 3.25 hours including a 15 minute break. A make up day is available by attending a class in a nearby community.

Behind the Wheel & Permit Exam

After the completion of the classroom instruction, students may register with any Behind the Wheel Driver's Education Program of their choice. There is an additional cost for Behind the Wheel. Students will receive a blue card from the Behind the Wheel instructor, which will enable them to take the written permit test at the state exam station. Registration for Behind the Wheel instruction is required before taking the written permit exam.

Rob Illies, Westonak Driving School

5073-W1 Mon-Fri, Mar 4-15 \$129
3-6pm WM HS

**Also check out Summer
Youth Theatre 2024!**

Registration opens March 11

See page 13 for details

ADVANTAGE EDUCATION COURSES

College Prep

ACT PREP

Virtual Classes

Saturdays
9am-12pm / \$180

Jan 13, 20, 27 & Feb 3

Feb 10, 17, 24 & Mar 2

Mar 9, 16, 23 & Apr 6

May 4, 11 18 & June 1

Self Paced

\$80

Complete at your own pace

Watertown Mayer
Community Education
Connections • Opportunities

For test site information for the ACT exam, visit the ACT website at www.ACTstudent.org.
For more information on Advantage Educational Programs call 1-800-521-3177

Our Aquatics program provides opportunities to learn to swim, swim to stay fit, and engage in family fun.

Watertown-Mayer High School Pool, 1001 Highway 25 NW in Watertown, Enter Door 1

WM Community Education offers a comprehensive, year-round water instruction program to community members 6 months of age to adult. Aquatics opportunities include a wide range of activities including American Red Cross Learn to Swim Lessons, fitness, lifeguard training, and certifications, open swim, private lessons and group rentals.



Winter Youth Swim Camp

Afterschool camp for grades 3-6

Have fun and discover the competitive sport of swimming as you practice stroke technique, starts, turns, and other swimming skills.

See page 17 for details



American Red Cross

Youth Swim Levels

Students must have completed the previous level or have equivalent skills to move to the next level.

Level 1 Introduction to Water Skills Age 5+

Learn water safety awareness and basic aquatic skills. Skill development includes: Blow bubbles and submerge face, Float on front and back with support, Swim on front and back with support, Basic water safety rules.

Level 2 Fundamental Aquatic Skills Age 6+

This level marks the beginning of locomotion water skills. Students perform skills without assistance and develop arm and leg action to build a foundation for future aquatic stroke development. Skill development includes: Submerge entire head, Swim on front and back 5 body lengths, Roll over front to back, back to front, Float and glide on front and back.

Level 3 Stroke Development Age 7+

Level 3 will build on Level 2 skills by providing additional guided practice in deeper water with increased distance and times. Skill development includes: Jump into deep water & tread water 30 seconds, Diving from a sitting and kneeling position, Rotary breathing, Front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, sidestroke 15 yards, Swim using the dolphin kick for 3-5 body lengths.

Parent & Child 6 months-4 years

Enjoy swimming with your child and learn fundamental safety and aquatic skills. Aquatic activities provide experiences to help children become comfortable with the water. Explore with assistance - blowing bubbles, submersion of eyes, nose and/or mouth, floating on front and back, changing body position in the water, arm and leg movements and more. Introduction to life jacket and water safety topics.

Preschool 1 - Introduction to Water Skills Age 4-5

There are no prerequisite skills for this class. Preschool swimmers learn to feel comfortable in the water and enjoy the water safely. Fundamental aquatic skills are taught to develop good swimming habits and safe practices in and around the pool. Water safety, life jacket use, and development of safe practices around the water. Skill development includes: Blow bubbles and submerge face, Float on front and back with support, Basic water safety rules.

Preschool 2 - Fundamental Aquatic Skills Age 4-5

Prerequisite: Students must have completed Preschool Level 1, practice skills independently or have equivalent skills. Children will build upon previous skills learned. Water safety, life jacket use, and development of safe practices around the water. Skill development includes: Submerge the entire head, Float and glide on front and back, Swim on front 3 body lengths, Roll over front to back, back to front.

Preschool 3 - Stroke Development Age 4-5

Prerequisite: Students must have completed Preschool Level 2, ready to learn and practice skills independently or have equivalent skills. Children will build on skills learned in Preschool Level 2 through additional practice with increased emphasis on distance, times and deeper water. Continuation of water safety, life jacket use, and development of safe practices around the water. Skill development includes: Jump into deep water, Submerge and retrieve an object, Swim front crawl and back crawl for 5 body lengths, Tread water, survival float and back float for 15 seconds.



Level 4 Stroke Improvement Age 8+

Students improve skill level learned in Level 3 Endurance practice for front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, side stroke, and breast stroke. Skill development includes: Swim front crawl and elementary backstroke for 25 yards each, Swim sidestroke, back crawl, breaststroke and butterfly 15 yards, Perform open turns on front and back. Perform a feet-first surface dive and swim underwater.

Level 5 Stroke Refinement Age 9+

Students refine performance of all aquatic strokes and increase endurance. Skill development includes: Perform a long shallow dive, Perform tuck and pick surface dives, Perform flip turns, Swim front crawl and elementary backstroke for 50 yards, Swim butterfly, back crawl, breaststroke, and sidestroke for 25 yards.

Level 6 Swimming & Skill Proficiency Age 10+

Students practice aquatic skills with more ease and efficiency. Improve distance swimming and endurance. Skill development includes: Swim front and back crawl for 100 yards, Swim butterfly, elementary backstroke, breaststroke and sidestroke for 50 yards, Perform flip turns while swimming, How to use lap swimming equipment (pull buoy, fins, pace clock, paddles), Calculate target heart rate and develop individualized workout.

Private Swim Lessons

Private swimming lessons are available for individuals looking for one-on-one support with swimming skills. Initial assessments are available to identify skill level and determine goals and objectives for private lessons. Private lessons are booked individually and times are set based on pool and instructor availability. Contact Community Ed at 952-955-0280 or wmcommunityed@wm.k12.mn.us to schedule an assessment \$20 Initial Assessment / \$30 per 15-30 minutes

Swim Classes

Registration will open January 8

Each class is 7 lessons

Missed classes can not be refunded or pro-rated.

A \$5 processing fee will be withheld from all canceled classes.

Parent Child - 30 minutes \$70, Preschool - 35 minutes \$73, Youth: 40 minutes \$75. Private lessons: Initial Assessment \$20, 15-30 minute lessons \$30 each

Winter Session 1 Wed, Feb 14- Apr 3 -No Class Mar 27

Parent and Child	PCW1	\$70	5:10-5:40 pm
Preschool Level 1	PL1W1	\$73	5:45-6:20 pm
Preschool Level 2	PL2W1	\$73	5:45-6:20 pm
Level 1	L1W1	\$75	6:25-7:05 pm
Level 3	L3W1	\$75	6:25-7:05 pm
Level 2	L2W1	\$75	7:10-7:50 pm
Level 4	L4W1	\$75	7:10-7:50 pm

Winter Session 2 Sat, Feb 17-Apr 6 -No Class Mar 30

Parent Child	PCW2	\$70	9:30-10 am
Preschool Level 2	PL2W2	\$73	10:05-10:40 am
Level 1	L1W2	\$75	10:50-11:30 am

Spring Session 1 Wed, Apr 17-May 29

Parent & Child	PCSp1	\$70	5:10-5:40 pm
Preschool Level 2	PL2Sp1	\$73	5:45-6:20 pm
Preschool Level 3	PL3Sp1	\$73	5:45-6:20 pm
Level 2	L2Sp1	\$75	6:25-7:05 pm
Level 3	L3Sp1	\$75	6:25-7:05 pm
Level 4	L4Sp1	\$75	7:10-7:50 pm
Level 5	L5Sp1	\$75	7:10-7:50 pm

Spring Session 2 Sat, Apr20-June 8 -No class May 25

Parent Child	PCSp2	\$70	9:30-10 am
Preschool Level 3	PL3Sp2	\$73	10:05-10:40 am
Level 2	L2Sp2	\$75	10:50-11:30 am

Party Packages

**Use the pool, gym or lounge
for a terrific party experience!**

Looking for a space to host a party or gathering?
WM Community Education has party packages available.
You bring the cake and ice-cream, and other food/
non-alcoholic drinks and we'll provide the facility.

See page 40 for details.

**The pool will be closed for much needed renovations
Mid November to Mid February**

Registration will open January 8 for all classes scheduled February through May 2024.

Updates will be posted on our website at www.wm.ce.eleyo and in our Community Education bi-weekly e-newsletter.

For more information, visit wm.ce.eleyo.com or call 952-955-0280 21



Adults 18+

Early Bird Adult Lap Swim

Open Monday-Friday 6-7:30 am with the exception of school holidays and closures. Pool is open to adults. Exact change required to purchase at the pool from the lifeguards. If you would like to pay by credit card please call the Community Ed Office to process payment at 952-955-0280.

560EB23-24 Mon-Fri Feb-June 2024 6-7:30 am
Drop In \$4 10 session for \$35 20 session for \$60
WM High School Pool, Door # 1

Early Bird Lap Swimming prices will increase starting July 1 with a new annual fee option

Drop In \$5 10 session for \$45 20 session for \$70
Annual (July 2024 - June 2025) \$360

Water Exercise Class

This interval based workout combines basic water weights and noodles for strength building, mixed with cardio moves to elevate the heart rate and burn fat. The class fits anyone's fitness level; beginner to advanced. You pick the intensity of the workout that best fits your level. You can tone up and burn fat faster with water exercise, because the water provides a resistance that is up to 12 times that of floor exercise. It's also much easier on the joints because there's very little impact. Join us for some good clean fun and burn up to 525 calories in one class.

Rachel Hoffman found water exercise after she moved to Watertown. She wanted to meet new people while being in an environment she loved. She grew up in the pool and joined a local swim team. After about 10 years of competitive swimming then a small break, she hopped back into the pool with the Watertown Water Exercise class. She filled in as a substitute teacher both in Watertown and Delano, and is now running her own class! Come join her for a fun filled time!

Tues 6-7 pm WM High School Pool, Door 1

560Ex -W2	Feb 20-Mar 19	5 Sessions	\$45
560Ex -Sp1	April 2-23	4 Sessions	\$36
560Ex -Sp4	May 7-28	4 Sessions	\$36

Intense Aqua Workout

An intense aqua workout with interval training, plyometrics, and power moves to improve cardiovascular fitness, muscular endurance, strength, and flexibility.

Rachel Brooker

Tues 6-7 pm WM High School Pool, Door 1

560Aqua-W2	Feb 20-Mar 19	5 Sessions	\$45
560Aqua-Sp1	April 2-23	4 Sessions	\$36
560Aqua-Sp4	May 7-28	4 Sessions	\$36

Water Safety Instructor Course American Red Cross

This class is for all those who love children and enjoy swimming. The American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor class will give you the tools to be able to teach Red Cross swimming lessons and help others to enjoy the aquatic environment in a safe manner. Prerequisites include: at least 16 years of age by the end of class, mature and responsible personality, and at least Level 5 swim skills. Students will need to complete a total of 30 hours to become WSI Certified. Visit www.redcross.org for available classes.

Lifeguard Training & Recertification

This class teaches students the skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. Through videos, group discussion and hands-on practice, you'll learn teamwork, rescue and surveillance skills, First Aid, CPR/AED and other skills you need to work as a professional lifeguard. To be eligible for Lifeguard Training, students must be 15 years of age by the last day of class and must pass water skills pretest. There can be no exceptions to the 15-year old age requirement. The water skills pretest includes the following;

1. Swim continuously for 300 yards using the front crawl and the breaststroke.
2. Swim 20 yards, surface dive to a depth of 10 feet, retrieve a 10 pound object, return to the surface, and swim 20 yards back to the starting point.
3. Tread water using legs for 2 minutes

Students will learn the value of being a professional lifeguard and upon completion of the course, receive a two-year certification in Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR/AED. The course length is approximately 33 hours and attendance is required at all sessions. Course topics include; injury prevention and facility safety, patron surveillance, emergency preparation, rescue skills, victim assessment, First Aid, CPR/AED, and care for head, neck and spinal injuries. Please Visit www.redcross.org for available classes.

We are Hiring!

When you obtain your Lifeguard or WSI Certificate please apply online at <https://www.wm.k12.mn.us>.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

WEST Adult Basic Education programs are supported by regional community education departments including Watertown-Mayer Education. Programs are to help adults age 17 years or older (who are not enrolled in high school) develop basic skills.

Visit www.westabe.org for more information.

ABE Academic Open Labs WM Comm. Learning Ctr. 313 Angel Ave NW, Door #3

ABE helps adult learners who want to acquire or improve their math, reading, or writing skills. Some learners might need to brush up on their skills before taking the GED tests or college entrance exam, for example. Others are learning information for the first time. Thur, Sept-May 5-7 pm. Closed same days as Watertown-Mayer Schools, Call 952-955-0283 or drop in.



WEST ABE Programs Near You!

Annandale 320.274.3058

Big Lake 763.262.2523

Buffalo/Hanover/Montrose
763.682.8509

Delano 763.972.6210

Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted
320.543.4670

Lester Prairie 320.395.2521

Maple Lake 320.963.5991

Monticello 763.272.2132

Monticello Work Force Center
763.271.3768

Orono 952.449.8350

Rockford 763.477.4563

St. Michael-Albertville
763.497.6550

Watertown-Mayer 952.955.0280

Visit westabe.org

For help preparing for the GED, come to your local Adult Basic Education class.

Questions? Contact Jill at West ABE
763.272.2040

The GED® in Minnesota

To Get Started: Register online at ged.com or contact your local Adult Basic Education (ABE) program. [See box below for a program near you.] Staff at each ABE program will be able to walk you through the registration process and also provide resources and classes to prepare for taking the test.

The Test In Minnesota

Individuals who do not have a high school diploma may be able to earn a state of Minnesota GED® Diploma by passing the GED test. The four tests in the GED battery measure academic competencies similar to many of those required of a Minnesota high school graduate.

Eligibility

If you are 19 years old, do not already have a recognized and documented high school diploma, and are not currently enrolled in high school, you are eligible to take the GED® in Minnesota without an age waiver. **If you are 17 or 18 years old and are not currently enrolled in high school, you must apply for an age waiver before testing. An ABE teacher can assist you with the process.**

Once You Pass All the Tests in the GED

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) will receive your information from GED Testing Service and print you an official diploma and transcript which will be mailed via U.S. Mail to your address that you have listed in ged.com.

Warning Regarding Misleading GED® Claims

The state of Minnesota GED® Diploma cannot be earned or obtained on the Internet or through correspondence programs. The Tests of General Educational Development developed by the GED Testing Service® often require extensive preparation. Tests are administered only under the direction of Pearson VUE® and the GED Testing Service. Any other GED diploma not issued by the Minnesota Department of Education may not be accepted by employers, colleges and universities or the military.

Minnesota Adult Literacy Hotline

To find an approved ABE program to help you earn your diploma as an adult, visit literacymn.org/classesforadults or call 1-800-222-1990.



Paint Your Pet Night!

No experience or talent necessary!

Age 15-Adult or Adult with Child age 5-14

Do you have a special photo that you've always thought would make a great painting?

Whatever it is, let's paint it!

A print-out of your photo, all the materials need to paint will be provided.

- ◆ First-send a pictures of your photo to the instructor at Emily Victory www.emvictorystudio.com
- ◆ The instructor will sketch out your image in preparation for class.
- ◆ Then, gather your friends and come paint!

Emily Victory is an artistic enthusiastic about color and pattern. Emily has a degree in both mathematics and art and loves combining the two. Victory has been teaching art on the side for nearly 10 years, and truly believes everyone has hidden creativity. Emily works from her home studio in Watertown. She has two cats, a math-loving husband and four young, wild boys.

509EV-W1 Mon, Jan 15 6-9 pm WM Comm Learning Ctr Door 1
\$25 (Ages 15-Adult) / \$20 (Ages 5-14 must register with a paid adult)

Barn Quilts

By Bittersweet Barn Quilt Company

Painting barn quilts is a popular, lively, and rewarding experience. Guided instruction will take you through the process as you select a design, draw, tape and choose colors to create a barn quilt painting that looks professional. You'll leave with your own 2' x 2' masterpiece ready for hanging outdoors or in. High quality materials will ensure this conversation piece will last outdoors for many years and bring unequivocal admiration. \$60 supply fee payable to the instructor at class includes a 2' x 2' premium grade material sign, 75+ Behr Marquee paint colors, 3M tape, aprons, hair dryers and a dance off for odd but awesome prizes.

Bittersweet Barn Quilts Co.

509Barn-W1 Tue, Feb 6 5:30-9:30 pm
\$40 (+\$60 supply fee payable to the instructor cash or check)
WM High School Art Room, Enter Door #6



Want more art choices? Check out Yoga & Art

Join on in for a 45-min yoga class to warm you up and get your creative juices flowing. Then, follow the yoga with a 45 min, guided painting class with Emily, an artist / muralist who also teaches yoga. No talent or experience (in either yoga or art) needed!

See page 26 for details



CULINARY ADVENTURES

With Laurel Severson

Classes are held at WM High School- Enter Door # 6

Greek Dinner

Join us in preparing a sumptuous feast including the national soup (Soupa Avgolemono), a lemon flavored chicken soup. The menu is rounded out with a flaming cheese appetizer (Saganaki) plus and eggplant appetizer. Zucchini with ground lamb (Moussaka) is a wonderful variation from the better know eggplant dish. You'll master spinach rolls in fillo (Spanokopeta) and walnut cake with orange syrup (Karidopita). Expect more menu items if the class is large.

5093-011124 Thur Jan 11 \$38 6-9 pm

Appetizer- Quick Easy & Enticing

Celebrate Valentine's Day by discovering over 20 appetizers that require less than 20 minutes, from start to finish! Bring a date, a friend, a neighbor and learn how you can serve these appetizers as a first course, a snack or even create a complete buffet. Our selections will include recipes for spreads, hearty appetizers, dips, dippers, nibbles, hot appetizers and more! Enjoy the selection during the class or take your samples home. You'll also learn special tips to create an appetizer party!

5093-21423 Wed Feb 14 \$37 6-9 pm

Spring Rolls/ Sushi (No Raw Fish)

Participate in this great class- then make delicious sushi (spring rolls) for yourself, family and friends. Learn where to shop, brands to select, preparation of the ingredients, assembly of the rolls and presentation. You will create both the traditional rolled sushi (maki-zushi) and the American California sushi. Start with easy to make seasonal sushi rice, then select and roll wonderful ingredients such as chicken, shrimp, smoked salmon, crab, mushrooms, eggs, carrots, avocado, spinach, ginger and more! NO raw fish!

5093-1213 Wed Apr 10 \$36 6-9 pm

Growing & Using Herbs

Grow herbs for the many foods they are used in and the many additional uses and health benefits.

Most are easily grown from seeds or cuttings and several are grown here year round. Join us for the basics and many ways you can use and enjoy herbs. Look forward to seeing you!

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Garden-W1 Tues, Jan 23 \$3 6-7 pm
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1



Pi Day After School Art

Grades 1-4 Thur, March 14, or 3.14

Join in the fun with your child and paint and abstract work of art - based on the mathematical ratio of Pi.

See details on page 12



Yoga & Art

Bring a friend, make it a date, or come solo - it all works! Join on in for a 45-min yoga class to warm you up and get your creative juices flowing. Then, follow the yoga with a 45 min, guided painting class with Emily, an artist / muralist who also teaches yoga. The painting will be geometric in nature, and the colors will match with your set intentions. No talent or experience (in either yoga or art) needed!

Emily Victory

509Yoga-W3 Mon, Jan 22
\$25 6:30-8 pm

Yoga Sculpt

Yoga sculpt adds external resistance (in the form of light weights) to a basic vinyasa-style yoga class. This faster-paced class incorporates cardio, plyometrics, and proven strength-building moves, all while increasing your heart rate and connecting breath to movement. Throughout this class, participants build strength and endurance while also working on their flexibility and breath. Bring a yoga mat and water. Optional: Bring two yoga blocks, blanket, and yoga strap. Drop in \$15.

Ann Nelson

509SCULPT-W1 Wed, Feb 7-28
4 Sessions 4-5 pm \$32

HEALTH & FITNESS

All classes held in the Community Learning Center, Enter Door 1

Morning Yoga

This customizable class helps strengthen and care for the physical and emotional body. Each class will begin with a breathing and mindfulness exercise, followed by a longer standing series to strengthen and care for all parts of the body. For the final portion of class, practitioners return to the mat for stretching and rejuvenation. Bring a yoga mat and water. Optional: Bring two yoga blocks, blanket, and yoga strap. Instructors alternate dates. *Session Cards available 15-\$150. 10-\$110, 5-\$60 sessions cannot be transferred between seasons*

Foundational - All Levels

This class moves at a slower pace, allowing students ample time to customize each posture to their individual body. Instructors are at-the-ready to help each participant figure out what works best, taking into consideration any joint concerns or injuries, as well as requests to increase the intensity, as desired. Drop in \$15.

Ann Nelson

Mon, Wed, Fri 9-10 am

509Yoga-W1 Jan 8-Mar 22
No Class Jan 10, 15, 19, 22, Feb 19
28 Sessions \$224

509Yoga-Sp1 Apr 3- May 24
23 Sessions \$184

Level 1

This class moves at a slightly faster pace, but still allows students ample time to customize each posture to their individual body. Instructors are at-the-ready to help each participant figure out what works best, taking into consideration any joint concerns or injuries, as well as requests to increase the intensity, as desired. Drop in \$15

Ann Nelson and Emily Victory

Tues, Thurs 9-10 am

509Yoga-W2 Jan 9-Mar 21
21 Sessions \$168

509Yoga-Sp2 Apr 2- May 23
16 Sessions \$128

Our Yoga Instructors

Ann is a longtime yoga practitioner and a certified RYT500 teacher through Yoga Alliance. She has completed continuing education training programs for meditation, prenatal yoga, baby and me yoga, and yoga for children. Ann has a passion for helping children and adults of all ages develop a sense of calm and mindfulness through breathwork, movement, play, and imagination.

Emily is an artist / muralist, as well as a certified RYT200 yoga instructor. She currently teaches at LifeTime Fitness in Chanhassen, MN. Emily is also enrolled in a 300hr training through LifePower Yoga and is excited for the extra growth, both personal and professional, that comes with further education. Emily came to yoga via injuries from running and competing, but stuck with it more steadily once she felt the benefits in both mind and body. Victory is also a mom to 4 young, energetic boys - and leads little living room yoga sessions for her husband and kiddos probably more than they'd like. For Emily, yoga brings a calm, steady, self-reflection to life, and the workout is simply bonus. Emily has a newfound passion for sharing this with others and is excited to teach in her hometown.



Essential Oils

About Essential Oils Instructor Bobbi Siljander

I'm a mother of 4 girls ages 14 down to 6. We have been using essential oils since 2010 and there isn't a day that goes by that we don't use them, they work so well! I have a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering but currently work as a Senior Project Engineer. I love what I do but am also very interested in natural/holistic health since I've dealt with several health issues myself and have a daughter who had JRA (junior rheumatoid arthritis) since 18 months. Taking a holistic approach has put my daughter's JRA in remission and put me in a much better bill of health. I attend and listen to many health seminars/documentaries where I have learned many basic uses of these oils and would like to share what I've learned as well as share the many benefits that we have received and still do receive today.

Essential Oils For Cold & Flu Prevention

Essential Oils for Cold and Flu Prevention

Feel a cold or flu coming on or are you tired of getting sick winter after winter?

Try using oils early and often!

Essential oils can be used in a variety of ways and some of these ways that work for my family of 6 will be discussed in this class.

Simple tricks that really boost the immune system, detoxify the body, purify the air, and apply topically to ward off infectious bugs are just a few examples. We will cover the most commonly used essential oils that many people including our family have been using for several years now. This is a great extension to the basic class.

509Oil-W1 Thur, Jan 18 \$12 6:30-8:30 pm WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door #1

Essential Oil First Aid Kit

Come join me in learning what oils I keep in my First Aid Kit. Come learn how just a small amount of an essential oil can be carried with you at all times to be used for when you are on the go or traveling. Our family of 6 uses them for headaches, nausea, ear pain, wounds, upset stomach, bites, burns, muscle aches, joint pain, tooth/gum pain, and so much more. An example for me where this came in very handy was when our family was at the Omni theater waiting for the film to start and my 5 year old daughter's ear started to hurt pretty bad. Instead of having to go home, I pulled out my oils and rubbed a couple around her ear and in less than 5 minutes her ear pain was gone. Welcome!

509Oil-W2 Thur, Mar 21 \$12 6:30-8:30 pm WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door #1



American Heart Association

CPR, AED & First Aid Certification

Would you know what to do in a cardiac, breathing or first aid emergency? The right action can help save a life! With an emphasis on hands-on learning, this course gives you the skills to save a life.

Training meets OSHA's Best Practices for Workplace First Aid Training for the infant, child and adult.

Skills include how to respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies in all ages, use of Automated External Defibrillators and choking. First Aid will include wounds and bandaging, burns, head, muscle, bone and joint injuries, heat and cold emergencies, poisonings and sudden illnesses. Two-year certification.

Open to adults & teens 16+

Shelly Nahn, RN, BSN, PHN

WM Comm Learning Ctr Door 1 \$65

509CPR-W1	Mon, Jan 11	6-8 pm
509CPR-W2	Thur, Apr 11	6:30-8:30 pm



HOME & GARDEN



Woodworking Adults 16+

All woodworking levels are welcome to take this class as we will be designing and creating a project specifically for you. Come with two or three project ideas and we will explore the opportunities presented by using new state of the art woodworking machines and tools.

Tim Jaszczak has been working at the Watertown Mayer High School as an Industrial Tech teacher for the last 9 years and previously worked in the construction industry for 25 plus years. Tim is an avid fisherman and is enjoying being an empty nester with his wife

509Tech-W1 Wed, Jan 3, 10, 17 & 24
4 Sessions \$100 + Materials 6-9 pm
WM HS Door # 6

Welding Adults 16+

Learn the basics of Welding using Stick and MIG welding processes. This class caters to the person that has little or no welding experience. We will also learn how to use the CNC Plasma cutter to cut various letters and images of your choice. Great opportunity to learn a new craft! Cost for this class is \$100 plus materials

Tim Jaszczak

509Tech-W2 Wed, Feb 14, 21 Mar 13 & 20
4 Sessions No class Feb 28, Mar 6
\$100 + Materials 6-9 pm WM HS Door # 6

Basic Home Electrical Repair Adults 16+

Learn proper techniques to attach wire to outlets, light switches and fixtures. We will review basic test equipment and compare different light bulbs, especially LED. Hands on exercise includes installing outlet, single pole & three way switches, light fixture, energizing & testing the circuit. Bring screwdrivers, long nose & wire stripping pliers to class if you have them. Handouts & Step by Step Home Wiring is included with the class.

Tod Novinska has been teaching Community Education Basic Home Repair Classes for 14 years and enjoys being a mentor to students, helping them improve their skills and gain confidence to perform basic home repairs.

509Tech-W3 Sat, Apr 27 \$60
9-11:30 am WM HS Door # 6



Basic Home Plumbing Repair Adults 16+

Gain confidence by learning to repair minor plumbing problems or replace fixtures yourself. We will review the plumbing system, discuss all types of plastic and metal pipe and where used. We will take apart different types of faucets, replace pop-up drain assembly, and discuss the internal working of the toilet. There will be a demonstration on how to cut & glue plastic pipe and solder copper pipe. Handouts and Step by Step Guidebook are included with the class.

Tod Novinska

509Tech-W4 Sat, Apr 27 \$60
12:30-3 pm WM HS Door # 6



Growing and Using Herbs

Grow herbs for the many foods they are used in and the many additional uses and health benefits. Most are easily grown from seeds or cuttings and several are grown here year round. Join us for the basics and many ways you can use and enjoy herbs. Look forward to seeing you!

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Garden-W1 Tues, Jan 23 6-7 pm \$3
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1

Check out offerings designed with older adults in mind!

Computers, Fitness & Health, Medicare, Defensive Driving. [See page 34-35](#)

Pollinator Gardening

Join us to learn about pollinators such as bees and butterflies and how they contribute to our food supply. With a focus on Monarch butterflies and honey bees, topics will include their life cycles and interactions with plants as well as their needs for continuing survival. To help our friends the pollinators, a list of plants will be provided.

Marty Bergland

Garden-W2 Tues, Feb 13 6-7 pm \$3
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1



Preserving your Family Garden History

Save those wonderful gardening memories, stories and experiences that come from growing the foods we eat to survive. How did they become a part of your life, family and culture? How were they chosen, grown, prepared and saved. To answer these questions we can use many other resources such as books, photos, family, and friends. Also, we can preserve this information for others now and for future generations. Many sources related to garden history will be provided and please bring your stories, ideas and artifacts to share.

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Garden-W3 Tues, Feb 27 6-7 pm \$3
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1



FINANCE

Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Is the American Dream dead? Can the average person or family win despite rising inflation, crushing student loan debt, and skyrocketing interest rates? Absolutely they can! Having a tried and true plan, a coach in your corner, and a little patience, not only can you live the American Dream, you can exceed anything you thought was possible financially. For a complete detailed description see the online registration site.

Session 1: Wed, Jan 10

Session 2: Wed, Jan 17

Session 3: Wed, Feb 21

Setting the Stage to Win

A Goal Without a Plan is Just a Wish

Putting the Plan Into Action

509\$-W1 Wed, Jan 10, 17 & Feb 21 3 Sessions \$50 6-7:30 pm WM Comm Learning Ctr Door 1

Instructor Bio: Kyle Bauman

My wife and I have been debt free since 2021. We started our debt free journey in 2014 by finding Dave Ramsey and reading The Total Money Makeover. We followed their principles and realized a host of financial and relational benefits almost immediately. In the end we ended up paying off over \$570,000 in debt which included everything from cars, student loans, a personal loan, our house, and a cabin. I have the heart of a teacher and want to share what we have learned with people in our community. I have mentored people at work, friends, and through Love, Inc. with great success. I have recently completed Financial Coaching Master Training from Ramsey Solutions.

On a professional level, I am a Director of Reporting and Analytics with United Healthcare. I have been with UHC for 20 years and have held a variety of roles throughout the years. After completing Financial Coaching Master Training, I have started a financial coaching company called Coach Kyle B, where I help guide people in creating a customized financial plan to pay off debt and accomplish their financial goals. On a personal level, I am a graduate of Delano High School, St. Cloud State University (BA, MBA), and currently reside in Delano, MN. My wife Brenda and I have been married for over 13 years and have 3 boys aged 10, 8, and 6.

Survey of Personal Finance

Don't know what you don't know about personal finance? This survey of personal finance covers the basics of budgeting, how to balance a checkbook (and why you should), what differences there are between debit and credit cards, as well as common financial mistakes and how to avoid them.

Joel Clevenger is a Senior Vice President for Citizens Alliance Bank in Watertown, and has been a banker for over 14 years. He has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Crown College and an MBA in Banking and Financial Services from St Mary's University of Minnesota, and he has a passion for all things banking and finance.

509\$-W2 Tue, Mar 5 \$30 6-7:30 pm WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1

LITERATURE & MUSIC



Hearthside Book Club

Hearthside books invites you to discover new tales in our monthly book club. Book selections will be posted on the website. You can sign up monthly by the book selection or for the entire winter session. Books will be available for pick up the month prior. Held at Hearthside Books, 229 Lewis Ave S, Watertown.

Charlotte Klimek- *Hearthside Books*

Tues 6-7 pm \$30 per session or \$135 for all 5 sessions **Hearthside Books**
509Book-Jan2024 Jan 16
509Book-Feb2024 Feb 20
509Book-Mar2024 Mar 19
509Book-Apr2024 Apr 16
509Book-May2024 May 21

Inspire Your Best Self: Connecting Your Head to Your Heart **Ages 16+**

Let's have fun together! Connect to fresh perspectives, fun ideas, and interesting people. Find inspiration and encouragement that comes from the heart. Free copy of, *I Like This Heart Space: Quotations & Reflections to Inspire Your Best Self*.

Suzi Larkin, M.A., is passionate about helping people express themselves fully and earned her Master's degree in Speech Communication from Penn State. An award-winning speaker, Suzi speaks and conducts workshops on Self-Expression, Self-Care, Readers Theatre, and Presentation Skills. She writes and directs plays and acts with the local community theatre River City Theatre Company (RCTC)-- which she helped to start in 2008. Between her workshops and her work in community theatre, she continues to provide opportunities for anyone wishing to explore self-discovery and self-expression onstage or off

509 Sat, Apr 6 10-11:30 \$15 WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1

Online Piano & Guitar Lessons

Age 13-Adult

In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Includes the online book, online follow up lessons, a recording of the class and also an optional periodic question and answer session. Classes are partly hands on instruction and partly lecture demonstration.

Craig Coffman is an experienced piano and guitar instructor, professional pianist and music director. He has over 30 years experience teaching piano privately. His piano and guitar seminars, offered through Community Colleges and Community Education Programs, have been attended by over 30,000 students throughout Arizona, Minnesota and the United States over the last 25 years.

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People

Learn to play piano the way professionals do-using chords. The chord method is LOTS of fun and dramatically easier to learn than reading notes.

509Chords-W1 Mon, Apr 22
Zoom Session \$69 6:30-9:30 pm

Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People

This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away.

509Chords-W2 Tue, Apr 23
Zoom Session \$69 6:30-9 pm





TECHNOLOGY & DEVICES

Apple Classes **Adults & Teens 16+**

All Classes are held at WM Comm. Learning Center, Enter Door 1



Apple Watch Fundamentals

This class is for anyone who owns an Apple Watch and wants to know more! We'll learn to navigate the watch, customize a watch face, use SOS/911, and set up fall detection and Medical ID.

Apple-W1 Tue, Jan 16 \$25 6-7 pm
Apple-Sp1 Wed, Apr 3 \$25 6-7 pm

iPhone/iPad Fundamentals

For all iPhone/iPad users no matter how long you've had your device. We'll cover hardware, navigation, settings, customization, widgets, app library, Siri, privacy, App Store and iCloud.

Apple-W2 Tue, Jan 23 \$35 6-7:30 pm
Apple-Sp2 Wed, Apr 10 \$35 6-7:30 pm

Mac Fundamentals

For anyone with a Mac who wants to be more productive and efficient. We'll cover the basics of navigating your Mac, trackpad settings, Finder and file organization, customizing the dock, and we'll even throw in some extra tips and tricks!

Apple-W5 Tue, Feb 13 \$35 6-7:30 pm
Apple-Sp5 Wed, May 1 \$35 6-7:30 pm

iPhone Photography & Editing

For anyone with an iPhone who wants to learn how to take great photos and to edit them so they are even better. We'll cover composition, the rule of thirds, camera settings, camera functions, how to control your flash and live photos, portrait mode, and night mode. Then, we'll learn about the editing tools available on the iPhone to make your photos look even more beautiful!

Apple-W3 Tue, Jan 30 \$35 6-7:30 pm
Apple-Sp3 Wed, Apr 17 \$35 6-7:30 pm

iPhone/iPad Intermediate

For any iPhone/iPad users who want to be more productive and efficient with their device. We'll cover Calendar, Reminders, Maps, and Mail. Plus, we'll throw in some tips and tricks to help with multitasking and troubleshooting! The iPhone/iPad Fundamentals (for anyone!) class is highly recommended prior to this class, but is not required.

Apple-W4 Tue, Feb 6 \$35 6-7:30 pm
Apple-Sp4 Wed, Apr 24 \$35 6-7:30 pm

Joanne Killian has extensive knowledge about Apple products and software since switching from a PC to a Mac in 2008. She has trained hundreds of customers (and employees) throughout her eleven year tenure working for Apple. She teaches in a way that is fun and engaging and makes learning easy with real life examples and analogies. Through her business, J. Killian Consulting she offers one-on-one and small group training in topics such as photo organization, slideshow projects, and more customized instruction to meet your personal needs. jkillianconsulting.com

Back on Course Virtual Classes

Learn from your home! Simply click the text sent to your email and follow a few simple instructions to enter the "Zoom classroom." Then watch and listen to your live instructor! **See instructor details on page 35. \$24 per class**

Excel For the Absolute Beginner

Instructor will demonstrate how to navigate and interface with Excel's basic features. See how to create a simple contact list. You will view how to use calculations such as AutoSum and see how to generate simple formulas. Also, learn to use the fill handle, sort existing data, merge and center, move cells and ranges, and wrap text. These easy steps will be held over Zoom.

509IT-W3 Wed, Jan 24 11-12 pm
509IT-W4 Sat, Mar 16 1-2 pm

Easy Computer Tune-up

Save Time & Money

Save money and fix your computer yourself! No great skills needed. Use three proven free online software to fix most software related issues like malware and viruses with a few clicks of a button! Speed up your computer in no time! (Not for Apple/Mac users.) Easy steps held over Zoom. 4-5 star ratings from 1000s of older adults!

509IT-W5 Fri, Jan 26 1-2 pm
509IT-W6 Mon, Mar 4 10-11 am



Computer Class Designed for Older Adults

See page 35

ADULT GETAWAYS with Jolly Ramblers Tours.

Registration deadlines are 2 weeks prior to the trip

In order to secure tickets for these events, there will be no refunds after registration. Times are listed for each pickup location.



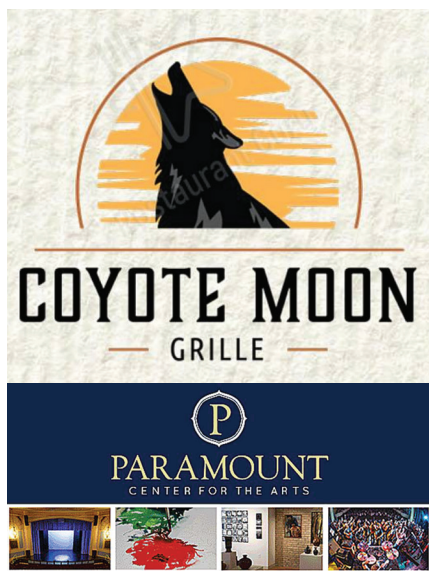
Honky Tonk Holiday Our destination is the Ives Auditorium in Bloomington where we'll begin with an included lunch of Cranberry Roast Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Winter Salad, Dinner Roll, Assorted Dessert - Chef's Choice, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea. (Special dietary meals available by request ahead of time.) Then we'll head to the theatre for Honky Tonk Holiday. 'Tis the season for a hootenanny! Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with this funny, heartwarming musical extravaganza. It's the perfect way to get into the spirit of the holiday season. Whether you enjoy good old-fashioned country Christmas songs or you like contemporary holiday tunes with a distinctly Nashville twist, you won't want to miss out on our Honky Tonk Holiday!

509-120723 Thur, Dec 7 \$98 Pick-up Locations: Winsted 9:30 am-5 pm Waconia 10:30 am-4 pm

Jukebox Saturday Night

We'll begin with an included buffet lunch at the Coyote Moon Grille and then head for the St. Cloud Paramount Theatre for Jukebox Saturday Night, a music review of the great Big Bands of the 1930's, 40's and 50's. This energetic group will perform the greatest hits as recorded by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Count Basie and more! Vocal selections include songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Doris Day, Bob Eberly, Helen O'Connell, Rosemary Clooney and others!

509-121223 Tue, Dec 12 \$95
Winsted 10 am-4:45 pm
Waconia 9 am- 5:45 pm



Love Will Keep Us Together

Happy Valentines Day! We're headed for the Ives Auditorium in Bloomington where we'll begin with an included lunch of Chicken Marsala, Buttered Egg Noodles, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Roasted Green Beans, Winter Salad, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Dessert, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea. (Special dietary meals available by request ahead of time.) Then we'll head to the theatre for Love Will Keep Us Together, an array of classic romantic love songs from the 60s and 70s featuring hits from Elvis Presley, The Righteous Brothers, Barry Manilow, The Bee Gees, Carole King, The Carpenters, Billy Joel and more. Love Will Keep Us Together showcases your favorite Sidekick Theatre musicians with some of the Twin Cities best vocalists performing such songs as 'My Girl', 'Can't Help Falling in Love', 'Ain't No Sunshine', 'Can't Take My Eyes off You' and of course 'Love Will Keep Us Together'. Enjoy an atmosphere of fun and romance at Sidekick Theatre this Valentine's Day!

509-21424 Wed, Feb 14 \$98
Winsted 9:30 am-5 pm
Waconia 10:30 am-4 pm

Winter Dance Party

We'll begin with an included buffet lunch at the Coyote Moon Grille and then head for the St. Cloud Paramount Theatre for Winter Dance Party! John Mueller's "Winter Dance Party"® is the official live and authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's final tour and the only show endorsed by the Holly, Valens and Richardson estates. Each performance includes over two hours of unbridled, high voltage entertainment featuring all the hit songs of the 50's era: That'll Be The Day, Peggy Sue, Oh Boy, Rave On, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace, and many, many more.

509-12524 Thur, Jan 25 \$97
Winsted 10 am-4:45 pm
Waconia 9 am- 5:45 pm



Hank & My Honky Tonk Heroes

We'll begin with an included buffet lunch at the Coyote Moon Grille and then head for the St. Cloud Paramount Theatre for Hank & My Honky Tonk Heroes! There is only one Hank Williams – and only one actor who can bring him to life – Jason Petty. Jason is the only actor to portray Hank Williams in New York City's hit Off Broadway musical "Lost Highway" where he won an Obie and multiple nominations for his performance. Only Jason has portrayed Hank in "Lost Highway" at Nashville's world famous Ryman Auditorium.

509-030524 Tue, Mar 5 \$95
Winsted 10 am-4:45 pm
Waconia 9 am- 5:45 pm



The Fabulous Lipitones

Once again we're headed for the Ives Auditorium in Bloomington where we'll begin with an included lunch of Creamy Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Dessert, Coffee, Hot Tea. (Special dietary meals available by request ahead of time.) Then we'll head to the theatre for The Fabulous Lipitones. What happens when an a cappella quartet loses a key member to a heart-stopping high "B flat?" The three surviving members suddenly find themselves scrambling to find a tenor before the national competition. When the golden tones of "Bob" are heard through the phone the Lipitones are all ears... but when they meet him in person, he's not quite what they expected. An uproarious comedy of misunderstanding, stereotypes and the path to perfect harmony.

509-050824 Wed, May 8 \$98
Winsted 9:30 am-5 pm
Waconia 10:30 am-4 pm

SPORTS

Rec Sunday Night Basketball at WM Elementary Age 14+

Participants interested in Sunday Night Basketball games can sign up for an individual drop in session or pay for multiple sessions of either 10 or 25.

509-SunBB Sun, 6-8 pm \$3 Drop In / \$25 for 10 Sessions / \$48 for 24 Sessions

Introduction to Pickleball Age 16+

Hearing about Pickle ball, but have no idea how to play? Join us for an introduction to Pickle ball and come learn the basics about the sport from an avid player. Participants will learn basic rules and skills of the game. Basic equipment provided for class, paddle, balls and net.

Patty Reinert

Multiple Session Introduction Class

509PB-W1 Tue, Jan 9, 16 & 23 3 Sessions \$42 5:30-7 pm
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 7

509PB-W3 Sat, Feb 3, 10 & 17 3 Session \$42 9-10:30 am
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 7

Single Session Introduction Class

509PB-W2 Tue, Jan 16 \$15 7:15-8:45 pm WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 7
509PB-W4 Sat, Feb 3 \$15 10:45 am -12:15 am WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 7

Pickleball Court Rental Age 16+

Courts are available for groups of 4-6 players to reserve for 1½ hours per court. Participants are encouraged to bring their own paddle; limited paddles are available for use. Court locations include WM Comm. Learning Ctr and Mayer Community Ctr. Contact Community Ed at 952-955-0280 to purchase sessions and reserve courts.

\$20 Drop-In / \$150 10 Sessions 1½ hour time slots

WM Comm Learning Ctr Door Courts must be reserved in advance

Cancellations & rescheduling accepted up to 48 hrs prior to reservation, pending availability



PICKLEBALL COURT RENTAL

1.5 hr sessions
(4-6 player group)
10 Sessions/ \$150
Drop-In / \$20

Courts are available for groups of 4-6 players to reserve for 1.5 hours per court. Participants are encouraged to bring their own paddle; limited paddles are available for use.

WM COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
313 Angel Ave NW, Watertown

MAYER COMMUNITY CENTER
413 Bluejay Ave, Mayer

To reserve a court contact WM Community Education
(Courts must be reserved in advance)

☎ 952-955-0280
✉ wmcommunityed@wm.k12.mn.us

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Community Education
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CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Fitness & Health

All classes held in the Community Learning Center, Enter Door 1

Movemindfully Fundamentals

Mind-Body Strategies for Elders

Learn simple mind-body strategies to help balance energy levels, improve brain function, and support overall well-being. These practices are intended to manage stress, anxiety, improve mood, and enhance sleep while helping us feel more present and connected. Using the movemindfully Elder Card Deck, explore simple Breathe Move Rest strategies for yourself, your families, and friends!

Introduction Workshop

This workshop provides common language and essential tools/strategies for participants to confidently integrate Breathe Move Rest practices into their unique environments.

5096-W1 Wed, Jan 10 Free 9-10 am WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1

Stress Management/Self-Care Class

Participants experience simple and accessible mind-body practices to relieve stress, manage anxiety, improve balance, and promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

5096-W1 Wed, Jan 24, Feb 14, 28, Mar 13, 27
5 Sessions Free 9:45-10:15 am In-person or Virtual
Join Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84631345344>

Chrissy Mignogna, BA, E-RYT is lead trainer and director of education for movemindfully®. She is a frequent presenter (both locally and nationally), training thousands of educators, parents, counselors, and therapists to use movemindfully simple trauma-responsive mind-body practices in educational and therapeutic settings. Chrissy currently teaches in Dakota County Juvenile Services and in early education, elementary, middle, and high schools. She provides trauma-responsive mind-body practices for the child/adolescent, adult, and geriatric mental health units at M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital and United Hospital. In addition to training and teaching, Chrissy leads inclusive community-based yoga classes for adults and seniors.

Sail (Stay Active & Independent for Life)

Free Daytime Exercise Program for Seniors

Stay Active & Independent for Life Sail is an exercise and education program for older adults meeting twice a week for one hour as an ongoing program.

Classes are led by an RSVP (Program through Volunteers of America in Partnership) with Watertown-Mayer Community Ed. The program includes a combination of aerobic conditioning, strength training, and balance exercises which have been shown to decrease the risk of falling.

The program was developed through Washington State Public Health with support from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Participants interested in participating must register online and complete updated paperwork. Registration is required.

Program Volunteers

5095-23/24 Mon & Wed Online
Free Class 10:30-11:30 am



Walk This Way

Walking at the WM Community Learning Center

Available Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm, no walking on days school is not in session at WM ISD 111. Walkers can enter through door #1 and parking is available on State Street. Visitors are asked to sign in & out. Space is available to store jackets while walking.



Thinking outside the box with this Back on Course Virtual Computer Class

Learn from your home! Simply click the text sent to your email and follow a few simple instructions to enter the "Zoom classroom." You will then be watching and listening to your live instructor! \$24 per class

Email instructor at backoncourse@att.net a few days before class if you need help.

A Practical Computer Class for Older Adults

Have you taken computer classes before and been totally lost? Well, this unique class is for those who are looking for simple and practical instructions. Your patient instructor has trained 1000s of older adults with 4 and 5-star ratings! We will discuss the popular YouTube website that offers 1000s of free informative and entertaining videos, show a few email tips and tricks, demonstrate online shopping, visit AARP and other related websites for seniors, use some shortcut keys, and navigate Google Search to do research and get information. So, if you have been frustrated with other classes, consider taking this refreshing and informative computer class for older adults! You won't be disappointed!

509IT- W1 Sat, Jan 20 11-12pm

509IT- W2 Tues, Apr 23 1-2pm

Instructor Mike Wilson

Computer Instructor and author, Mike's passion has been helping 1000's of adults and seniors learn computers in over 40 cities in 17 years. He has taught at colleges, workforce and development, community education centers, Parks and Recs, libraries, and many senior centers. Mike gets overwhelming excellent comments about his unique style of teaching, which is basically simplistic. He takes even the advanced things and breaks them down so students can understand them. His goal is for "no student to be left behind" and he ranks extremely high in trying to fulfill that goal. Mike instructs students virtually from the privacy of their own homes!

For more Back on Course & Apple Computer classes, see page 31

Let's Talk About Medicare

As you get closer to 65, the amount of information you get concerning Medicare can make the process of applying very confusing. This is an educational meeting about Medicare and Medicare insurance that will answer your questions. We will discuss what Medicare covers, what it costs and how to enroll. We will also review what types of Medicare insurance are available and the factors to consider when deciding what type of plan is best for you.

Tom Hill is a licensed Medicare insurance broker and has been involved in the Medicare business for 5 years. He is licensed in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. He teaches Medicare education classes throughout Minnesota.

509Med-W1 Tues, Mar 19
3 Sessions \$3 6-7:30 pm
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door # 1

Defensive Driving

MN Highway Safety and Research present the Driver Discount program, providing the latest driver, traffic and vehicle safety information includes changes to laws and new technology. Completion of an eight-hour course qualifies you for the discount. As required by the state statute, completion of the four-hour refresher every three years helps to maintain your discount.

4 Hour Refresher

MN Highway Safety Driver Program
St. Cloud State

Thu, Feb 8 12-4 pm
Thu, May 9 12-4 pm

Register through MN Highway Safety Center by calling 1-888-234-1294

or visit, driverdiscountprogram.com

Office hours are 9 am-3 pm.

All messages will be returned.



W-M Parent Teacher Organization WMECAC & WMPTO

WM SEAC provides parents a community and forum to communicate with the district's special education administration and staff. This parent group also collaborates with district staff to improve special education services and quality of life for children. Parents provide feedback and share their unique perspective with special education services.

Currently we are seeking parent members from each building in our district. The membership of the council can include parents, students with disabilities, community agencies, and school staff. For more details contact Rande Peyton, Director of Special Education, at 952-955-0207 or rande.peyton@wm.k12.mn.us.

The WMECAC & WMPTO strive to extend students' learning through enriched educational experiences, offering opportunities for community and parental involvement, acting as a forum for families to stay connected to school. For more information about

- ◆ Early Childhood Advisory Council email
wmecac@wmecac111.org
- ◆ Elementary PTO email
PTO@wm.k12.mn.us
- ◆ Middle School PTO email
PTOWMS@gmail.com

W-M Special Education Advisory Council WMSEAC

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Currently we are seeking parent members from each building in our district. The membership of the council can include parents, students with disabilities, community agencies, and school staff.

Come join in our next meeting.
Feb 15, 5:30-6:30 at WM Comm. Learning Ctr.
Door # 4, Rm. 302

For more details contact Rande Peyton, Director of Special Education, at 952-955-0207 or rande.peyton@wm.k12.mn.us.

Our Schools

High School

Band Concert	Dec 4	7:30 pm
Choir Concert	Dec 11	7 pm
Sadie Hawkins Dance	Feb 2	
Spring Play Auditions	Feb 5	
Choir Concert	Feb 26	7 pm
Band Concert	Mar 4	
Spring Play	Mar 18, 19 & 20	
Prom/Grand March	Apr 27	
Band Concert	May 6	
Graduation	May 24	



High School & Middle School Concerts

Band Concert	Dec 4	6 pm
Choir Concert	Dec 11	6 pm
Band Concert	May 7	7:30 pm
Choir Concert	May 20	7:30 pm

Elementary School

Kindergarten Royal Round Up **Thur, Jan 11 4:30-6 pm**

Learn more about the Kindergarten program as we engage our future kindergartners in fun activities. We hope to see you there!

Strides for Students **Sat, May 4**

WMES-PTO's annual fundraiser held the first Saturday in May. Students raise money through pledges from family and friends to earn prizes through drawings throughout the month of April. All money raised goes back to the elementary school. Mark your calendar.

Performing Arts Center Events

1001 Highway 25 NW, Watertown

River Valley Dance-Snow Queen Ballet

Sat, Dec 2 at 6:30 pm Sun, Dec 3 at 3:30 pm

Purchase tickets online or learn about pricing at www.rvdadance.com

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27 at 10 am



Kindergarten Royal Round Up

Thursday, January 11, 4:30-6:30 pm at WM Elementary School.

Join us for a welcome from school staff at 4:30 pm and then learn more about our Kindergarten program as we engage our future kindergarteners in fun activities. Please plan on being there from 4:30-6 pm. We hope to see you there!

Preschool Open House

Thursday, January 25 at the WM Comm Learning Center

Visit the WM Community Learning Center to meet the Young Royals Preschool teachers and visit the classrooms. Caring Hands and Kids' Company Childcare will also be open for families to visit. 4:30-6 pm



Strides for Students WMES-PTO's annual fundraiser

Strides for Students is held the first Saturday in May each year. Students raise money through pledges from family and friends and earn prizes through drawings throughout the month of April. All money raised goes back into the Elementary School to fund field trips, supplement curriculum, special projects, teacher requests and more.

Mark your calendars for our 2024 event Saturday, May 4th!





Facility Use & Rentals

Watertown-Mayer Schools facilities are available to rent by community members, groups or businesses to use within the guidelines established by the school board. These facilities include classrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums, pools, auditoriums, and the stadium. Users must comply with district policies and procedures. School district facilities are tobacco, alcohol, drug and weapons-free areas.

The Community Education Office serves as the service center for all community use of school facilities in the areas of scheduling, billing and supervision, and coordinates requests for use of school equipment related to the on-site activity. Tracey Taylor, Facilities Coordinator, can be reached via email at tracey.taylor@wm.k12.mn.us or by calling 952.955.0289.

WM Facilities rental process

1. Submit Facility Application and Certificate of Liability
2. WM Community Education will follow up confirming dates and provide a quote
3. Once the application contract has ended an invoice will be sent out for payment

Available for Rental

WM High School Performing Arts Center

WM Comm Learning Center Auditorium, Community Lounge & Enrichment Room

WM Fields & Stadium, Gyms, Pool, Cafeteria, and Commons Areas and Classroom

Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center **WM CLC**

Providing Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Preschool (School Readiness) and year round Child Care programming. The WM CLC also offers space for both daytime and evening youth, adult and senior programming. Recreational and social activities are important part of the independent living.

Community Lounge

WM Community Lounge is open to the public Mon & Wed, 10 am-2:30 pm.

Parking is available on State Street. Enter Door 1.

Open for Senior Card Group - Tues from 12-2 pm



Walk this Way

Free walking at the WM CLC

Available 6-8 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays on regular school days. Lace up your walking shoes and join us, eight laps around the building are equivalent to one mile. The building will be closed when school is not in session or days with inclement weather. Call Community Ed for availability 952-955-0280.

Pickleball Court Rental

Call Community Ed for availability to purchase sessions and reserve a court at 952-955-0280.

WM Party Packages

Come use the gym, pool or lounge for a terrific party experience!

Looking for a space to host a party or gathering? WM Community Education has party packages available. You bring the cake and ice-cream, food and nonalcoholic drinks and we'll provide the facility.

See page 40 for details





Facilities & Programs

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools

WM Elementary School 500 Paul Ave, Watertown MN 55388

WM High School, Middle School & District Office
1001 MN 25 NW, Watertown MN 55388

WM Community Learning Center & Community Ed Office
313 Angel Ave NW, Watertown MN 55388



Maps not to scale

Scan QRCode to download maps and general information



Visit wm.k12.mn.us



Facility Use

The School Board of District 111 recognizes that all school district facilities, both indoor and outdoor, belong to the school district residents and further encourages the responsible use of those facilities by individuals or programs. Community organizations, associations and groups are welcome to use district facilities for appropriate activities that do not interfere with operations and interests of the school district.

The school board authorizes the Community Education Department to schedule and supervise the community's use of school district buildings, grounds and equipment as outlined in School District 111 Facility Use Policy #902.

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WM CLC Gym & WM HS Pool Package Details

2 hour package for up to 15 children & 5 additional supervising adults

High School Pool Package \$95 for 2 hours / CLC Gym Package \$85 for 2 hours

Additional Participants (up to 15) \$40 / Additional Time \$25 per hr

- ◆ Up to 1½ hour of gym or pool time and ½ hour of time in our gathering space with tables and chairs.
- ◆ 15 minutes before and after scheduled time is available for set up and clean up
- ◆ WM Staff onsite for general supervision
- ◆ Additional participants and/or time can be added to the package
- ◆ Gym equipment available for use (list of available equipment provided when reserving space)

WM Community Lounge Package Details

3 or 6 hours packages for up to 30 participants

Lounge includes: Tables & Chairs, Smart TV, and Counter with Sink, Small Beverage Fridge, Limited plastic cups and water pitchers available. WM Staff are onsite for general supervision. 3 Hours: \$50 / 6 Hours: \$100

Booking Procedures and Policies

To request a party package rental contact WM Community Education at 952-955-0280. Once the request is approved, a confirmation email will be sent to you. **Do NOT consider the party confirmed until you have received your confirmation email.**

Payment and Party Package Agreement must be received within 7 days or rental request. Once payment and agreement have been submitted, you will receive a confirmation with additional details regarding your party package. Payment can be made by calling 952-955-0280 with credit card information or it can be brought into the WM Community Ed. Office at 313 Angel Ave NW, Watertown. The Party Package Agreement can be brought in, emailed to wmcommunityed@wm.k12.mn.us or faxed at 952-955-0201. Failure to pay in full or not return the Party Package Agreement within 7 days may forfeit your reservation.

Cancellations: Prior to 7 days of the party - 50% refund will be issued. 7 days or less - NO refund

Policies

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use: The use, consumption or possession of tobacco, alcohol or any controlled substances is prohibited on all District property, including parking lots and athletic fields.

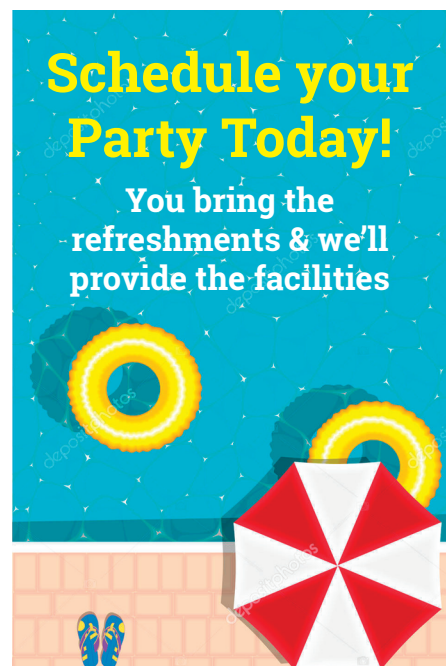
All District buildings are peanut and latex free.

Discrimination: No group which limits memberships or attendance in its activities on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, economic status, age or disability shall be allowed to use District building or grounds.

Firearms: Firearms on District property are prohibited except when in the possession of legally authorized officials.

Supervision: All groups are required to provide adequate adult supervision. The adult supervisors are required to remain with the group at all times and are responsible for the group's conduct and compliance with all rules.

Liability: The applicant and/or organization agrees to assume all responsibility for damage or liability of any kind and further agrees to hold the district harmless from any expense or costs in connection with the use of district facilities.





Community Partners



Watertown-Mayer partnerships are groups and/or organizations that have a shared responsibility and are committed to supporting the needs of all community members.

Partnerships have a shared goal and vision with WM Community Education to support lifelong learning and provide opportunities that engage the community as a whole.

WM partnerships are aligned with the district's strategic plan.

Watertown Chamber The Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce is a member driven, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the business community and enhancing the visitor experience. The chamber fosters strong partnerships between local businesses, governments entities and community organizations. These partnerships make our community a great place to work, live and visit. WatertownAreaChamber.com (952) 955-5175 WatertownChamber@gmail.com

WATERTOWN-MAYER YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

THE WMYBA PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE TO LEARN ABOUT AND PLAY BASKETBALL

LEARN MORE AT:

WWW.WMYOUTHSPORTS.ORG/WMYBA

IG: [@WMYOUTHBASKETBALL](https://www.instagram.com/@WMYOUTHBASKETBALL)

FACEBOOK: [WATERTOWN MAYER YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION](https://www.facebook.com/WATERTOWN_MAYER_YOUTH_BASKETBALL_ASSOCIATION)

EMAIL: WMYBA111@GMAIL.COM





Magnifying Abilities

Magnifying Abilities is a social/recreational program for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities. The program is designed to enhance community involvement and lifelong learning of adults with disabilities. A sample of activities include: parties, game night, crafts, yoga, dance, book club, bingo, bowling, sporting events, tours and many more! Magnifying Abilities also welcomes participants ages 16-17 to join our events when accompanied by a caregiver.

ce4all.org/programs/adults/magnifying-abilities

Magnifying Abilities Craft Connection

Attention Crafters! Spark your creativity with your Magnifying Abilities friends at the Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center.

Two craft projects will be available! Dream up your own perfect design for a blank jigsaw puzzle using markers, colored pencils, or acrylic paints. Or create a beautiful design on a pre-cut butterfly photo holder to show off your favorite photos at home!

Choose one or both! All supplies provided. Registration deadline is February 16.

Tue, Feb 27 6-7 pm
WM Comm. Learning Ctr. Door #1

Registration and Payment

All participants must be registered for Magnifying Abilities events. We are not able to accommodate drop-ins. Payment for each activity is required at the time of registration.

The easiest way to register is to visit our website: ce4all.org/programs/adults/magnifying-abilities

Mail or Drop Off (check payment)
Office hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-3 pm
110600 Village Road Chaska, MN 55318



Velocity Aquatics Swim Club

Teaching competitive swimming while emphasizing fun, friendships & teamwork!

Once your child has completed or advanced to the upper levels of youth swim lessons and would like to explore competitive swimming, we invite you to try our swim club.

Practices are held at Safari Island Community Center , Watertown-Mayer High School and Delano High School. Please reach out to the coaches with questions or to schedule time during the season to stop by for a free evaluation, to learn more about Velocity Aquatics and see some of our swimmers in action!

linda.velocityaquatics@gmail.com vctyheadcoach@gmail.com
velocityaquatics.org Facebook: www.velocity.com/VELOCITYAquatics



Community Partners

Watertown-Mayer Youth Sports Associations

Community-based youth sport associations that serve the Watertown-Mayer district 111 areas. They are an integral part of serving the recreation and social needs of our families as well as developing skills of our youth for a lifetime. The WM Youth Sports Associations are separate from the WM School District and Community Education and run by parent volunteers or offseason coaches. Website: wmyouthsports.org

WM Youth Basketball

The WMYBA provides opportunities for boys and girls from Kindergarten through 8th grade to learn and play basketball. Registration opens in August. Email wmyba111@gmail.com

WM Youth Wrestling

We are excited to introduce young athletes to the world of wrestling. Our program is designed to provide a safe and supportive environment where kids can learn valuable life skills while developing their strength, agility, and discipline through the sport of wrestling. Mike Hanna / Mike.Hanna@michaelfoods.com / 612-987-1299

WM JO Volleyball

JO Volleyball is for students grades 4-8 that helps develop and acquire skills essential on the volleyball court and in life through teamwork, goal setting and physical fitness. Email: watertownjoclub@gmail.com

WM Youth Baseball & Softball

Registration Opens Feb 1

The WM Youth Baseball and Softball program, with the help of our volunteers, tries to provide a positive experience to the young people of Watertown and Mayer who participate in our baseball and softball programs. Our goal is provide programs that will allow our participants to have a positive learning experience, and help each player improve individual abilities, while participating in a team atmosphere.

Baseball: Ryan Trucke

Softball: Liz Gerads: lizgerads@gmail.com / 612-501-5837

Crow River Soccer Club

Rec and travel soccer club serving Watertown-Mayer and surrounding communities for ages 5-18.

crowriversoccer.sportngin.com / crowriversoccer@gmail.com



CROW RIVER SOCCER

Rec and Travel Soccer Club Serving
Watertown-Mayer and Surrounding
Communities

YOUTH AGES 5-18



Visit our website to learn more about registration!

LEARN MORE:

www.crowriversoccersportngin.com

IG: @crowriversoccer

Facebook: Crow River Soccer Club

Email: crowriversoccer@gmail.com



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WATERTOWN
CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 2

*Join us for Watertown's
official kick-off to Christmas!
A fun-filled day for the entire family!*



WATERTOWN
MINNESOTA
Watertown Commission on Aging

Free
SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER

Join us for a free holiday dinner hosted by the
Watertown Commission on Aging,
and made possible by our many local sponsors.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Watertown
Community Center
309 Lewis Ave S

Entertainment 4:00pm
Dinner 4:30-6:30pm
Event and time is subject to change

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

MENU
Chicken Wildrice Casserole, Coleslaw, Roll,
Pumpkin Bar, Coffee, Lemonade and Water

Call WM Comm. Ed at 952-955-0280
To reserve your spot



New Classes Starting in January!

- Fun Themed Short Session Classes
- Tumbling Classes By Certified Instructors
- Spring Recital Classes (Ages 3 & Up)
- Special Needs Inclusive Dance Program

We subscribe to a higher standard of dance and tumbling instruction so you can be confident your child is learning and growing in a positive and nurturing environment. Classes are taught by caring and skilled teachers who delight in your child's progress.



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Walk-in hours: Mon. - Fri., 7 to 9 a.m.

By appointment: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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CONTACT



www.legacyfc.org



763-568-1941



info@legacyfc.org



@legacyfcmn

ACADEMY TRAINING

Registration Now Open!

Future Stars

Future Stars is for kids U4-U7 who are just getting started on their soccer journey. This program is great for young players who are interested in learning soccer while having fun!

Skills Academy

Skills Academy (SA) is the longest standing program of our Academy Training. SA is for kids U8-U18, offering development opportunities for kids of all skills levels. LFC pride's itself on creating an optimal training environment for the SA kids!

Premier Academy

Premier Academy (PA) has proven to be a major benefit to our athletes. Designed for U13-U18, high level players; PA boasts a developmental and highly competitive environment to help push the player's to their greatest potential!



A LOOK AHEAD

Academy Training:

Session I: Nov 1-Dec 21, 2023

Session II: Jan 2-Feb 17, 2024

Indoor Team Training

Premier/Elite: Begins Nov- Dec.

Select/Classic: Begins Jan-Feb

Summer 2024 Late Fee Deadlines:

U09-10

U11-12 Classic

U11-12 Select

U13-19 Classic

U13-19 Select

Feb 15, 2024

Dec. 31, 2023

Nov. 15, 2023

Dec. 31, 2023

Nov. 15, 2023

Easter Eggstravaganza



**A Fun FREE event for all ages at
the Watertown Community Center!**

Sat, March 30 9 am-12 pm

Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Cookie Decorating, Coloring Contest,
Face Painters, Crafts and More!

YOUNG ROYALS PRESCHOOL ROAD MAP FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS



Watertown Mayer
Community Education
Connections • Opportunities

Preschool begins
in September

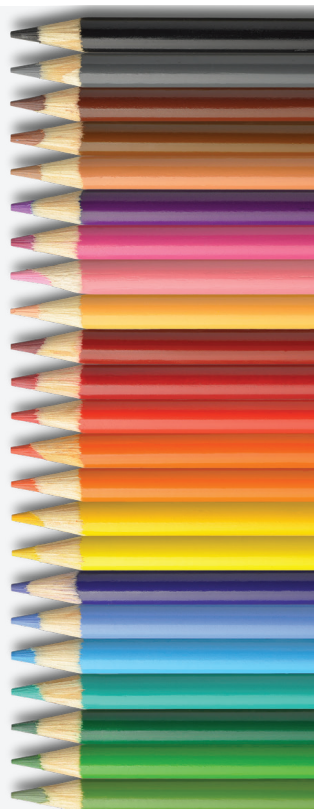
Select a class for your
preschooler

Go to
wm.ce.eleyo.com

Search for
Young Royals Preschool

REGISTER!
Call 952-955-0280
with questions

Your preschooler is
now on the road to
success



Kindergarten Royal Round Up

Thursday, January 11, 4:30-6:30 pm at WM Elementary School

Join us for a welcome from school staff at 4:30 pm and then learn more about our Kindergarten program as we engage our future kindergarteners in fun activities. Please plan on being there from 4:30-6 pm. **We hope to see you there!**

Preschool & Child Care Open House

Thursday, January 25 4:30-6 pm at the WM Comm Learning Center

Visit the WM Community Learning Center to meet the Young Royals Preschool teachers and visit the classrooms. Caring Hands and Kids' Company Childcare will also be open for families to visit. Registration for the upcoming year will open following the event. Caring Hands and Kids' Company child care will also be open for tours.



POLICIES & INFORMATION

Photos in Classes

ISD 111 Community Education periodically takes pictures of participants in classes and during sponsored activities for use in promotional materials. If you do not wish to have your picture taken or published, you must provide written notice. WM Photo Opt Out Form is available at wm.ce.eleyo.com

Cancellations

You will be notified via text and/or email using the User Account Profile. Please make sure your profile info is current.

Community Ed Cancellations

Community Education reserves the right to cancel any activity, and will make every effort to contact participants via text and/or email.

Emergency Cancellations

When severe weather or other emergencies affect the regular school day, daytime Community Ed activities, or ones that meet in the evening are also canceled.

UCare Discount

UCare members may get up to a \$15 discount on most Community Education classes. Members must have UCare insurance at the time of registration and throughout the duration of the class. Provide your UCare ID number when registering.

Refunds

If you wish to cancel your registration for a class, you must call and request a refund prior to the **refund deadline or at least 2 weeks prior** if no deadline is stated. Refunds or credits will not be issued for missed classes. A \$5 processing fee per participant will be withheld from all refunds.

Delinquent Account & Non Sufficient Funds

ISD 111 charges a fee for returned payments due to non sufficient funds (NSF). All Community accounts must be in good standing and paid in a timely manor to continue to participate in Community Ed Activities and Programs.



Sign Up Today! Many classes fill quickly

For registration procedures and information, see page 2.

Community Education Advisory Council

Join us and make a difference!

Members provide valuable input and feedback from the community perspective to advise staff on the development of activities, programs and services. Of interest would be adding members whose perspectives would enrich the Advisory Council as they strive to be representative of the entire School District.

The purpose of the Community Education Advisory Council is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Community Education Department and the Director of Community Education in the fulfillment of the Department Mission: "To Provide Lifelong Learning through Opportunities".

The Advisory Council meets four times per year on the third Tuesday in Sept, Nov, Mar & May from 6-7 pm. Meeting dates and times are subject to change based on the needs of the group.

For more information to join the meetings please contact Amy Dimmler, Director of WM Community Education at amy.dimmler@wm.k12.mn.us



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Get Creative

Make Your Own Barn Quilt with Bittersweet Barn Quilt Company

Painting barn quilts is a popular, lively and rewarding experience. Guided instruction will take you through the process as you select a design, draw, tape and choose colors to create a 2' x 2' barn quilt masterpiece that looks professional! See page 24-25 for details for this and other art classes

Yoga & Art

Join us for a 45-minutes of yoga to warm you up and get your creative juices flowing followed by a 45 minute guided painting class.

See page 26 for Yoga and page 27 for Essential Oils classes

Brush up on Your Home Repair & Garden Skills

**Electric & Plumbing Home Repair,
Woodworking, Welding,
Gardening-Herbs, Pollinators & History**

See page 28-29



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