

Back to School News

2025-2026

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Welcome Back, MACCRAY Community!

As the new academic year begins, we're excited to welcome you back to a shared mission—one centered on students, strengthened through collaboration, and driven by forward-thinking innovation. Very soon, our schools will once again come alive with the energy and enthusiasm that only a new year brings. Classrooms, hallways, and playgrounds will echo with the excitement of fresh starts and endless possibilities.

As we step into the 2025–2026 school year, our focus remains clear: deepening the learning experience for every student and nurturing a school culture where each member of our community feels seen, heard, and valued. This work is made stronger by the partnerships we share with families, local organizations, and community members whose time, talents, and dedication help enrich our schools in countless ways.

From volunteering in classrooms to supporting extracurriculars, mentoring students, and contributing to school initiatives, your involvement plays a vital role in creating the vibrant learning environments our students deserve. Together, we're building a culture of care, achievement, and connection that benefits every learner.

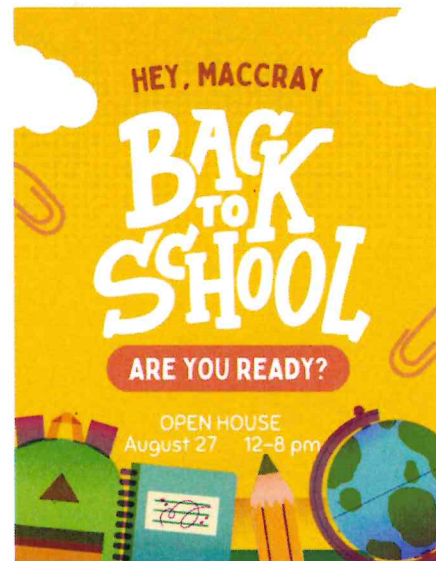
There is tremendous promise in the year ahead. With your continued commitment, we are confident we will make meaningful strides in student achievement and continue to grow inclusive, supportive school communities where everyone belongs.

Thank you for your dedication, your partnership, and for choosing to be part of this important work. We are deeply grateful for each of you.

Go Wolverines!

With appreciation,

Mr. Bertram, Mr. Wheatley, and Mr. Holm



Open House & First Days

Our school year will kick off on September 2 for all students in grades 1-12 and September 4 for our youngest learners in Kindergarten and Preschool. Our school day runs from 8am – 3:30pm. Open House will be Wednesday, August 27 from 12 – 8:00pm! While you are here ALL students Preschool through Grade 12 will have their school picture taken. During this time families can meet with teachers, locate your locker and classrooms, and pay for fees if you have not done so already. Middle and High School students can pick up their devices. We hope you had an amazing summer, and we're counting down the days until our halls are buzzing with energy, laughter, and the thrill of a brand-new school year!

Supply Lists

Scan the QR Code to access our student supply lists.



Did your Info Change?

We need your current information in our student information system (accessible to parents through Parent Portal) to ensure that you can be reached in the event of an emergency! Please log on to your Parent Portal account and review your information to see that we have your correct address, phone numbers, and email address. If you do not have access to your Parent Portal or forgot your login, please contact your schools office or email: shamlah@maccray.k12.mn.us.



BACK TO SCHOOL

- Meet your teacher
- Get school pictures taken
- Drop off supplies
- Pay any fees
- Pick up your computer
- Get your parking pass

ENROLL TODAY!

Contact Us
320.847.2154

Visit Our Website
www.maccray.k12.mn.us

OPEN HOUSE
August 27
12 – 8 pm
OPEN HOUSE



IT'S MORE THAN A MEAL APPLICATION!

Did you know that meal applications assist in so much more than just meals?



MCCRAY WOLVERINES

Continuance of Free School Meals

Same as last couple of year this entails 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch for every student per school day! If the student does not take a full reimbursable meal, elects an additional meal, or chooses to purchase from ala carte there will be fees incurred. If you have any questions, please contact the office. We are continuing to ask **EVERYONE** to please take the time to fill out the Free or Reduced Application! You might be asking yourself "WHY?" when students are already receiving free meals? The number of families that we have receiving free and reduced meals affects our school funding and the classes of athletics and activities we participate in. If approved, you are also eligible for discounts in and out of school. Click [here](#) to fill out online or we will have paper copies available at Open House!

Communication

We will continue to utilize our Instant Alert system within Infinite Campus to not only alert families to any school delays/closures but you can also expect to receive bulletins and all communication to families through emails and via text messages. Information will be posted on our website and our social media sites as well as classroom communication via Dojo. In addition to notifying families alerts will be sent out to news and radio stations.

Permissions for your Student

We love to showcase the great things our students are doing by displaying photos and write ups on our district website and social media pages. We do understand, however, that there are situations in which a parent might not want their child's photo taken. Please know that our **STANDARD PROCESS IS TO ALLOW PHOTOS, VIDEOS AND LIVESTREAMING**. If you are okay with this no action is necessary. If you would rather opt your child out, please fill out a [Denial of Release Form](#) available on our website or pick one up in your school's office.

Need a Ride?

Palmer Bus: 320-510-7529



Palmer Bus Co. is now utilizing **Stopfinder** for all of your busing needs! Stopfinder is the all-in-one, easy to use app for viewing & sharing your student's transportation schedule. Scan the code to download the app and get your student registered! If your student rode the bus last year and there are no changes you do not need to register again.

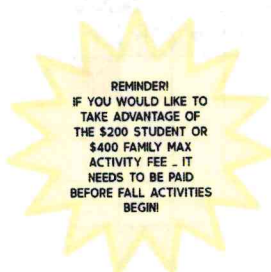
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Athletics & Activities

In addition to outstanding classroom learning opportunities, we offer a wide range of Athletics and Activities for students to be involved with. It is strongly encouraged that students participate in activities outside of the normal school day. These activities enrich the school experience and present an opportunity to meet other students with similar interests. Head to our website and under Departments you will find Activities with a full list of what MACCRAY has to offer!

Vanco Events

We are excited to let you know that attending MACCRAY events just got a whole lot easier! We're now using Vanco Events, an online ticketing solution that allows you to conveniently purchase mobile tickets online whenever, wherever you want. Simply download your tickets in advance, then have your QR code ready to be scanned at the gate so you don't miss a minute of the action! The process is fast and easy – navigate to the event on our website, then check out like you normally would for any online purchase. Adult and Student passes are also available online. And yes, if you would prefer to pay cash at the door that is still an option as well! ***TIP** If you are purchasing for others, we found it easiest to purchase them and save them to your Apple or Google Wallet and then from there you can share each ticket with them. Otherwise, tickets are PDF/QR code based so they are able show a printed code or save a photo to their phone.



Fall Sports

Fall sports are here! Varsity sports began practice this past week and our Junior High will begin on Monday, August 18. There is still time to sign up if you have not already!

All students who would like to compete in athletics or activities will need to complete the following:

- Students in grades 7-12 who would like to participate in an activity must read the activities handbook and complete the activity packet that can be found on our website: www.maccray.k12.mn.us
- Fees must be paid before you can participate
- A physical must be on file with the activities department and must be updated every 3 years.

Community Ed & Rec

MACCRAY has a very active Community Education program that offers preschool classes, various sporting activities, theatre, and numerous hands-on learning activities for our youngest wolverines. Throughout the year families have many opportunities to participate in these different activities. Be on the lookout for our upcoming Community Ed & Rec Booklet!