

A yellow school bus with its front door open. Three children are visible: a girl in a purple dress standing outside, a boy in a blue t-shirt standing outside, and another boy sitting inside the bus. The bus has a 'BLUE BIRD' logo and 'CAP 83' on its side. A circular logo in the top right corner reads 'STAPLES-MOTLEY CARDINALS' and 'ISD #2170' around a cardinal bird.

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# Staples-Motley School District



*\*\*Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!\*\**

*I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to our new Activities and Community Education Director, Paige Ahrendt, and Community Education Programmer, Zack Qual. They are eager to make a significant impact and lead our activities and community education department with dedication and pride.*

*As we embark on this new school year, our focus on our Cardinal Priorities is stronger than ever. You will notice these priorities prominently displayed throughout our buildings, on various documents, and in this brochure. In line with our commitment to communication, we are excited to introduce a new, user-friendly communications platform: Parentsquare. This innovative tool will facilitate timely communication and streamline interactions for our staff, students, and families. Additionally, it will provide a unified platform for all of our coaching staff.*

*The NEST has proven to be an invaluable asset to the Staples-Motley School District, currently serving almost 400 members of our community in addition to our students and staff. I encourage you to visit and take a tour of this fantastic facility. Memberships are available at an affordable rate, and you can find all the details in this brochure.*

*Thank you to the volunteers and sponsors who play a crucial role in supporting our Community Education programs. Your contributions are vital to the success of our programs, and we sincerely appreciate your commitment. If you have innovative ideas or are interested in volunteering, we encourage you to connect with Paige or Zack. Your involvement can make a significant difference in our community. Thank you once again for your invaluable support!*

*At Staples-Motley School District, we take great pride in our unwavering commitment to addressing the unique needs of every student. Our mission is to empower every student to thrive - in school and beyond. Together, we are dedicated to building strong partnerships that ensure an exceptional educational experience for all.  
With Gratitude,*

*Shane Tappe  
Superintendent*






# 2025-2026 Staples-Motley District Calendar

STAPLES-MOTLEY SCHOOLS 2025-2026 School Year	
August 25 - 28	Staff Inservice (All Staff inservice is August 26th)
August 27	Elementary Welcome Conferences & MS/HS Open House
September 2	First Day of School - 2nd - 12th Grades Welcome conferences Kindergarten- 1st Grade
September 3	First Day of School - Kindergarten - 1st Grade
October 8	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
October 16, 17	No School - MEA
November 5	End of Quarter 1 (44 days in Quarter)
November 6	No School Work Time / Evening Conferences
November 7	No School Conferences during School Time
November 12	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
November 27, 28	No School - Thanksgiving
December 10	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
Dec. 24 - Jan. 2	No School - Christmas Break
January 5	School Resumes
January 14	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
January 16	End of Quarter 2 (40 days in Quarter)
January 19	No School Work Time
February 11	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
February 16	No School
February 17	No School EI, MS & HS Conferences
March 11	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
March 20	End of Quarter 3 (42 days in Quarter)
April 3	No School - Good Friday
April 6	No School - Easter
April 8	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
May 13	2 Hour Early Dismissal / PLC
May 22	Last Day of School (43 days in Quarter)
May 22	Graduation @ 7:30
May 25	Memorial Day
May 26	Staff Inservice
Board Approved: 7-28-2025	





*"We chose Staples-Motley schools for our children for many reasons but above all it is their commitment to excellence in all areas. This has been proven over the last years as we have watched our children excel at numerous sports, theatre and music opportunities. It has truly been a blessing to have my children be involved in activities and academics led by amazing instructors and leaders. At Staples-Motley we feel supported by our community and our schools. I love watching the community show up to support our students from their support for sporting teams to the Dollars for Scholars program"*  
- Amanda M., Parent

## **Back to School Checklist**

### ✓ Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

These applications are essential to maintaining state and federal aid that supports learning programs like Title I. Apply online through your EduTrak account or complete a paper application (available in our offices or online).

### ✓ Log into your Synergy ParentVue Account

Make sure your contact information is correct by clicking "My Account" and updating phone numbers and emails if needed.

Elementary- you can locate your student's classroom assignment by selecting "Student Info" on the sidebar menu, then reading the teacher's name listed as "Advisor."

MS/HS- you can locate your student's schedule by clicking on the class schedule tab along the left sidebar.

### ✓ Prepare for the First Day of School

Supply lists are available in the front office at either the Elementary School or the Middle/High School or on our website main page <http://isd2170.org>.

Elementary Parent drop-off begins at 7:45am, pick-up is at 2:55pm.

The Middle/High school day begins at 8:15am and ends at 3:10pm.

Get acquainted with our traffic patterns! Reminder if you need to go into the building please pull into a parking spot, please don't park in the pick-up lane.

### ✓ Mark your Calendar!

Getting to Know You Conferences will be scheduled by Elementary Classroom Teachers for Wednesday, August 27th or Tuesday, September 2nd.

MS/HS Open House on Wednesday, August 27th.

- The first day of school for students 2nd-12th grade:  
Tuesday, September 2nd.
- The first day of school for students in Kindergarten and 1st grade:  
Wednesday, September 3rd.







# Staples-Motley School District Continuous Improvement Plan

## MISSION

"Empowering every student to thrive—in school and beyond."

## VISION

"Grow with purpose. Lead with integrity. Rise with pride."

## CARDINAL PRIORITIES

PRIDE



RESPECT



RELATIONSHIPS



EXCELLENCE



COMMUNICATION



INTEGRITY





# Activities/Community Ed



Dear Staples-Motley Community,

As we begin another exciting school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to all of you! My name is Paige Ahrendt, and I am honored to serve as your new Activities and Community Education Director. It's been a privilege to step into this role and witness firsthand the pride, energy, and community spirit that makes Staples-Motley such a special place.

This fall brochure is full of opportunities for learners, athletes, and community members of all ages. We're committed to offering programming that brings people together and supports personal growth.

We also want to take a moment to celebrate some of the amazing successes from this summer:

- Training Haus Sports Performance was a huge hit, helping our student-athletes build strength and confidence.
- We saw fantastic turnouts at our youth programs, and we're grateful to the participants, parents, and coaches who made it all possible. Thank you for representing Staples-Motley!

As we move forward, be sure to keep an eye on our community education website, where we'll be updating and adding new programming throughout the year. We are actively working on fresh and engaging options for both youth and adults, and we're excited about what's to come.

I also want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, involvement, and generosity. Your commitment helps us provide meaningful and memorable experiences for our students and community members alike.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved—as a coach, instructor, or official—please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always looking to grow our team and expand opportunities for our community.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you throughout the year and working together to build a strong and vibrant community education and activities program.

Go Cardinals!

Paige Ahrendt  
Athletic/Community Education Director





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## THE NEST

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“At SM, our kids aren’t just students - they’re known, loved and genuinely cared for like family. They’re part of a community that nurtures their growth, values and confidence”  
- Aly & Blake T., Parents

Annual cost: \$35 + Membership cost

*\*Annual cost covers background check and key card fees*

### Membership Rates:

Community Fitness Room and Walking:

- |                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| - Senior/Veteran/Student (18+) | \$20/month |
| - Individual (18+)             | \$25/month |
| - Annual (Individual 18+)      | \$250/year |

Walking Track:

- |                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| - Walking Only   | \$5/month |
| - Walking Annual | \$60/year |



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Activities Calendar**



# CARDINAL COMMITMENTS



## CLIMATE & CULTURE

Optimal Teaching & Learning Environment

- Cardinal Pride
- Transparency
- Customer Service
- Schools that foster positive community resulting in employee and student engagement
- Safe and inviting learning environment

## VALUE

Guided Management of District Assets

- Fiscal responsibility
- Maximize facility efficiencies
- Utilize staff talents and time to serve students best
- Strategies for retention of students, families and high-quality staff
- Dual credit courses available to high school students

## OPERATIONS

Service, Collaboration & Facilities Maintenance

- Value stakeholder input
- Clear, consistent communication
- Focused, rigorous curriculum
- Continued efforts in improving and maintaining safe facilities
- Consistency in training and procedures
- Professional growth and development



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Diverse Opportunities & Support for Success

- Sense of belonging and significance
- Effective instruction and practices (for both academic and social support)
- Focus on student growth and intrinsic motivation
- Diverse and abundant academic, arts and extracurricular opportunities.
- Career and Tech Educational courses and pathways.





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SEASON PASSES

### **Ticket Prices At-the-Gate:**

*(Home regular season)*

**Student**

**\$4.00/event**

**Adult**

**\$6.00/event**

**Veterans & Senior Citizens (62+)**

**\$3.00/event**

*\*ISD #2170 employees receive FREE entrance to all regular season home events*

### **Season Passes:** *(Home regular season)*

**Single Student** **\$30.00**

**Single Adult** **\$55.00**

**Family** **\$110.00**

**Veterans & Senior Citizen (age 62+) \$30.00**



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At SM we were welcomed with open arms! You can easily see first hand that the teachers and staff truly care about each student and their success. From our personal experience with our 4 kids at various age levels within the district, the education and opportunities they are getting are top notch!

- Sue & Wayne S., Parents



# Staples-Motley Middle-High School



Greetings, Cardinals!

We're gearing up for the 2025–26 school year, and I couldn't be more excited to start my fourth year as Principal of Staples-Motley Middle/High School. Whether students are entering as wide-eyed fifth graders or preparing to cross the graduation stage, our mission remains the same: Empowering every student to thrive—in school and beyond.

As always, I reaffirm my commitment to:

- Leading with **integrity**
- Building strong, positive **relationships** with students and families
- Cultivating a culture of **respect** and **Cardinal pride**
- Equipping and empowering students to strive for **excellence**
- **Communicating** clearly and consistently with staff, students, and families

We're thrilled to launch this school year with **full access to "The Nest"**—our vibrant space for student activities, events, and celebrations. This space is more than just bricks and beams; it's a hub for student voice, spirit, and belonging.

Exciting things are also happening in our **Career and Technical Education programs**. We've been awarded a grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to support a new Meat Cutting and Butchery initiative. This initiative provides professional development for our CTE teachers, funds for equipment and supplies, and opens doors for students to explore hands-on career skills in a high-demand and growing industry.

The Staples-Motley community continues to be an essential part of every student's journey. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, alum, or community supporter, your encouragement fuels our momentum and helps students discover their purpose and path. From classrooms to courts, field trips to field goals, our students are soaring because they know we're all behind them.

Let's make this year one to remember.

**See you soon—Go Cardinals!**

Debbie Ferdon  
Principal, Staples-Motley Middle/High School





## **TUMBLING/GYMNASTICS**

### **Tiny Tumblers - Ages 2-5**

Tuesdays 4:00-4:30 PM - Start Date TBD  
\$30.00

Intro to tumbling and body awareness through obstacle courses and fun. Help build strength and basic knowledge.

### **Beginners - Ages 5+**

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 PM - Start Date TBD  
\$35

Intro to tumbling for students without experience. Builds strength and teaches the basic forward rolls, cartwheels, wall handstands, and bridges.

### **Intermediate - Ages 6+**

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM - Start Date TBD  
\$35

Experience required! Work on more advanced skills and progression of forward and backward rolls, handstands, cartwheels, backbends/bridge, kickovers, and roundoffs.

### **Advanced - Ages 7+**

Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 PM - Start Date TBD  
\$35

This class will advance the handstand, roundoff, walkovers, introduction to handsprings, back handsprings & more.

***\*Instructor approval required to register.***

## **TRAP LEAGUE**

**Sept 7- Oct 5 (Sundays) 3:00-6:00 PM**

**Age 11+**

**\$30.00**

**Participants are required to have a firearm safety certificate. Instructors provide an introduction to trap shooting for new shooters and an opportunity for practice for seasoned shooters. Registration fee includes clay targets and use of range.**

***\*Participants are responsible for their own shotgun and shells.***



- ✓ **Scan this code to register**
- ✓ **Check Back Regularly**
- ✓ **New programs being added**

## **Taekwondo**

### **Elevate Kickstarters - Ages 3-6**

Sept 25 - Oct 30 (Thursdays) 5:00-5:30 PM  
\$40.00

Basic taekwondo foundations of bodily awareness, balance, coordination, and discipline will be taught in this fun class through rolling, jumping, kicking, and games.

### **Elevate - Ages 7 through adult**

Sept 23 - Oct 28 (Tuesdays) 5:00-5:30 PM  
\$40.00

Students will be taught basic techniques of taekwondo through this 6 week introductory class with a focus on coordination, flexibility, balance, discipline, teamwork, and self-defense.



# 2025

## Varsity Tennis HOME Schedule

**Tuesday Aug. 19 @ 9am vs. Multiple Schools**

**Friday Sep. 5 @ 12pm vs. Multiple Schools**

**Tuesday Sep. 30 @ 4pm vs. Minnewaska Area**

***\*\*Dates/Time subject to change***

## VARSITY Cross Country HOME Schedule

**Monday, Aug. 25 @ 9am The Vintage  
vs. Multiple Schools**



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Activities Calendar**

### JUNIOR CARDINAL CHEERLEADING

Grades 2-6

Sept 23rd, 30th & Oct 7th - 3:30-4:30 PM

Performance Oct. 10th

\$35

**CALLING ALL FUTURE CHEER LEADERS! COME JOIN THE JUNIOR CHEER CLINIC!** Come learn cheers, chants, and fun halftime routine with the Staples-Motley Cardinal Cheer Team. Then show off your skills under the lights during the big game against the Pillager Huskies! Let's cheer loud, jump high, and have a blast!

### MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CHEER SQUAD

Grades 7-12

Starts August 18 (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

3:30-5:00 PM

\$50

Are you athletic, energetic, and full of school spirit? We're looking for students who want to show off their strength, coordination, and leadership as part of the Staples-Motley Cheer Squad!

Whether you're a tumbler, dancer, flyer, or base — or just eager to learn — this is your chance to shine on the sidelines and beyond.

As a cheerleader, you'll:

- Build strength, flexibility, and endurance
- Learn jumps, stunts, and tumbling skills
- Lead the crowd at games and pep rallies
- Be a role model on and off the field
- Learn sideline dances and routines
- Work as part of a team and make lifelong friends.

*\*Squads are determined on skill level*



## TACKLE FOOTBALL

5th & 6th Grade  
Aug 25th-28th: M-TH  
Sep-Oct: Tues. & Thurs.  
5:30pm-7:30pm  
Games Sat. Morning  
\$75

Grow as a football player, learn new plays, and work on being part of a team! Put your training to work as you compete with area teams! Games are typically on Saturdays with a couple of evening games.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

3rd & 4th Grade  
Mon 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Sat. 10am - 11:30am  
Starts August 25th  
\$50

Learn the fundamentals of football! Players will be introduced to football concepts and plays. Athletes will also have the opportunity to compete against some local programs.



## VARSITY FOOTBALL HOME GAME SCHEDULE

August 29th	@ 6:00pm vs. East Grand Forks
September 5th	@ 6:00pm vs. Roseau
September 19th	@ 7:00pm vs. Perham*
October 10th	@ 7:00pm vs. Pillager

\*HOMECOMING



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## **6th Grade Volleyball**

Starts Sept. 8

Mon., Fri., (Wed. optional)

3:30-5pm

\$35.00

Build your foundational volleyball skills and get competitive! Players will work with knowledgeable coaches and older athletes to improve their volleyball skill set! Possible games on Saturdays are being worked out. Stay tuned!



### **Varsity Volleyball HOME Schedule**

Thursday Aug. 28	@ 7:15 p.m vs. Foley
Tuesday Sep. 16	@ 7:15 p.m vs. Wadena-Deer Creek*
Tuesday Sep. 23	@ 7:15 p.m vs. Barnesville
Tuesday Sep. 30	@ 7:15 p.m vs. Pillager
Thursday Oct. 2	@ 7:15 p.m vs. DGF
Thursday Oct. 9	@ 7:15 p.m vs. Pelican Rapids
Tuesday Oct. 14	@ 7:15 p.m vs. Hawley

\*Homecoming



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Activities Calendar

# 2025



# Staples-Motley Elementary



Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

Dear Staples-Motley Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to a new school year! Whether your child is just beginning their educational journey with us or is returning to continue growing and learning, we are so glad to have you as part of the Staples-Motley Elementary family.

This year, we're introducing a new way to talk about the Cardinal Way. We're shifting to CARDS, which stands for: Connected, Accountable, Respectful, Determined, and Safe.

These values reflect the strong character and positive behavior we aim to foster in every student. We will continue to celebrate students who demonstrate the Cardinal Way through daily interactions, monthly recognitions, and special school-wide events.

We're also making changes to our Getting to Know You Conferences. This year, conferences will include some of our beginning-of-the-year screeners. This will allow teachers to start the school year with valuable academic information already in hand—saving many instructional hours in the classroom.

*Conference details are as follows:*

*Kindergarten–Grade 1 students will have 40-minute time slots on:*

*- Wednesday, August 27 & Tuesday, September 2*

*(Please note: there will be no school for K–1 students on September 2, as conferences will be held that day.)*

*- The first day of school for K–1 is Wednesday, September 3.*

*Grades 2–4 students will have 20-minute time slots on:*

*- Wednesday, August 27 only*

*- The first day of school for Grades 2–4 is Tuesday, September 2.*

Information about how to sign up for Getting to Know You Conferences will be sent to families on August 1. We encourage you to schedule early to get a time that works best for your family.

We're proud to be part of the Staples-Motley community, where strong values, community involvement, and a passion for learning come together to make this a wonderful place for kids to grow. Let's make this school year our best one yet!

With Cardinal Pride,

Ryan Koenigs

Principal, Staples-Motley Elementary School





“SM public schools were incredibly warm and welcoming when we decided to enroll our girls! We were exposed to support services we hadn't known were available!”  
Cassie & Cade R., Parents



## ADVENTURES

Adventures School Aged Child Care is a child care program offered by Staples-Motley School District Community Education. This program offers safe and engaging environments for participants to grow and develop, led by qualified and caring staff. The district is happy to provide this service for parents/guardians and the community. Staples-Motley Child Care Programs will provide a safe, nurturing environment where children can feel they are significant and they belong.

**Scan for more  
Adventures information**



### During the Staples-Motley School Calendar

<b>Before Care</b>	<b>7:00 – 7:45 AM</b>	<b>4 yrs.– 4th grade</b>	<b>\$5 per session</b>
<b>After Care</b>	<b>3:00 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>4 yrs.– 4th grade</b>	<b>\$9 per session</b>
<b>Early Dismissal Care</b>	<b>1:00 – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>4 yrs.– 4th grade</b>	<b>\$3.50 per hour</b>
<b>Non-School Day Care</b>	<b>7:00 AM – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>4 yrs.– 4th grade</b>	<b>\$32 per day</b>





# ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## Adult Basic Education - Central Minnesota – North

Wadena, Staples, Little Falls & Long Prairie

- Improve Basic Skills in reading, writing, math, digital literacy (computer skills), English language classes and more. Prepare for GED tests, state adult diplomas, Accuplacer, ASVAB, NorthStar Digital Literacy exam, computer skills and more.
- Adult Education classes have no tuition (some courses may require a materials and/or test fee), flexible scheduling, individualized curricula, online/hybrid learning options, self-paced learning.
- ESL (English as a Second Language): Adults wishing to develop their English language fluency will find a community of learners working toward the same goal in this weekly class.

**For more information, contact Bryan Tollefson: 218-639-7292**

## Adult Basketball

Still Got Game? Join Us for Weekly Adult Basketball!

Lace up those sneakers and relive the glory days—one jumper at a time! Our Weekly Pick-Up Basketball for Adults is the perfect mix of fun, fitness, and friendly competition. Whether you're a retired gym rat or just miss the sound of a good bounce pass, this is your court.

Sundays in the Legacy Gym

*(Enter Door #18 on the West side of the Building)*

7:30-9:00pm

\$2 per play



- ✓ Scan this code to register
- ✓ Check Back Regularly
- ✓ New programs being added

# TEACH A CLASS!

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TEACHING A COMMUNITY ED CLASS, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW AND FILL OUT THE FORM!**



## Strength Training Basics for Adults

Do you want to get back the mobility you had in your younger years? Do you want to get stronger and change the look of your body? This class is for men and women who want “functional fitness”.

CPT Nick Schultz is passionate about teaching you the basics of strength training in a fun and challenging atmosphere.

Starts Monday September 8th, 7-8pm  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
NEST Weight room  
\$100



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Sat 8am-12pm



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Games

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**All Are Welcome!**





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