

Royal Roundup

Meeting a Growing Need: Why Local Child Care Matters at Watertown-Mayer Public Schools

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One of our WM district strategic commitments is **Partnerships: “We will connect offerings to meet the needs of our students and community.”**

High-quality child care supports families and sets young learners on the path to success. In Watertown and Mayer, families are seeking

reliable, developmentally appropriate care for children from infancy through elementary school—and the Watertown-Mayer School District is uniquely positioned to help meet this need by being one of a handful of schools in the metro area to offer licensed child care.

Limited Options, High Demand, and Meeting The Needs Of Community

Like many areas in Minnesota, our communities face a shortage of licensed child care for infants and toddlers. Families often encounter long waiting lists, limited availability, or the need to travel outside the district for care. These barriers place stress on parents and make it more difficult to maintain stable employment.

A Local Solution

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools offers high-quality care for children from 6 weeks to age 12. Caring Hands Child Care and Kids’ Company ensures children receive consistent, nurturing support in a safe, school-connected environment.

These programs benefit families, in many ways:

- **Convenience:** On-site care means less time commuting and easier coordination with school schedules.
- **Continuity:** Children grow up within the same educational environment, easing transitions from preschool to kindergarten and beyond.
- **Community Connection:** Families build strong ties to the district and each other, fostering a sense of belonging and shared support.

Investing in the Future

The district is currently expanding our Caring Hands program to serve even more families in our Watertown and Mayer communities! We know that strong child care supports children, families, and growing communities. We are working hard to fulfill this need. For more information about all of our child care options visit clc.wm.k12.mn.us/childcare. 🏰



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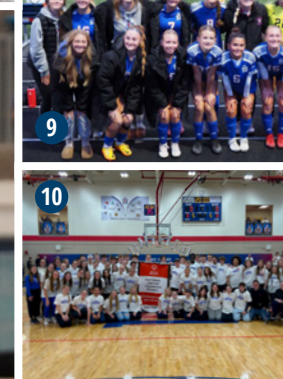
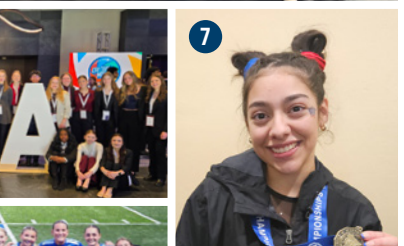
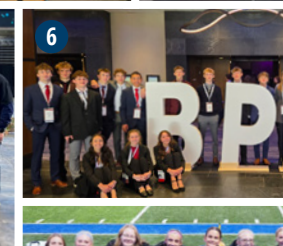
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ROYAL SUCCESSES

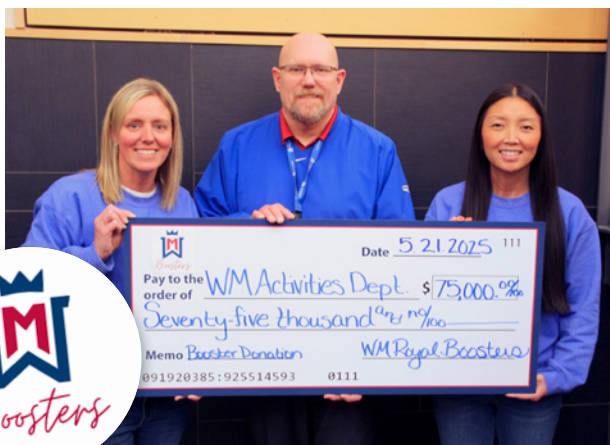
THE WM ROYAL DIFFERENCE

1. **SUPERMILEAGE:** 2nd Place State Finish in E-85 Class
2. **BAND & CHOIR:** Superior Section Ratings
3. **MOCK TRIAL:** State Runner-Up
4. **WRESTLING:** 1st Time State Champions & 3 Individual State Champions
5. **ROBOTICS:** 1st Place Winning Alliance at the Great Northern Regional & 2nd Place at the Granite City Regional
6. **BPA:** 25 State Participants & 13 National Participants
7. **GYMNASTICS:** 5th Place State Team Finish & 1 Individual State Champion
8. **BOYS SWIMMING:** 3 State Participants
9. **GIRLS SOCCER:** 1st Conference Title
10. **UNIFIED:** National Unified Champion Banner School & ESPN Honor Roll Recipient
11. **SPEECH:** 5 State Participants



WM Royal Booster Club Continues Support!

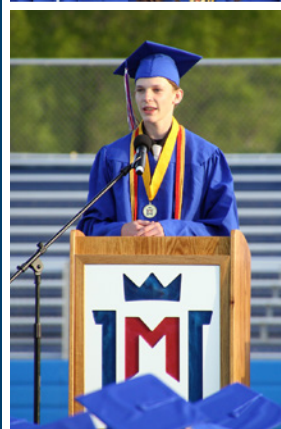
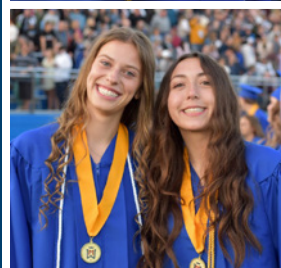
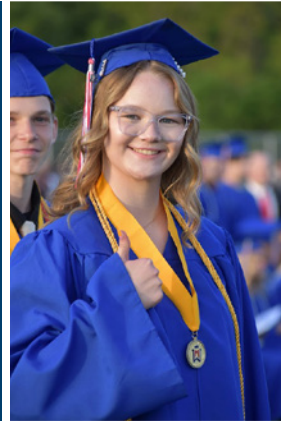
The Royal Booster Club was honored to present a check for \$75,000 to the Watertown-Mayer School District Activities Department. This donation is the result of the hard work of their dedicated team and the incredible generosity of our community. These funds will continue to support and enrich the experiences of Watertown-Mayer students across a wide range of activities. It's great to be a Royal! 🏰



CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2025

Achievements and Plans of the Royal Class of 2025:

- 45% of graduates plan on pursuing a four-year degree in college.
- 20% of graduates plan on attending a two-year technical, trade, or community program.
- 30% plan on immediately starting their career.
- 1% plan on joining the military.
- 6 Valedictorians.
- The 34 seniors involved in the National Honor Society have completed over 1,800 service hours in our community.
- More than 65% of graduates have earned college credits before graduation.
- Our students have saved themselves and their families over \$450,000 as a result of taking College in the Schools courses. Multiple students have earned enough credits to cover a year or more of their college career.
- We have several students planning on participating in sports or extracurriculars at the collegiate level.
- Over 39% of graduates participated in either our Work Experience or Mentorship Program, where they received on the job experience to prepare them for life after high school.
- 7 students working in the Medical Field (CNA, PCA) for the Work Experience Program have a combined total of 5,340 hours.
- 14 students working in the trades for the Work Experience Program have worked 7,900 hours combined.
- Over 70% of our seniors participated in at least one of the 28 athletics or activities offered at our high school.





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2028 Strategic Plan Vision Statement: At Watertown-Mayer Public Schools, we create environments where all students feel connected and experience opportunities to grow and thrive.



The Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation is proud to have awarded nearly \$90,000 in scholarships this year to graduating seniors, a new record! The generous support of our donors and sponsors made this possible. A special thanks goes out to our Endowment Fund top donors: Paul and Joan Nesvold, Jim and Becky Burns, Russ Runck, and the Watertown-Mayer FFA Alumni Association.

Help us continue the momentum at our upcoming fundraisers: Own The Crown Trap Shoot on July 25 at the Watertown Rod & Gun Club, Purse Bingo on July 27 at the Luce Line Lodge, and A Royal Evening For Education "Casino Night Fundraiser" on September 27 at the Watertown Community Center. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on these fundraisers. Plus, don't miss our current raffle for a 2025 Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium – tickets available at Marketplace Foods, CorTrust Bank, or from any WMEF board member. 👑



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Friday, July 25 | 4-7 pm



Sunday, July 27 | 1 pm

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Saturday, September 27 | 5-9 pm