

Fall 2023



WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS

GREEN & WHITE

Welcome Back to School!

First Day Back is August 21, 2023 (Half Day)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Steeby Elementary (2 & 3)	
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Pine Street Elementary (4 & 5)	
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For families new to the district and/or with children age birth to five.	

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A Message from the Superintendent



Tim Reeves

Dear Wayland Union District Community,

We are excited to welcome students back to school. The staff and I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful Michigan summer and are now looking forward to a great 2023-2024 school year. In this issue of the Green and White, you will find important back to school details.

One important piece of information I would like to highlight is the Michigan School Meals Program. This is a state-funded reimbursement program that provides all pre-K through grade 12 students attending a public school with breakfast and lunch.

For our 2024 fiscal year budget, our legislature enabled schools to provide meals to students at no cost to families. To that end, it is still very important that families complete the Application for the Michigan School Meals Program even if your child previously received reduced price or free meals. Completing the application allows us to make sure everyone who qualifies receives the opportunity for meals, and may also allow us to provide other resources for students and classrooms beyond meals.

We support bright futures for our Wayland Union Schools’ students. School meals are linked to improved attendance, student alertness, and improved behavior. Nutrition is important during childhood, and we aim to provide the opportunity for every child to develop to their fullest potential, starting with a healthy meal each day.

To complete the application, please visit this link or complete the online application in the Infinite Campus Portal:
<https://waylandunion.org/departments/food-service/>

For further information on the Michigan School Meals Program, check out this link: <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/food/michigan-school-meals>

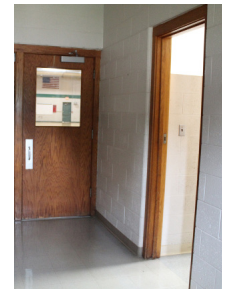
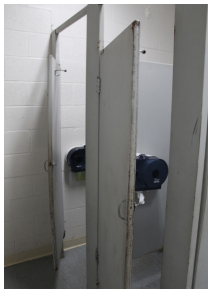
Hoping you can enjoy the final weeks of summer. We will see you on the first day of school, Monday, August 21, 2023.

Tim Reeves, Superintendent

Bond Projects

Thanks to the Wayland Union Community, Bond 2023 has passed! Here is a list of projects starting this year:

- Middle School Roof - from the choir room forward, including the gym
- Middle School Exterior Doors - replacing exterior steel doors with a more durable material
- Middle School Exterior Windows
- High School Roof - Main Gym
- High School Parking Lot - staff and visitor parking in front of main entrance
- Pine Street Bathrooms - gym bathrooms will be renovated to become ADA compliant. Below are some current pictures of the Pine Street Gym Bathrooms, before renovations.



Here is a list of bond projects to look forward to:

- New Pool
- Updated Band, Orchestra, and Choir Rooms at the HS
- Updated C.A.D. Space at the HS
- Robotics Room at the HS
- Improved Auto Shop and Wood Shop Areas at the HS
- Dedicated Wrestling Room at the HS
- New Drainage System for Soccer Field at MS
- Updated Secure Exterior Doors at Elementary Buildings
- Carpet Replacement in High Traffic areas at Elementary Buildings
- Updated Technology and Furniture at Elementary Buildings

WAYLAND
Together we are Building on a Strong Foundation
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Welcome New Staff!

- Jordan Medendorp, District Social Worker
- Amy Haner, Preschool Aide, Baker
- Karie Sipkema, Preschool Aide, Dorr
- Hayley Marcus, General Aide, Steeby
- Leslie Wagner, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations
- Kyle Peters, Social Studies Teacher, MS
- Alixandra Hall, Y5 Teacher, Baker
- Elizabeth DeBoer Lack, District Psychologist
- Elley Kooienga, Counselor, MS
- Jamie Jaques, ECSE Teacher, Baker/Dorr
- Erin Cutler, Level 1 Teacher, Pine St
- Chloe Coughlin, 4th Grade Teacher, Pine St
- Brett Newman, Diagnostic Counsultant, MS

23-24 Staffing Changes

- Alicia Harter, Accounting, Administration Office
- Robin Sidebotham, Social Worker, MS
- Tina Madole, 31a Aide, MS
- Rich VandenBos, Special Education Aide, HS
- Jill Terrell, District Title 1 Teacher
- Janet Allen, Media Teacher/Literacy Coach, Pine St.
- Hope Archer, 1st Grade Teacher, Baker
- Erin Koopman, Intervention Teacher, HS
- Karle Timmer, Special Education Teacher, Steeby
- Christine Doupe, Secretary, Pine St.
- Jessica Ewing, Secretary, HS
- Amy Mohr, Secretary, Steeby
- Jen Paivarinta, Kindergarten Teacher, Baker
- Jessica Wierenga, Secretary, MS
- Elizabeth Stein, Communications Specialist
- Enzo Giovannucci, Technology
- Elsa Brown, Preschool Teacher, Dorr
- Jessica Koperski, ESCE Aide, Baker

New Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations Introduction



Leslie Wagner

I am so excited to join the Wayland Wildcat family for the 23-24 school year! I value the strong financial position of the district, and will work hard to maintain our financial standings while taking care of the needs of our district.

I look forward to attending school events and seeing the amazing opportunities at Wayland, while learning about what our district needs to continue developing opportunities with each new year.

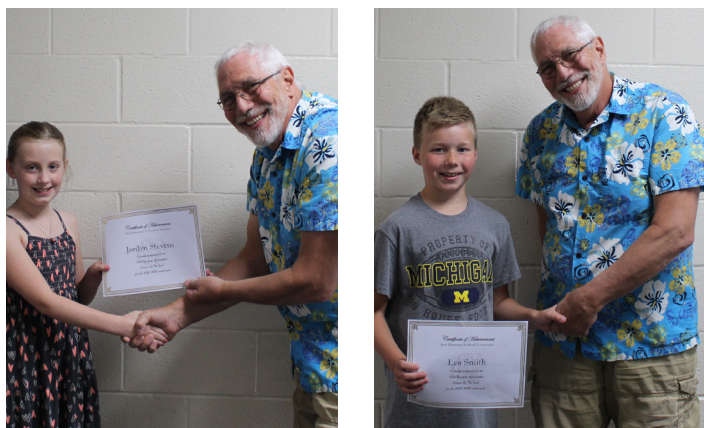
I have my Bachelors degree in Accounting Fraud and a MBA with an accreditation in accounting. I come from 10+ years of school finance including accounts payable/receivable, benefits, payroll, and general accounting/finance functions.

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Steve, and our two daughters, Natalie and Whitney. We live on a hobby farm with dogs, cats, horses, goats, cows, and chickens; which is good because I love being outside and planting in our garden!

Dorr Business Association Award Winners

Each year the Dorr Business Association honors one 3rd grade boy and girl from Dorr Elementary, and one 5th grade boy and girl from Pine Street Elementary for their outstanding citizenship throughout their school career.

For the 22-23 school year, the Dorr Elementary recipients were Jordyn Stevens and Leo Smith.



For the 22-23 school year, the Pine Street recipients were Francesca Nemec and Korben Makowski.



Students are nominated by their teachers for continuously displaying respect for others, responsibility, safety, and compassion. The school staff votes on who they feel has embodied these traits throughout the year.

Congratulations Jordyn, Leo, Francesca, and Korben!

End of Year Staff Celebration

Every year, on the last day of school, staff from the whole district gets together to recognize the hard work and dedication that went in to another successful year. This year, to show their appreciation, the Board of Education funded the Kona Ice Truck to come surprise the staff with a sweet treat. It was a great way to kick off summer!



2023 Assistant Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Nicki Cardosa, a business teacher and Student Council advisor at the high school, for being honored as a 2023 Assistant Coach of the Year through the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

According to NFCA, these awards salute the efforts of coaches from the various NFCA membership categories for their tireless dedication to the sport of softball and to the continued education, growth and development of young women, both on and off the playing field.

Congratulations, Mrs. Cardosa, that's quite an honor!



Summer Learning Camp

This year, Summer Learning Camp ran from July 11th - August 10th for 5 weeks of fun and learning. 150 students participated from grades Y5 - 8th. WUHS held their own credit recovery program during the same time period.

Summer Learning Camp provided an opportunity for students to solidify skills learned during the previous school year so they feel confident entering the next grade level.

Activities included guest teachers, growing individual plants, reading in tents, playing outside, crafts, writing projects, math skills, and more!

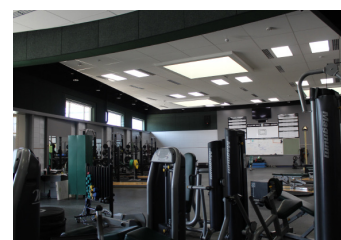


Summer Updates

This summer, WUS has taken on a few construction projects that include updating the high school Fitness Center, replacing the glass panels in the Pine Street Elementary interior doors, and updating Dorr Elementary's roof.

Fitness Center updates included removing the dividing wall between the lifting equipment and cardio machines, painting, and updating the machines to be a better fit for the numerous fitness classes that utilize the space.

The glass door panels within Pine Street Elementary were replaced with larger pieces of safety glass, to help maintain the character of the original doors and building.



A Look Back on WUS History

Wayland Public Schools - 1923

A photo of the entire District's student body and staff members from 100 years ago! A huge thank you goes to Jim and Kathy Oliver for donating this piece of history back to the district. Jim's mom, Dorothy, was a member of the class of 1924.

This photo will be placed inside the memorabilia display located in the WUHS FAC, be sure to check it out during your next visit!



Marching Band 2023

This year's show is titled, "ARE WE THERE, YET?!" It's a family oriented show about those long car trips to various destinations with the ones we love: a FAMILY VACATION! "I wanted a show that would give us, as a band family, a strong connection to each other. I also wanted to be able to connect with our audience on a familial level, and what better way to do that than through music that almost everyone will know?" explained Kelli Smith, the district's Band Director.



Show titles include:

- *Holiday* by Green Day
- *Life is a Highway* by Rascal Flatts
- *Take Me Home, Country Roads* by John Denver



The band will be at all home varsity football games, 3 marching band invationals around West Michigan, and Wayland will be hosting for the first time ever the MSBOA Marching Band Festival on Tuesday, October 10. WUHS will be hosting several bands that will be adjudicated based on music, marching, and overall effect. This ticketed event will be open to the community!

In order to prepare for the jam packed season, students have been working hard since July, including a week long band camp to learn music, marching patterns, and choreography.

Marching Band is under the direction of Kelli Smith and Color Guard is led by Becky Sikkema.

Summer Sport Camps

This summer, students had the opportunity to participate in nine different sports camp. The sports offered were basketball, soccer, golf, baseball, softball, football, volleyball, cross country, and cheer. Younger students had the opportunity to learn new skills while interacting with high school players. High school players had the opportunity to condition before their next season starts. A lot of fun and movement occurred throughout the summer!



Fiddlers Club

The Summer Fiddle Club was a six week program held at the middle school. Weston Hosler, the district's Orchestra teacher, offered a summer session available to upcoming 7th-12th graders. The goal was to provide students the opportunity to maintain skills learned throughout the school year, while advancing their knowledge of fiddle music. Each week, students who played the violin, viola, cello, base, guitar, and/or percussion came together to work on a new piece. Students had a great time playing music this summer!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Policy Change

As we prepare for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, we would like to inform you of an important policy change that will affect all parents who volunteer at school, attend school parties, or chaperone field trips. **Starting next school year, all parents who wish to volunteer, attend school parties, or chaperone will need to complete a background check that will be processed with the Michigan State Police.**

We want to assure you that this change is being implemented with the safety and well being of our students as our top priority. We believe that this is an important step in ensuring that our school remains a safe and secure environment for all our students.

In order to find the form, visit waylandunion.org > Parent Quicklinks > ICHAT Request Form. Rest assured that all information provided will be kept confidential and will only be used for the purpose of the background check. You will only be contacted if your background check prohibits you from attending school functions.

We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, but we hope that you will appreciate the importance of this policy change. We are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students, and we believe that this is an important step in achieving that goal.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy change, please do not hesitate to contact your child's specific school. We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring the safety of our students.

Food Service Announcement

While waiting for more information in regards to Free Meals for All, please fill out the Free and Reduced Meal Application Form. In order to find the form, go to waylandunion.org > Departments > Food Service > Food Service Quick Links > Free & Reduced Price Meal Application: 2023 - 2024

Transportation Announcement

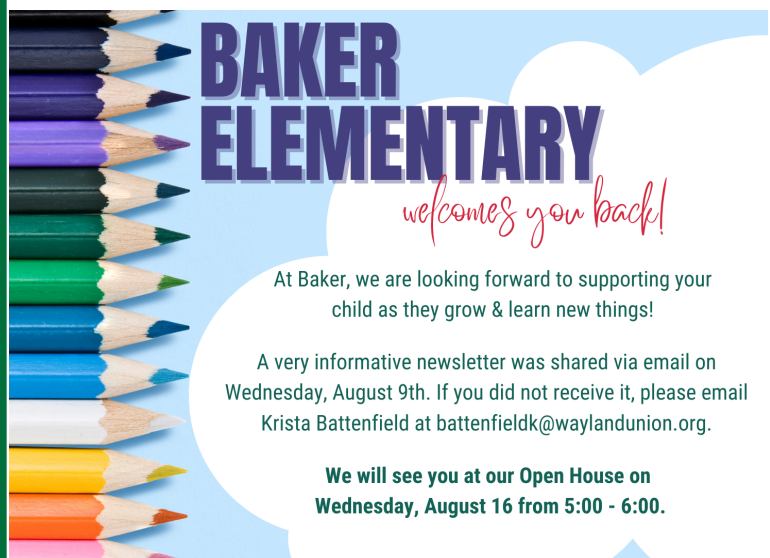
If your student is in need of bus transportation and you're new to the district or have moved since last school year, be sure to fill out the request form to arrange for transportation. In order to find the form, go to waylandunion.org > Departments > Transportation > Arrange Bus Transportation

Technology Announcement

Interested in learning about or purchasing iPad coverage? Visit the technology department page on the website to learn more information by going to waylandunion.org > Departments > Technology

Athletic Announcement

If your child is participating in a Fall Sport at the MS or HS, make sure they have a sports physical on file dated after April 15, 2023.



**BAKER
ELEMENTARY**

welcomes you back!

At Baker, we are looking forward to supporting your child as they grow & learn new things!

A very informative newsletter was shared via email on Wednesday, August 9th. If you did not receive it, please email Krista Battenfield at battenfieldk@waylandunion.org.

**We will see you at our Open House on
Wednesday, August 16 from 5:00 - 6:00.**

Office Hours: 8:00-4:15
School Hours: 9:00-4:00

Phone Number: 269.792.9208
First Day of School: Monday, August 21, 2023

Dorr Elementary

- Aug. 12 Class list posted on Parent Portal
- 17 Open House 6pm-7pm
- 21 First Day of School - Half Day
- Sept. 12 Picture Day
- 13 Picture Day for MWF Preschool
- Oct. 17 Conferences 4pm-8pm
- 19 Conferences 4pm-8pm
- 23-27 Vision/Hearing Screening
- Nov. 02 Picture Retakes

Dorr Building Hours:

Office Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm

School Day: 8:50am-3:50pm (Doors open at 8:45am)

Parent Drop Off Loop is at the south end of the building. The loop in the front of the building is for buses only.

Please contact the office at 616-681-9637 with any questions. Follow Dorr Elementary on Facebook. IC Messages are sent weekly with important school information.

Steeby Elementary

- Aug. 12 Class list posted on Parent Portal
- 17 Open House 5pm-6pm
- 21 First Day of School - Half Day
- Sept. 19 Picture Day
- Oct. 13 W.E.P.A Walk-a-Thon
- 17 P/T Conferences 4pm-8pm
- 19 P/T Conferences 4pm-8pm
- Nov. 01 Picture Retakes

Steeby Building Hours:

Office Hours: 8am-4pm

School Day: 8:45am-3:45pm (doors open at 8:40am)

Student pick-up/drop-off is located in the back parking lot. Please enter through Maple Street.

Middle School

- Aug. 14 School Pictures & Vision Screening
- 16 Open House 4pm-6pm
- 21 First Day of School - Half Day
- Sept. 07 Picture Makeup
- Oct. 10 MSBOA Band Festival 6pm
- 17 P/T Conferences 4pm-7pm
- 19 Picture Retakes
- 19 P/T Conferences 4pm-7pm

High School

- Aug. 15 Freshman Orientation 6pm-8pm
Led by Student Council, meet in main gym.
- 17 Open House/Picture Day
4pm-6:30pm
- 21 First Day of School - Half Day
- Oct. 10 MSBOA Band Festival 6pm
- 16 P/T Conferences 4pm-7:30pm

High School Building Hours:

Office Hours: 7:00am-3:30pm

School Hours: 7:40am-2:35pm (doors open at 7:25am)

Due to the bond construction, there will be parking changes. Please note that the front lot will **NOT** be available for parking. The Fitness Center lot will serve as parking for staff and visitors. The front loop at the main entrance will be accessible for drop off. The bus loop will remain the same. Student parking will **ONLY** be available in the main student lots by the tennis courts and stadium.

As the bond construction progresses, the high school will communicate any necessary changes that will be made to parking and student drop off procedures/locations.

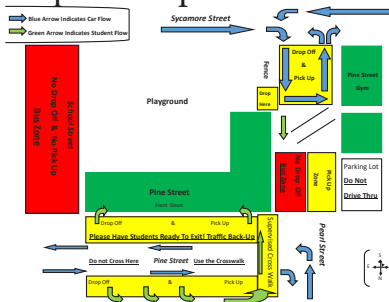
We appreciate your patience and flexibility.

Pine Street Elementary

17 Open House 5:30pm-6:30pm

Oct. 16 Conferences

18 Conferences



School Day: 7:30am-2:30pm (doors open at 7:15am)

Aug. 29 Baker Preschool Open House 6pm-7pm

Sept. 05 First Day of Tuition Preschool TTH
Classes

06 First Day of Tuition Preschool MWF Classes

Now Enrolling for Preschool 2023 - 2024

WUS has openings for 3 and 4 year old students in their tuition preschool classes at Baker and Dorr Elementary. Fill out the pre-admission form at the QR code below or visit waylandunion.org for more info.



WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS
HOME OF THE WILDCATS

*All meetings take place at 850 E. Superior St.
Wayland, unless noted*

27	Work Session	6pm
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30 6th Music "Informance" 7pm

16	8th Volleyball	4pm
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HS Fall Home Sporting Events

Freshman

Sept.	14	Volleyball	5:00pm
	21	Volleyball	5:00pm
Oct.	03	Volleyball	5:00pm
	10	Volleyball	5:00pm
	17	Volleyball	5:00pm
	24	Volleyball	5:00pm

Junior Varsity

Aug.	10	Boys Soccer	5:30pm
	17	Football	TBA
	19	Boys Soccer	10:00am
	21	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	24	Football	6:30pm
	28	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	30	Volleyball	5:00pm
Sept.	05	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	06	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	06	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	09	Football	6:30pm
	11	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	13	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	14	Volleyball	5:00pm
	14	Football	6:30pm
	18	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	20	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	21	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	21	Volleyball	5:00pm
	25	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	26	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	28	Football	6:30pm
	30	Boys Soccer	9:00am
Oct.	02	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	03	Volleyball	5:00pm
	04	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	09	Boys Soccer	5:00pm
	10	Volleyball	5:00pm
	12	Football	6:30pm
	17	Volleyball	5:00pm
	19	Football	6:30pm
	24	Volleyball	5:00pm

Varsity

Aug.	10	Boys Soccer	7:00pm
	14	Girls Golf	9:00am
	17	Football	TBA
	18	Volleyball	8:00am
	19	Boys Soccer	11:45am
	21	Cross Country	4:15pm
	22	Boys Tennis	4:00pm
	26	Boys Soccer	9:00am
	28	Girls Golf	3:30pm
	30	Volleyball	5:00pm
	31	Football	7:00pm
Sept.	06	Boys Tennis	4:15pm
	06	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	13	Boys Tennis	4:14pm
	13	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	14	Volleyball	6:00pm
	16	Boys Tennis	10:00am
	20	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	21	Boys Tennis	4:00pm
	21	Volleyball	6:00pm
	21	Girls Swim	6:00pm
	21	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	22	Football	7:00pm

Homecoming

	25	Boys Tennis	4:15pm
	26	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	30	Boys Soccer	10:45am
Oct.	02	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	03	Volleyball	6:00pm
	04	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	06	Football	7:00pm
	09	Boys Soccer	6:45pm
	10	Cross Country	4:15pm
	10	Volleyball	6:00pm
	17	Volleyball	6:00pm
	20	Football	7:00pm

Senior Night

24	Volleyball	6:00pm
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

In compliance with Federal regulations, Wayland Union Schools has established the following guidelines concerning student records:

- Each building principal is the Custodian for Records for their building, and is responsible for the processing and maintenance of all student records. His/her office is located at the respective schools, or can be reached by calling 269-792-2181.
- Each student's records will be kept in a confidential file located at that student's respective school building. The information in a student's record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, an adult student (18 years of age or older), and those designated by Federal law or District regulations.
- If not satisfied with the accuracy of the records or with the District's compliance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, a parent, guardian, or adult student has the right to request a change or addition to a student's records, and to (a) obtain a hearing with District officials (b) file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

The District has established the following information about each student as directory information, and will make it available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the Records Control Office in writing within 10 days from the date of this notification that they will not permit distribution of any or all information:

- a. Name, address and telephone number;
- b. Date and place of birth;
- c. Photograph;
- d. Major field of study;
- e. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
- f. Height and weight, if a member of an athletic team;
- g. Dates of attendance, date of graduation, and awards received;
- h. Any other information the District considers would not be harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed.

A copy of the Board of Education's policy and the accompanying District regulations are available at Wayland Union Schools. There will also be a person available to answer any questions concerning the policy or regulations.

Dangerous Weapons Policy

The Board of Education prohibits students from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle without the permission of the Superintendent. The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type whatsoever, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

This policy shall also encompass such actions as look-alike items, false fire alarms, bomb threats, or intentional calls to falsely report a dangerous condition.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish instructional programs on weapons, which require students to immediately report knowledge of weapons and threats of violence by students and staff to the building principal. Failure to report such knowledge may subject the student to discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion from school. The Superintendent will refer any student who violates this policy to the student's parents or guardians and to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Policy exceptions include:

- A. weapons under the control of law enforcement personnel;
- B. items pre-approved by the building principal as part of a class or individual presentation under adult supervision, if used for the purpose and in the manner approved; (working firearms and any ammunition will never be approved as part of a presentation.)

C. theatrical props used in appropriate settings.

Pesticides Control Act

Wayland Union Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the Wayland Union School's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting John Huyck, Maintenance Supervisor, huyckj@waylandunion.org.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact John Huyck, Maintenance Supervisor at huyckj@waylandunion.org. Please give, your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child or children attend and they will put your name on the advance notification by US Mail list.

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

Wayland Union Schools recognizes and abides by the standards of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act. These standards prohibit the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, distribution, or concealment of illegal drugs and alcohol in school programs, school vehicles, school premises, and at school sponsored activities on and off school property. Drugs include all controlled substances as defined by law, as well as "look-alike" drugs, steroids, and alcohol. These standards apply to all Wayland Union Schools students and staff. The use/abuse of drugs and alcohol poses serious health and safety risks to Wayland Union Schools students. We urge students, parents, guardians, and care providers to work hand-in-hand with our district to ensure that these important standards are upheld.

Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information

The Board of Education respects the privacy rights of parents and their children. No student shall be required as part of the school program or the District's curriculum, without prior written consent of the student, (if an adult or an emancipated minor) or, of an unemancipated minor, his/her parents, to submit to or participate in any survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

- A. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents;
- B. Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family;
- C. Sex behavior or attitudes;
- D. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- E. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;

- F. Legally-recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
- G. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parents; or
- H. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program).

The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures are established whereby parents may inspect any materials used in conjunction with any such survey, analysis, or evaluation. Further, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, a survey or evaluation created by a third party before the survey/evaluation is administered or distributed by the school to the student. The parent will have access to the survey/evaluation within a reasonable period of time, after the request is received by the building principal.

To ensure the right of parents, the Board directs building and program administrators to:

- A. Notify parents in writing of any surveys, analyses, or evaluations, which may reveal any of the information, as identified in A-H above, in a timely manner, and which allows interested parties to request an opportunity to inspect the survey, analysis, or evaluation; and the administrator to arrange for inspection prior to initiating the activity with the students.
- B. Allow the parent the option of excluding their student from the activity.
- C. Report collected data in a summarized fashion, which does not permit one to make a connection between the data and individual students or small groups of students.
- D. Treat information as identified in A-H above as any other confidential information in accordance with Board of Education Policy #8350.

Additionally, parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum of the student. The parent will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. The term instructional material means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed and representational materials, audio-visual materials, and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or assessments. The Board will not allow the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).

Asbestos Awareness Update

In July 2021, a Wayland Union Schools Asbestos Designee completed a regularly scheduled inspection of all remaining asbestos-containing materials in district facilities. This inspection, and routine six-month inspections, performed by district personnel are part of our Management Plan. Asbestos materials were confirmed in Steeby, Baker, Dorr, the Pine Street Elementary complex, Wayland Union High School, and the Administration Building. They were found to be in good condition and present no danger to students, staff or visitors. If and when any changes occur, employees and parents will be notified promptly. Parents who wish to review the district's Management Plan may do so by contacting the Director of Operations office at 269-792-2181.

Statement of Assurance of Compliance with Federal and State Law

The Wayland Union Schools District Board of Education complies with all Federal and State laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, and with all requirements and regulations of the Wayland Union Schools District Board of Education. It is the policy of the Wayland Union Schools District Board of Education that no person be discriminated against on the basis of the Protected Classes of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or any other statutorily protected category (collectively, "Protected Classes")

in its educational programs or activities.

Non-Discrimination Policy Inquiries related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin, should be directed to the Human Resource Specialist, Wayland Union Schools, 850 E. Superior St., Wayland, MI 49348. Phone: 269-792-2181.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

A person who believes he or she has been or is the victim of sexual harassment should immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, the Superintendent, or a Title IX Coordinator. A District employee who observes, has knowledge of, or learns that a person has been or is the victim of sexual harassment shall immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, Superintendent or Title IX Coordinator. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the Superintendent or Title IX Coordinator. Complaints against the Superintendent should be filed with the Board President or Title IX Coordinator. Please contact Wayland Union Schools Administration, 850 E. Superior St., Wayland MI 49348. Phone: 269-792-2181.

Section 504: Rights of the Handicapped

Inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973/ADA, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to the Director of Special Programs, Wayland Union Schools, 851 Wildcat Dr., Wayland MI 49348. Phone: 269-792-3069.

Section 504 protects children from discrimination

Section 504 is an Act which prohibits discrimination against persons with a handicap in any program receiving Federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a handicap as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working);
2. has a record of such an impairment; or
3. is regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill this obligation under Section 504, the Wayland Union School District recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a handicap will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices in the school system.

The school district has specific responsibilities under the Act, which include the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the child is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer. Questions related to Section 504 should be directed to the Director of Special Programs, Wayland Union Schools, 851 Wildcat Dr., Wayland MI 49348. Phone: 269-792-3069.

Personal Curriculum Notice

Parents and students in grades 9-12 are being notified that all students may be eligible and entitled to a Personal Curriculum to modify the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements for graduation and earning a diploma. The Personal Curriculum is a process to modify specific credit requirements and/or content expectations based on individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements. Personal Curriculum modifications must align with the High School Content Expectations (HSCE) as practicable and must not create barriers that limit a student's opportunity to be engaged in a challenging curriculum. To inquire about or be granted a request for a Personal Curriculum, please contact the Wayland Union High School Guidance Office at 269-792-2254.

Youth Enrichment

VR & Robotics Night/Parents Night Out (3rd - 5th Grade)

1 hour of Virtual Reality and 1.5 hours of Robotics – build & program a robot! The Parents deserve a night out . . . meanwhile the kids are having fun learning.

Date: Friday, September 29, 2023
Time: 6:00 – 8:30pm
Location: Amped Virtual Reality
 2923 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Fee: \$45.00



CODING: Learn Python (Ages 11 - 13) **NEW**

Many children have used “block coding”, this class will start to teach them actual (text) coding! Start with examples of block coding and then compare them to the actual text code being used in the “block”, then start to actually program with the Python programming language. They will also be taught how to continue to learn and practice after developing confidence in the class and getting over the challenge of getting started.

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023
Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm
Location: Steeby Elem. Computer Lab
 435 E. Superior St., Wayland
Fee: \$23.00

Intro to Electronics using MINECRAFT Virtual Reality (Ages 9+)

Be INSIDE the MINECRAFT video game and learn basic electronic concepts in addition to fun, advanced things to do inside MINECRAFT.

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023
Time: 10:30 – 11:30am
Location: Amped Virtual Reality
 2923 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Fee: \$20.00

Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Safety Certification (ages 11+) **NEW**

In ORV Safety/Certification class, you will learn safe and responsible off-road vehicle operation in a classroom setting. An ORV Safety Certificate is required for all operators under 16 years of age. Although, not required by Michigan law, adults are allowed to take the course. Please bring your own sack lunch. Class material will be provided at the start of the class. Students will not be riding ORVs. The main purpose of the ORV safety education course is to educate and develop safe, knowledgeable, and responsible ORV owners and operators. Topics covered include correct riding techniques, protective equipment, understanding terrain and trail operation, laws, and regulations, causes and prevention of crashes, and environmental concerns and reporting responsibility. Any ORV operator 16 years old and younger riding on public or private land is required to pass an approved ORV safety course.

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023
Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Location: WUS Transportation Building Conference Room
 851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland
Fee: \$10.00 Pre-registration required

Build a Robot (& take it home) (Ages 6 - 9 yrs old, Age 5 with an Adult)

Enjoy building your own robot, decorating it, and playing with it while you learn about how robots work! Take the robot home with you. It would be a great opportunity to build with parent or grandparent.

Robot: Crazy robot
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023
Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm
Location: Steeby Elem. Cafeteria
 435 E. Superior St., Wayland
Fee: \$23.00



Babysitter Training (ages 11+)

This training will help participants to develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave. Find answers to common babysitting questions like sibling squabbling and meal time tips. The course also covers American Heart Association CPR, diaper duties, bedtime tips and much more. Each participant will receive a completion certificate through Heartbeat LLC. Pre-register is required.

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm
Location: WUS Transportation Building Conference room
 851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland
Fee: \$55

Fun with DRONES (ages 9 - 12) **NEW**

Have fun with hands-on activities that teach Drone science and scientific terms related to drones. Learn about drone technology, flight, and movement while having fun with a Finger Flyer Drone. Finger drones will be supplied to use during class session.

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023
Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm
Location: Steeby Elem. Cafe
 435 E. Superior St., Wayland
Fee: \$20.00



Snowmobile Safety Certification (ages 11+)

Snowmobile Safety is taught by the Allegan County Sheriff's Department/Marine Division. The course will cover the safe operation, age requirements, registration requirements, equipment requirements, and rules for snowmobilers. Snowmobile Safety Certificates are required for children age 12-16 who wish to operate a snowmobile in Michigan.

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023
Time: 8:00am – 2:00pm
Location: WUS Transportation Building, Conference room
 851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland
Fee: \$10.00 Pre-registration required



Youth Recreation

Sanchin Ryu Karate (Youth (4 - 17 yrs.) & Adult)

Looking to increase flexibility, relieve stress and increase overall wellness? Learn an effective, peace-seeking approach to karate. People of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to experience the benefits of martial art study in a positive, non-competitive, family friendly environment.

Mondays at Dorr Elementary

Fall Session 1 (8 wks): Aug. 28 – Oct. 23, 2023
 (No class September 4 due to holiday)
 Fall Session 2 (6 wks): Nov. 6 – Dec. 11, 2023

TUESDAYS at Steeby Elementary Gym * Please notice: change to Tuesdays!*

Fall Session 1 (8 wks): Aug. 29 – Oct. 24, 2023
 (No class Oct. 17 due to PT conferences)
 Fall Session 2 (6 wks): Nov. 7 – Dec. 12, 2023

Time: Youth 6-7pm, Families 7-8pm, Adult/Teen 7-8pm
Instructor: Sanchin Systems www.sanchinsystems.com
Fee: \$45 youth/individual or \$85 family, 8 week class
 \$35 youth/individual or \$65 family, 6 week class

Archery I (4th - 12th Grades)

Archery indoors! During these classes students will first learn the range set up and instructions, safety, which eye is dominant, and proper form for shooting a bow. Following the initial instructions, students will enjoy honing their skills through practice and instructor guidance. The class will be ran using the NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) format. A website and many you tube videos feature NASP's history, how it is ran, and benefits. Please feel free to look over their site; <http://naspschools.org/>

Dates: Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11, 2023
Time: 5:00 – 6:00pm
Location: Pine St. Gym, 201 Pine St., Wayland
Instructor: Ted Truswell
Fee: \$30, 6 weeks



Archery II (4th - 12th Grades)

IT IS A PREREQUISITE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN THE ARCHERY I CLASS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ARCHERY II. Archery II is for those students who want to continue honing your archery skills. Shooting at two different ranges will be practiced and scoring of your shooting will be taught. Assistance and recommendations from the instructor will continue, but archery II will be much more like a “league.” Students will spend time shooting and working toward personal best. Archery II will again follow the NASP format.

Dates: Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11, 2023
Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm
Location: Pine St. Gym. 201 Pine St., Wayland
Instructor: Ted Truswell
Fee: \$30, 6 weeks

Generation POUND® (6 – 12 year olds)

Generation POUND® is a youth-oriented program that fuses movement and music to improve focus, coordination physical fitness and teamwork skills. By combining exercise and interactive activities, kids will learn new ways to explore movement, embrace their creativity and ROCK OUT – ultimately building strength, confidence and self- awareness.

Dates: Mondays, October 23 – November 13, 2023

Time: 5:15 – 6:00pm

Location: Steeby Elem. Gym 435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$28, 4 weeks

Adult Fitness

Yoga - Mixed Level

This mixed level class is based on a unique style of Hatha Yoga, where positive intentions integrate with the scientific principles of biomechanics. Participants are asked to bring their own yoga mat and block to class.

Dates: Session 1 (8 wks.): Wednesdays, August 23 – Oct. 11, 2023

Session 2 (8 wks.): Wednesdays, October 18 – Dec. 13, 2023

Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 at Steeby gym

No class Nov. 22

Time: 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Location: Baker Elementary Gym

507 W Sycamore St., Wayland (use back parking lot & back side door #9)

Fee: \$80, 8 weeks



Adult POUND (age 18+)

This is an adult class for anyone 18 years or older. Using Ripstix, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rocking out!

Dates: Thursdays, September 7 – October 12, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:15pm

Location: Baker Elem. Gym

507 W Sycamore St., Wayland (use back parking lot & back side door #9)

Fee: \$30, 6 weeks

Pickleball (age 18+)

Join in on the fun of instruction along with game play. Please bring your own paddle but extra paddles will be available if you don't have one.

Dates: October 25 (W) & Nov. 2, 9, 16, Dec 7, 14 (TH)

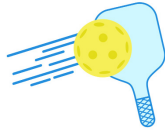
(No class on Nov. 23 & 30)

Time: 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Wayland Union Middle School Gym

701 Wildcat Drive, Wayland

Fee: \$40, 6 weeks



Adult Enrichment

Dog Obedience (6 mths & older)

This class will help you teach your dog many basic commands including sit, down, stay, come, walking on a loose leash, plus many more commands. No dog is too old to learn new things. Bring treats to the class to help motivate your dog to listen to you and to learn.

Dates: Mondays; Sept. 11 – Oct. 16, 2023

(Rain dates if needed: Oct. 23, 30)

Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm

Location: Steeby Elem. 435 E. Superior St. Wayland

Class is OUTSIDE, behind back of building, use back parking lot.

Fee: \$85.00, 6 weeks

Chronic Pain Relief using Virtual Reality (Adults)

The FDA recently approved Virtual Reality for chronic pain management. While Amped Reality is not a medical establishment, they are letting people try VR for pain relief. Then if people find it helpful, they can pursue a prescription. Several people have been pleased with the result.

Date: Wednesday; October 11, 2023

Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm

Location: Amped Virtual Reality

2923 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Fee: \$10, 1 hour session



Online Registration: wayland.revtrak.net

Community Ed. Office Phone: (269) 792-9153



Wayland Leisure Life is an organization for adults 55 and over.

Forever Plaid | Cornwell's Turkeyville USA

September 13 | 10:30AM - 5:30PM

The smash hit musical is a nostalgic homage to the music of the 1950's

Depart from Wayland Transportation Bldg.

\$65/pp all inclusive | *RSVP and Pay by August 23*

Pizza & Bingo

September 27 | 11:30AM – 1:30PM

Wayland Transportation Building

\$5/pp | *RSVP and Pay by September 20*

Luncheon @ Harvest Buffet at Gun Lake Casino

October 12 (THURSDAY) | 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Meet at the Gun Lake Casino Harvest Buffet

FREE compliments of GLC

Must RSVP by September 27 | Seating is limited

Pizza & Bingo

October 25 | 11:30AM – 1:30PM

Wayland Transportation Building

\$5/pp | *RSVP and Pay by October 18*

Magic by Thomas w/Italian Luncheon

November 8 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Wayland Transportation Building

\$25/pp all inclusive | *RSVP and Pay by October 25*

Pizza & Bingo

November 29 | 11:30AM – 1:30PM


Wayland Transportation Building

\$5/pp | *RSVP and Pay by November 15*

**RSVP to Lisa @ 616/890-4428 or
wayandleisurelife@gmail.com.**

Make checks payable to *Wayland Leisure Life*. Mail checks to *816 Geneva Dr., Wayland 49348*

All events are non-refundable after RSVP date

And be sure to follow us on Facebook at Wayland Leisure Life! 



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2023 & 2024 School Calendar

August

- 16-17 Open Houses
- 21 First Day of School - 1/2 Day

September

- 1-4 No School - Labor Day

October

- 04 Fall Student Count Day
- 16 No School - Teacher PD Day

November

- 10 End of 1st Trimester
- 13 Start of 2nd Trimester
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 18-Jan 1 Winter Break

January

- 02 School Resumes
- 22 No School - Teacher PD Day

February

- 07 Winter Student Count Day
- 16-19 No School - Mid-Winter Break

March

- 01 End of 2nd Trimester
- 04 Start of 3rd Trimester
- 08 No School
- 11 No School - Teacher PD Day
- 29 - Apr 5 No School - Spring Break

April

- 08 School Resumes

May

- 23 Graduation for Class of 2024
- 27 No School - Memorial Day
- 31 Last Day of School - 1/2 Day

Dates and times may change, check website for the most updated schedule



Have you heard the news?

Your state will restart eligibility reviews.

DON'T RISK A GAP IN YOUR MEDICAID OR CHIP COVERAGE. GET READY TO RENEW NOW.

Following these steps will help determine if you still qualify:



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Check your mail for a letter.



Complete your renewal form (if you get one).

Have Questions?

Visit [Medicaid.gov/renewals](https://www.Medicaid.gov/renewals) today. You can also contact your state Medicaid office for help or to update your contact information.

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