

Summer 2025



WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS GREEN & WHITE

Congratulations Class of 2025!



District News

(269) 792-2181 | 850 E. Superior St. Wayland, MI 49348

A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Wayland Union District Community,

With the school year coming to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all we've accomplished together. This year was filled with moments of growth, resilience, and achievement. From the first to the last day of school, and all the events in between, our district has been filled with energy, purpose and pride. One of the greatest milestones achieved this year was the recognition from Capturing Kids Hearts for being a National Showcase School for all four of our elementary buildings. I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our staff members, the determination of our students, and the unwavering support of our families.



To our graduates, congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone. We are so proud of your hard work and can't wait to see the positive impact you'll make in this world with the foundation laid by our district.

To all of our students, thank you for your effort and the joy you brought to our schools each day. I hope your summer is filled with adventure and time with the people you love.

As we look ahead to next year, our commitment to excellence in education remains strong. We are excited to continue building a school community where every student is challenged and inspired to become lifelong learners and productive citizens. Thank you for being a vital part of our district. Have a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,
Tim Reeves, Superintendent



**Register for the YMCA Before
and After School Care for the
2025-2026 school year!**

Contact Information

Preschools

Baker Elementary (269) 792-9208

Dorr Elementary (616) 681-9637

Career Connections Academy

870 E Superior St, Wayland (269) 792-2254

Fitness Center & Pool

870 E Superior St, Wayland (269) 792-0011

Special Education Programs

851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland (269) 792-3069

Transportation Department

851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland (269) 792-2262

Welcoming Schools Program

701 Wildcat Drive, Wayland (269) 792-9153

*For families new to the district and/or with
children age birth to five.*

Board of Education

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Bond Update

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Pool

In early May, our construction crew began building the interior foundation walls for the pool mechanical room, the locker rooms, and the north side of the pool. These walls will eventually be buried, making this photo that much more special!



Administration Building

Construction is picking up at the new administration building! Crews are currently installing metal support beams for the additional walls in the lower level/community space and installing improved duct and electrical work throughout the building. We are so excited to centralize our administration team for easier community access.



Duct work in an office on the main level.



Metal framing for bathrooms on the lower level.

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OPE Recipients

Karri Bailey: Principal, Steeby Elementary

This school year, she took on the role of Principal at Steeby Elementary. She has changed the culture within the building by focusing on empathy, compassion, integrity and respect. Through her thoughtful and inclusive approach, Karri quickly became a respected leader, guiding the school with vision and purpose. Her belief in the potential of every student is clear in her actions as she relentlessly works to create opportunities that break down any barriers that may hinder a student's success.

Jamie Berens: Clerical Aide, Dorr Elementary

Known for her creativity and warmth, she is constantly looking for new ways to connect with students and their families. Jamie is the first face families see when they arrive at school each day, she is always striving to build positive relationships. You can often find Jamie starting her day outside, dancing and singing with students as they step off the bus, setting a joyful tone for the entire building.

Deb Wagner: Kitchen Manager, WUHS

Each day, she leads her team in preparing restaurant-quality meals for over 800 students, ensuring that both breakfast and lunch are not only nutritious, but made with care. Deb was instrumental in launching the Global Eats program - an exciting culinary journey that introduces students to the cuisine from a new country each month. Beyond the kitchen, Deb is equally committed to supporting student growth. She works with our level two high school students by involving them in kitchen tasks, such as stocking coolers and cleaning, offering them meaningful job training experiences.



Hall of Fame Inductees

Joseph Kramer (1976) earned a degree in Broadcast Communications and EMT certifications from Delta College and Grand Valley State University. Mr. Kramer devoted more than 41 years to Wayland EMS, taught CPR to countless youth and adults, and has been involved with the Boy Scouts for over 30 years. He has served on the Wayland City Council for over 7 years, including 4 years as Mayor Pro-Tem. His involvement in youth sports includes coaching, referee administrator for AYSO, and high school soccer referee for over two decades. He also supported the arts as Band Booster President while his children were in school.



Coralie Miller (1986) earned a teaching degree from Aquinas College. For the past 35 years, Mrs. Miller has been a dedicated coach in basketball, volleyball, and softball. Her leadership extends beyond coaching as a substitute teacher, MHSAA official, bus driver, and Youth for Understanding exchange program representative. Recognized for her impact, Coralie recently received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Female Coach of the Year and the Coach O Award.

Robyn Robinson (1997) graduated from Central Michigan University in 2002 and began her career in education as a special education teacher. She later earned a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and a second Master's in School Counseling from Grand Valley State University. For the past 13 years, Robyn has been a dedicated administrator at Wayland, currently serving as the principal at Pine Street Elementary. She coached youth soccer, baseball, and softball, and has volunteered her time for the 8th Grade Banquet, Grad Bash, Advisor for Wayland Union HS Michigan Youth in Government and has served on district bond committees.



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Brenner Outstanding Teacher Award

The Katheryn Lorraine Brenner Outstanding Teacher Award for the 2024-2025 school year was presented to Cierra Onken, a Special Education Teacher at Dorr Elementary.

The award was established in 2003 by former WUS Superintendent, Bob Brenner and his wife, Sandy, in honor of their daughter, Kathy, and recognizes an outstanding teacher who has committed the extra time and effort to benefit students in the classroom and/or in extracurricular activities with Wayland Union Schools.

The award was presented at the end of the year staff celebration. Recognized accomplishments were retirees, years of service, Outstanding People for Education award recipients and the Brenner Award.



Dorr Business Citizenship Award

Each year the Dorr Business Association honors one 3rd grade male and female from Dorr Elementary, and one 5th grade male and female from Pine Street Elementary for their outstanding citizenship throughout their school career. For the 24-25 school year, the Dorr Elementary recipients were Millie Smith and Lincoln Bredeweg. For the 24-25 school year, the Pine Street recipients were Kennedy Lynch and Leo Smith.

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.



Millie Smith and Lincoln Bredeweg



Kennedy Lynch and Leo Smith

Thank you, Retirees!

- Rick Brown, Teacher, Middle School
- Cheryl Drew, Teacher, Baker
- Chris Drew, Teacher, Middle School
- Claire Echtenaw, Compliance Coordinator, Administration
- Cindy Kloska, Food Service, Dorr
- Joe Lavinge, Maintenance, Central Service
- Aleisa Licari, Teacher, Dorr
- Vince Licari, Aide, Dorr
- Reginald Raab, Teacher, Pine Street
- Sondra Raab, Teacher, Dorr
- Kathryn Rybiski, Aide, Dorr
- Robin Seniura, Principal, Dorr
- Margaret Zomerlei, Food Service, High School



Challenge and Inspire All Students

Class of 2025

Graduation was held on May 22nd, 2025.

Summa Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA)



Back Row (L-R): Haven Baker, Hudson Biondo, Matthew Chubb, Mackenzie Cosgrove, Abigail DeWeerd, Mason Drozd, William Gavin, Landon Harris, Katie Harter, Taylor Hoogewind
Front Row (L-R): Dergaso Larsen, Dylan Pallett, Jordan Saylor, Melanie Smith, Nathan Trumbull, Kyle VanEss, Nikol Yanakieva
Not Pictured: Thomas Corneillie, Malachi Kelly, Cadence Laker

Magna Cum Laude (3.8-3.9 GPA)



Back Row (L-R): Liam Barabas, Isabella Bogema, Mia House, Alexis Hozeska, Adaline Huston
Front Row (L-R): Brennan Keena, Harmony Laker, Sarah Osbon, Cameron Sieffert, Ovelia Taylor
Not Pictured: Benjamin Bernal Pumay

Cum Laude (3.5-3.7 GPA)



Back Row (L-R): Rayne Baughman, Kynlee Boomsma, Madison Bottrall, Callie Conley, Jordin Crow, Carter Decker, Anna Edwards, Jaden Goodwin
Front Row (L-R): Kennedy Jasinski, Jozelynn Mathis, Arquimedes Miguel-Garcia, Ashton Rohde, Madilyn Tornes
Not Pictured: Madison Campos, William Dewing, Adam Huff, Ava Longstreet, Evan Noyes, Trent Sikkema

Baker Elementary

(269) 792-9208 | 507 W. Sycamore St Wayland, MI 49348

ENGAGE

FAMILY SURVEY

Our Baker families believe...

90% "I am greeted with a smile and a positive tone when I enter the school."

90% "I feel welcome at my student's school."

92% "My student's school cares for my student."

COMMUNICATE

92% "My student's school asks for feedback and seeks opportunities to improve."

86% "My student likes going to school most days."

86% "I feel like my student's school is partnering with me to encourage, motivate, and help my student be successful."

LAUNCH

LITTLE CATS

BE SAFE

- All Four on the Floor
- Walking Feet
- Hands/Feet/Objective to Yourself

BE RESPECTFUL

- Follow Adult Directions the First Time
- Be a Good Listener
- Use Kind Words
- Use Appropriate Voice
- Raise Your Hand and Wait to be Called On

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Be on Time
- Be Prepared
- Try Your Best
- Clean Up After Yourself

“ Teaching is ultimately an act of hope. Every time I teach a lesson, I hope it will inspire learning. Every time I intervene with a struggling student, I hope it will change the trajectory of their path. The temptation to fall into cynicism is alive and well in education. However, hope is a choice I make every day. **”**

—RACHEL JORGENSEN, Educator

National Showcase School

Baker Elementary was selected as a National Showcase School for the 2024–2025 school year due to our commitment to building a positive and inclusive school culture. Evidence of impact throughout the building highlights strong staff collaboration, student engagement, and a focus on whole-child development. Additionally, our end-of-year family survey results revealed overwhelmingly positive feedback, demonstrating high levels of satisfaction and trust in the school community. It has been a tremendous year learning and growing at Baker Elementary!



Dorr Elementary

(616) 681-9637 | 4159 18th St. Dorr, MI 49323

Wrapping Up a Year of Fun, Growth, and Achievements!

As the final school days go by and summer is in view, we reflect on another incredible school year filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories. Not only did we grow our knowledge, we had a blast doing it! The 2024-2025 school year has truly been one to remember!

This school year consisted of several fun events, including the Cat Walkathon, School Carnival, Family Reading Night, and the Daddy/Daughter Dance. None of these amazing nights would've been possible without our amazing PTO.

Dorr students had fun in the classroom too with hands-on learning in every subject. Whether it was a 3rd grade lesson about Michigan history, or a Young 5's lesson on letter sounds, students were engaged and excited to learn. All their hard work paid off with incredible growth from our students!

As if the academic growth and achievement wasn't enough, Dorr Elementary was honored as a Top 100 School in Michigan, recognizing the outstanding academic efforts of students and staff alike. Even more impressively, for the second year in a row,

Dorr Elementary was named a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School. This prestigious honor celebrates our school's commitment to building strong relationships, fostering emotional safety, and creating a positive inclusive culture for all. To showcase that inclusive culture, Dorr Elementary hosted its first Unified Champions soccer game. The whole school rallied around its players and cheered them on as our Dorr team took on the team from Steeby Elementary.

All this fun, learning and success would not be possible without the support and commitment of our dedicated staff, and amazing families and students. You are the heart of what makes Dorr Elementary so special.

As we say goodbye to another school year, we do so with full hearts and great pride in all that we have accomplished TOGETHER. The staff at Dorr Elementary wishes all a safe summer, full of sunshine and memories. We can't wait to see you all in August!



Steeby Elementary

(269) 792-2281 | 435 E. Superior St Wayland, MI 49348

Community Donation

The Student Leadership Team collected 101 cereal boxes to donate to Project Hope in Dorr. On Friday, April 25th, students gathered in the bus loop to celebrate with a "domino" race. Great work, students!



Half Mile Run

On Wednesday, May 7th, we hosted our annual Half Mile Run, and it was a beautiful day filled with great effort and school spirit! The top 10 boys and top 10 girls from each grade level earned ribbons, and we celebrated all of our amazing runners.



Unified Champions

Unified Champions is a program through Special Olympics that promotes inclusion by bringing students with and without intellectual disabilities together through sports, leadership, and shared activities. On May 15th, Steeby Elementary proudly participated in a Unified Champions soccer game against Dorr Elementary, celebrating teamwork, friendship, and inclusion. A big thank you to all who supported, volunteered, and cheered on our incredible team—great job, everyone!



The Steeby Scoop

Mr. Sweet and his Steeby Scoop Team have been broadcasting a new Special News Program that highlights important upcoming Steeby events, fun topics that are interesting to 2nd and 3rd graders, and snippets of student favorites. We are always looking forward to the next episode!



National Showcase School

Steeby Elementary has been named a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School for the 2024-2025 school year! This incredible honor recognizes our daily commitment to building strong relationships, creating a safe and supportive environment, and helping every student feel seen, valued, and empowered. Congratulations to our amazing staff, students, and families — your heart, dedication, and teamwork make Steeby a truly special place to learn and grow!



Pine St. Elementary

(269) 792-1127 | 201 Pine Street Wayland, MI 49348

Mile Run

May 9th was the annual Pine Street Mile Run through downtown Wayland! Our students loved being supported by several of our local police officers and being able to run alongside some of our high school athletes. Plus, WIPTO provided snow cones for all our students to enjoy afterwards and Full Potential Chiropractic donated t-shirts and helped the running club tie-dye them prior to the event. The top 4th grade runners were Chryslin Kuhlmann and Gradee Martin, and the top 5th grade runners were Kaybree Klinkner and Jaxson Chelbana. Great work, students!



Cross Curricular Project

For two weeks in May, students in Mrs. McCrumb's and Mr. Oostindie's Social Studies classes worked on a cross curricular project. Students were reading "The Porcupine Year" in their ELA classes and built on that learning to engage in lessons related to the Trail of Tears. Students worked collaboratively to gather prior knowledge, ask questions about what they'd like to know, and share what they learned through research. To culminate this activity, students wrote a summative paragraph that explained their driving question, "Why were Native Americans forced from their land?"

End of Year Awards

Pine Street Elementary recognized their 4th and 5th grade students during their annual awards ceremonies! Students were recognized for their outstanding achievements in categories such as Core and Exploratory Classes, the Mile Run, ROARS, and Student Council.

The ceremony concluded with two of the most prestigious honors. The Principal's Award, the highest recognition for 4th grade, was presented to Emma Hall and Landon Bonte. The Dorr Business Association (DBA) Citizenship Award, the top award for 5th grade, was awarded to Leo Smith and Kennedy Lynch (pictured on page 5). Congratulations to all of our amazing Pine Street students!



Middle School

(269) 792-2306 | 701 Wildcat Dr. Wayland, MI 49348

Freaky Tiki Cast and Crew



Unified Champions

On May 27th, our middle school participated in their Unified Champions event. Students from Mrs. Peerboom's class and our Peer-to-Peer group enjoyed a fun and inclusive game of Bocce Ball out on the soccer field!



Field Day

On Tuesday, May 27th, our high school Student Council held a field day for our middle school students. Activities included tug-of-war, water balloon toss, corn hole, kickball, and lots of popsicles. Such a fun afternoon!



8th Grade Awards

On Thursday, May 29th, Wayland Union Middle School held their 8th grade awards ceremony at the Wayland Union Fine Arts Center. Students were recognized for their Outstanding Achievements in all subject areas and for receiving Honor Roll by having a 3.5+ GPA. There were also several specialty awards including the Distinguished Student Award in honor of Zack Moushegian and the Distinguished Student Award in honor of Jody Tyner. Congratulations to all our 8th grade students, you will do great things in high school!



High School

(269) 792-2254 | 870 E Superior St. Wayland, MI 49348

Seal of Biliteracy

The Seal of Biliteracy represents a student who exhibits language proficiency in English and at least one additional world language. The Seal may be awarded to any student receiving a high school diploma, a high school certificate of completion, or a high school equivalent certificate and who has demonstrated 'Intermediate High Proficiency' on acceptable world language assessments. Congratulations to Arquimedes Miguel Garcia, Heritier Rafiki, and Jose Rosales for receiving the Seal of Biliteracy!

Arquimedes Miguel Garcia was born in Michigan and has been attending Wayland Union Schools since preschool. After graduation, he plans on attending Grand Valley State University to earn a degree in Accounting. He would like to thank Mrs. Diaz for encouraging him to continue pursuing Spanish studies, and he would like to recognize his late father, who gave him the gift of their native Spanish language.



Heritier Rafiki came to Wayland Union Schools during his senior year of high school. Born in Africa, he is representing his home country Rwanda with his native language of Kinyarwanda. After graduation, he plans on studying civil engineering. He hopes he can help bridge the language barrier to make communication more accessible.

Jose Rosales has been attending Wayland Union Schools since his 7th grade year when he first arrived from Mexico. After graduation, he plans on entering the workforce with the hope of becoming an electrician. He is looking forward to using his bilingual skills to better support his community.



FUTURES

As the school year drew to a close, our high school students stepped into adventure, creativity, and community service through our annual FUTURES Program (Facilitating Understanding Through Unique Real-Life Experiences).

The FUTURES program is designed to give students the opportunity to explore interests and skills beyond the traditional classroom walls. This year's offerings ranged from Art to Cooking, Mountain Biking, Fishing, Kayaking, Pickleball, Volunteering opportunities, and so much more.

FUTURES isn't just about fun—it's about growth, discovery, and connection. To cap off the experience, the final half-day of school featured an inspirational assembly brought to us by the Wayland Union Education Foundation featuring Austin Lanier, a nationally recognized hip hop artist who shares his powerful story of overcoming addiction and suicidal ideation. His message of resilience and hope left a lasting impact on our student body. Afterward, students enjoyed a celebratory ice cream social and courtyard games—the perfect way to wrap up both the program and the school year.



We're incredibly proud of the way FUTURES continues to enrich the lives of our students by creating real-world experiences that inspire curiosity, compassion, and courage.



Summer Camps

(269) 792-2254 | 870 E Superior St. Wayland, MI 49348

Camp	Gender	Location	Grades	Dates	Time	Cost
Basketball	Boys	HS Main Gym	1st-3rd	June 16th-19th	8am-9:30am	\$50
	Boys	HS Main Gym	4th-6th	June 16th-19th	10am-11:45am	\$50
	Boys	HS Main Gym	7th-12th	June 16th-19th	12:15pm-2:15pm	\$50
Cheer	Girls	HS Stadium	K-5th	July 26th	10am-2pm	\$40
	Girls	HS Stadium	6th-8th	July 31st	10am-2pm	\$40
Cross Country	Boys/Girls	44th Parallel	9th-12th	June 15th-19th	Overnight	\$360
	Boys/Girls	HS Stadium	6th-8th	June 23rd-Aug. 11th <small>*Mondays Only</small>	6:30pm-7:30pm	Contact Coach Antel \$25
Football	Boys/Girls	HS Stadium	5th-8th	July 29th-30th	6pm-8pm	\$45
	Boys/Girls	HS Stadium	9th-12th	June 10th-July 29th <small>*Tuesdays Only</small>	8am-9:45am	\$60
Soccer	Boys/Girls	Soccer Stadium	1st-5th	June 23rd-26th	8am-10am	\$50
	Boys/Girls	Soccer Stadium	6th-8th	June 23rd-26th	10:30am-12:30pm	\$50
Softball	Girls	Moline Softball Fields	4th-6th	July 21st-24th	9am-11am	\$40
	Girls	Moline Softball Fields	7th-9th	July 21st-24th	11:30am-1:30pm	\$40
Tennis	Boys/Girls	HS Tennis Courts	9th-12th	June 16th-20th	4:30pm-6pm	\$50
Volleyball	Girls	HS Main Gym	3rd-5th	June 23rd-26th	4pm-5:30pm	\$40
	Girls	HS Main Gym	6th-8th	June 23rd-26th	6pm-7:30pm	\$40



Head to wayland.revtrak.net to register your student!

Please note that camp registration is based on your child's grade for Fall 2025.



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Online Registration at wayland.revtrak.net | (269) 792-9153

NEW

Summer Experiential Learning (Grades K – 5th, Fall 2025)

Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Center

Embarking on a field trip to the Air Zoo Aerospace and Science Center in Kalamazoo is an exhilarating journey through the annals of aviation and space exploration, where young minds take flight through the immersive Young Eagles program. *Bring a sack lunch.*

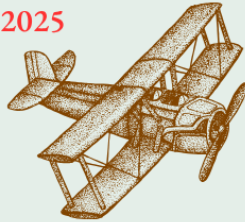
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025

Deadline to register is June 23, 2025

Time: 9:30am – 2:30pm

Location: Meet at Steeby Elementary
435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$46



Potter Park Zoo

Embark on a wild summer adventure with a field trip to Potter Park Zoo in Lansing! Spanning 20 acres within an 80-acre park, the zoo is home to over 350 animals, including Amur tigers, red pandas, snow leopards, and black rhinos. *Bring a sack lunch.*

Date: Monday, July 14, 2025

Deadline to register is June 30, 2025

Time: 9:00am – 2:30pm

Location: Meet at Steeby Elementary
435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$45

Ebersole Center

Embark on an unforgettable summer field trip to the Ebersole Environmental Education Center in Wayland - a 238-acre haven of forests, wetlands, and meadows designed to immerse students in the wonders of the natural world. Fishing, crafts, reptiles, slingshots and hiking are a few of the fun activities planned for this day. *Bring a sack lunch.*

Date: Monday, July 21, 2025

Deadline to register is July 7, 2025

Time: 9:30am – 2:30pm

Location: Meet at Steeby Elementary
435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$35



Saugatuck Dune Rides & Saugatuck Center for the Arts

Begin the day with the exhilarating Saugatuck Dune Ride, a 40-minute journey across the scenic sand dunes. This thrilling ride offers not only excitement but also educational insights into the area's unique ecology and the fascinating history of the lost town of Singapore. After the dune adventure, immerse students in the vibrant world of art at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts. This venue hosts a variety of programs that engage young minds through visual arts, theater, and interactive exhibits, fostering creativity and cultural appreciation. *Bring a sack lunch.*

Date: Monday, July 28, 2025

Deadline to register is July 14, 2025

Time: 9:30am – 2:30pm

Location: Meet at Steeby Elementary
435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$48

Youth Enrichment

Summer Fiddle Club (Grades 7th – 12th)

Fiddle music is a great style that has been passed down from generation to generation, and there is so much to get excited about. The course is limited to string players, guitarists, and percussionists. Prior knowledge of your instrument is necessary, and note reading will be necessary. Please bring your own instruments or contact the WUS orchestra director if you need to borrow a school cello or bass.

Dates: Tuesdays, June 17 – August 5, 2025

No Class on July 1 and July 29

Time: 12:00 – 1:30pm

Location: Wayland Union Middle School, Orchestra Room
701 Wildcat Dr, Wayland

Fee: \$50, 6 weeks (plus additional \$14 for book)



Reminder: Class registration is based on your child's grade for Fall 2025 or current age.

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Online Registration at wayland.revtrak.net



Open to anyone aged 55+ in the WUS District

Chorus Camp (Ages 8 – 14)

Students will have a full rehearsal experience. Students will also become exposed to musical vocabulary and concepts such as note names, solfege, and other musical terminology while learning their music. Camp cost includes music for students.

Dates: Monday – Thursday, July 14 – 24, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm (Ages 8 – 11)

7:00 – 8:00pm (Ages 12 – 14)

Location: Steeby Elementary, Music Room #128

435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$50, 8 sessions



Youth Recreation

Generation POUND (Ages 6 – 12)

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, July 7 – 21, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 6:45pm

Location: Steeby Elementary Gym

435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$21, 3 weeks

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.

Date: Tuesdays, June 3 – August 12, 2025

No Class July 1

Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm Youth/Families

7:00 – 8:00pm Adult/Families

Location: Steeby Elementary Gym

435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Instructor: Sanchin Systems, www.sanchinsystems.com

Fee: \$55 youth/individual or \$105 family, 10 weeks



Adult Recreation

Yoga - Mixed Levels (Ages 18+)

This mixed level class is based on a unique style of Hatha Yoga, where positive intentions integrate with the scientific principles of biomechanics. The class includes breathing exercises and a physical practice. The focus is on developing concentration and awareness, as well as stretching and strengthening. Emphasis is put on detailed instruction and basic alignment principals – modifications are given for different levels. Students must be able to move down onto a mat and up off of a mat without assistance. Participants are asked to bring their own yoga mat and block to class.

Dates: Wednesdays, June 4 – August 13, 2025

No class July 2

Time: 6:30 – 7:45pm

Location: WU Fine Arts Center, Dance Studio

870 E Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$100, 10 weeks

SeniorFit (Ages 65+)

A trained physical therapist will lead this class with the goal of improving your overall health and wellness, increase your strength, and decrease the risk for falls. Space is limited!

Dates: Tuesdays, June 24 – August 9, 2025

No Class July 1

Time: 12:15 – 1:00pm

Location: Ivy Rehab

709 W Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$20, 8 weeks



Adult POUND (Ages 18+)

Designed for all fitness levels, POUND provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rocking out!

Dates: Thursdays, July 10 – August 21, 2025

No class July 31

Time: 6:15 – 7:00pm

Location: Steeby Elementary Gym

435 E. Superior St., Wayland

Fee: \$30, 6 weeks

Summertime Celebration Ice Cream (You Scream) Social

July 9 | 12PM – 2PM | \$10/pp | Wayland VFW | 735 Main St.

Enjoy ice cream, food, a live band, and raffle giveaways. This is a GREAT time to meet the group!

RSVP by June 25

Henderson Castle Tour with Lunch Onsite

August 13 | 9:45AM – 3PM | \$60/pp

We'll enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful Henderson Castle in Kalamazoo and then lunch onsite.

RSVP by July 30

Shop 'Til Your Drop then Eat!

September 10 | 9AM – 4PM | \$15/pp

Shop Holland, MI's famous 8th Street! We'll do a couple hours of shopping prior to lunch, then dine at Curragh Irish Pub (self-pay), with a couple more hours of shopping before heading home. Wear your sturdy shoes!

RSVP by August 27

Senior Social Hour

3rd Tuesday Every Month | 11AM – 2PM | 4One2 Distillery

739 S. Main St | Donations Only

Open house style social time with food, games, and camaraderie. **Notice: Due to a scheduling conflict, social hour will no longer occur on the 1st Tuesday every month.*

RSVP one week in advance

Bingo w/Pizza Lunch Events:

11:30AM – 1:30pm | \$6/pp | WUS Transportation Building

July 23/RSVP by July 16 | August 27/RSVP by August 20

September 24/RSVP by September 17

RSVP to Nancy at (616) 644-1676

Make checks payable to *Wayland Leisure Life*.

Mail checks to 4316 Deerfield Run, Dorr 49323

All event payments are non-refundable after the RSVP date. All events with provided transportation depart from the WUS Transportation Building, 851 Wildcat Dr, Wayland, MI 49348

Athletics

High School Fall Tryout Dates

Football- All Levels

Dates/Times: August 11th-13th, 5:00pm-8:45pm
Location: High School Football Stadium
Coach: Tim Gibson, gibson@waylandunion.org

Volleyball- All Levels

Dates/Times: August 11th-13th, 5:00pm-8:00pm
Location: High School Main Gym
Coach: Jessica Bredeweg, jessica.bredeweg@gmail.com

COED Cross Country

Dates/Times: August 11th-15th, 8:00am
Location: High School Football Parking Lots
Coach: Jennifer Antel, anteljennifer@gmail.com

Girls Golf

Dates/Times: August 11th, 9:00am-12:00pm
Location: Orchard Hills Golf Course
Coach: Rick Brown, brownr@waylandunion.org

Girls Swim and Dive

Dates/Times: Contact the Coach
Location: TBD

Coach: Seth Beat, beats@waylandunion.org

Boys Soccer

Dates/Times: August 11th-13th 6:00pm-9:00pm
Location: Middle School Soccer Stadium
Coach: Caleb Campbell, campbellc@waylandunion.org

Boys Tennis

Dates/Times: August 11th, 4:30pm- 6:30pm
Location: High School Tennis Courts
Coach: Ben Adams, adams-benjamin@sbcglobal.net



For more information, check out our Athletic website!



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Calendar

2025 - 2026 Important Dates

August

18-19 Teacher PD Days/Open Houses
20 First Day of School - Half Day
29 Labor Day Break - No School

September

01 Labor Day - No School

October

10-13 No School - Staff and Students

November

03 Teacher PD Day - No School for Students
14 End of First Trimester
17 Start of Second Trimester
26-28 Thanksgiving Break - No School

December

22-02 Winter Break - No School

January

05 School Resumes
19 Teacher PD Day - No School for Students

February

13-16 Mid-Winter Break - No School
27 End of Second Trimester

March

02 Start of Third Trimester
13 No School - Staff and Students
16 Teacher PD Day - No School for Students

April

03-10 Spring Break - No School
13 School Resumes

May

21 Graduation for Class of 2026
22 No School/Inclement Weather Make Up Day
25 Memorial Day - No School

June

04 Last Day of School - Half Day

2025-2026 LITTLE WILDCATS PRESCHOOL

3-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

Locations:

- Baker Elementary
- Dorr Elementary

Schedule:

- Days:** M/W/F (Baker) or T/Th (Dorr)
- Times:** 9:05am - 11:45am

Rates:

- M/W/F:** \$195/month (in-district), \$225/month (non-district)
- T/Th:** \$130/month. (in-district), \$150/month (non-district)
 - WUS district residents receive a discounted rate from the Gun Lake Tribe in lieu of tax money.

Curriculum:

- Our 3-year-old preschoolers receive instruction through the Learning Without Tears curriculum. This curriculum focuses on early literacy, math, science, and social-emotional development.

Details:

- Students must be 3 by September 1st, 2025

4-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL

Locations:

- Baker Elementary
- Dorr Elementary

Schedule:

- Days:** Monday-Thursday
- Times:** Follows the school day schedule

Rates:

- Free through the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

Curriculum:

- Our 4-year-old preschoolers receive instruction using the Creative Curriculum, emphasizing adult-child interactions in a carefully designed learning environment that is play-based and strengthens initiative and self-reliance in children.

Details:

- Students must be 4 by September 1st, 2025



QUESTIONS?

Email our Early Childhood Director, Jessica Crampton, at cramptonj@waylandunion.org or visit our website for more information.



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Complete the Allegan Area Preschool Application located on the Help Me Grow website. Afterwards, we will email you with next steps.