



WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS

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BOND 2025 UPDATE

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# DISTRICT NEWS

(269) 792-2181 | 893 E. Superior St. Wayland, MI 49348

## A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Wayland Union Community,

As we enter this season of gratitude and reflection, I want to take a moment to thank our entire school community for your continued partnership and support. The start of our second trimester is an exciting time, a chance to celebrate the progress we've made and look ahead to the many opportunities that lie ahead this school year.



I continue to be inspired by the commitment of our students, staff, and families. Each day, I see examples of collaboration, creativity, and kindness throughout our district. Whether it's through academic achievement, community service, or the small moments of encouragement that happen in classrooms and hallways, our schools truly reflect the strength and spirit of our community.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who attended the Open House for our new Administration Building. Your presence and enthusiasm made the event incredibly special. This new space was designed to better serve our students, staff, and families, and it was wonderful to see so many of you there to celebrate this milestone with us. The building represents not just an investment in infrastructure, but an investment in the future of our district and the continued partnership that makes our community so strong.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded daily of how fortunate we are to be part of a community that values education, connection, and care for one another. I hope you all enjoy a safe and restful holiday surrounded by family and friends, and I look forward to the great work we'll continue together in the months ahead.

Sincerely,  
Tim Reeves, Superintendent



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## Contact Information

### Preschools

Baker Elementary (269) 792-9208

Dorr Elementary (616) 681-9637

### Career Connections Academy

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

### Fitness Center & Pool

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

### Special Education Programs

893 E. Superior Street, Wayland (269) 792-3069

### Transportation Department

851 Wildcat Drive, Wayland (269) 792-2262

### Welcoming Schools Program

893 E. Superior Street, Wayland (269) 792-2181

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

### Board of Education

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# REMINDERS

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## School Closings and Delays

Poor weather conditions and emergency situations may make it necessary to cancel, delay, or send students home early. Wayland's Transportation Department checks road conditions and contacts neighboring school districts. The Superintendent makes the final decision regarding closings or delays. Information will be communicated through TV Channels 3, 8, and 13; the district's website at [waylandunion.org](http://waylandunion.org); the official District Facebook and Instagram pages; and Infinite Campus alerts.

### Two-Hour Delay

- There will be no A.M. preschool
- Buses will pick up students two hours later than normal
- School will be dismissed on regular schedule
- Breakfast will not be served

### School Closing

- All MS events/practices/games are automatically cancelled
- Decisions about HS evening events/practices/games will be made in the afternoon

### Early Release

- Secondary schools are released 15 minutes early

### Tornado Watch

- During a tornado watch, or any threatening weather, school officials are on alert for developing and dangerous conditions, and actions deemed necessary for safety will be taken per building procedures

### Tornado Warning

- Staff and students will take shelter within the buildings until an ALL CLEAR is given
- If a parent is at a building, they will be asked to seek shelter inside. Please refrain from trying to pick up students during such events.
- Phones may not be answered during a tornado warning, WUS will share updates via the District website and official Facebook page as soon as information becomes available.

## Winter Reminders

As the weather turns colder, we ask that all families update their contact information in Parent Portal to ensure you receive timely notifications about potential inclement weather days.

We also encourage students to come to school prepared with warm gear, including coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves. Pro Tip: Be sure to label all your child's items to help keep track of them!



## Wayland Community Fitness Center

Join the Fitness Center and Unlock Your Potential with Coach Caleb Wolf!

Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, our new strength and conditioning coach, Caleb Wolf, is here to help. Each week, Coach Caleb will provide "Whiteboard Workouts," beginner-friendly routines that use all available Fitness Center equipment, helping you learn what's available and how to use it. Staff will also be on hand to answer any questions and support you along the way.

Learn more by calling the fitness center at (269) 792-0011 or emailing [waylandfitness@waylandunion.org](mailto:waylandfitness@waylandunion.org).

Fitness Center hours are Monday - Friday from 3pm - 7pm.



# BOND UPDATE

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## WUS Celebrates New Administration Building

On Monday, November 10th, Wayland Union Schools hosted an open house for our new Administration Building. Originally built in 1999 and recently used as the Metropolitan Health facility, the district purchased the building in June 2024 and began renovations with the help of Triangle and TowerPinkster. We officially moved into the space on October 6th, 2025.



Administration Building Ribbon Cutting Held on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Using bond funds, we refreshed the upper level with paint and carpet, while the majority of work took place on the lower level to create a hub for community use. The lower level now features two small conference rooms, two larger conference rooms, and a communal kitchen for community and district events. The largest conference room can accommodate up to 132 participants, while the smaller one holds up to 79.

With this expansion, 19 staff members who were previously spread across seven buildings are now under one roof. Departments located in the Administration Office include Community Education, Early Childhood, Food Service, Maintenance, Central Office, Communications, Technology, Special Education, and Security. Bringing these departments together has already improved communication and collaboration, a goal we are excited to see in action.

This new building marks an important chapter for our district, creating a centralized space to better serve our families. Beyond district operations, the space is designed for the entire community, from Leisure Life programs and athletic banquets to professional development and community events. We are deeply grateful for the continued support that made this expansion possible and are thrilled to take this next step for our district alongside our community!



Lower Level in May 2025.



Lower Level in November 2025, set up for a Leisure Life program.



# BOND UPDATE

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Thank you to all the staff and community members who joined us for the Open House of the new Administration Office on Monday, November 10th! As promised, our community helped us choose names for the four conference spaces in the lower level, and the winning theme was... Names Associated with the History of the Wayland School District.

We are excited to announce the names of our four spaces: Lumberton Room, Chamber's Corners, Dahlia City Room, and the Heritage Trail Room. For those less familiar with Wayland's history, here's the story behind each name:

**Lumberton Room** – Settlers began arriving in the early 1800s, and by 1826, the land had been surveyed for settlement. Colonel Isaac Barnes purchased land along the Rabbit River and operated a mill, giving the area its first official name, Lumberton.

**Chamber's Corners** – Nelson Chambers and his family arrived in 1837 and began clearing land for farming. During this time, Chief Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish's Band of Pottawatomi Indians relocated to the Bradley region, where they continue to reside. They hunted, harvested wild rice, made baskets from black ash trees, and produced maple sugar from the surrounding forests. By the 1840s, several families had settled in the area, now called Chamber's Corners, and by 1844, there were enough children to establish the first school.

**Heritage Trail Room** – Wayland is part of the 122-mile Heritage Trail, which highlights 28 points of interest along the route, showcasing the history and beauty of Allegan County. Wayland's historical point on the trail is at the southwest corner of Main and Superior Streets, where Nelson Chambers built a cabin in 1838.

**Dahlia City Room** – Wayland was once known as Dahlia City, home to the world's largest dahlia farm from 1927 to 1958. The farm shipped dahlia tubers globally. After it was sold in 1958, the site became a subdivision with streets named after flowers, Garden, Violet, Lilac, and Aster, which remain thriving neighborhoods today.

Thank you again to everyone who helped us name the conference rooms and honor these important moments in the history of the Wayland School District! We look forward to seeing these spaces support the community and district as we continue the legacy of Wayland Union Schools.

## Sources:

- *Short History of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan* (Gun Lake Tribe)
- *Wayland History* by Gail Hollinger, <https://www.waylandchamber.org/community/wayland-history/>



Administration Building Open House held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



# BAKER ELEMENTARY

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

## Important Baker Dates:

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, No School - Thanksgiving Break  
 December 5<sup>th</sup>, WEPA Popcorn Friday  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>, No School - Winter Break  
 January 16<sup>th</sup>, Progress Report Posted after 4pm  
 January 16<sup>th</sup>, No School - Teacher PD Day  
 February 4<sup>th</sup>, Muffins in the Morning  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>, Count Day  
 February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, No School - Mid-Winter Break  
 February 27<sup>th</sup>, End of Second Trimester

## Literacy Night

On Wednesday, October 22nd, Baker Elementary hosted their annual Family Literacy Night, and the turnout was fantastic! Families enjoyed mystery readers, took home a free book, and explored a variety of resources to support literacy at home. This event is always a favorite, and we love seeing so many families come together to celebrate the joy of reading!



## Little Cat Laps

Starting this school year, Baker Elementary has been hosting Little Cat Laps every Friday! This fun weekly event invites parents, grandparents, and younger siblings to join their Baker student in walking laps together. Participation has been fantastic, and it's quickly become a highlight of the week for students and families alike. Little Cat Laps not only helps students stay active beyond recess but also strengthens the connection between home and school. Interested in participating with your favorite Baker student? Complete an ICHAT under parent quick links on the district website.





# DORR ELEMENTARY<sup>7</sup>

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

## Fall-ing Into a Strong Routine

Dorr Elementary kicked off another great school year with excitement and energy as students settled into routines and reconnected with friends and teachers. During the first week, classrooms developed Social Contracts which are agreements created by students and teachers that emphasize respect, kindness, and responsibility as key values for learning and success. Early fall NWEA results showed that students are well-positioned to build on their strengths and continue growing academically.

It's been a busy and fun start to the year! The Dorr Elementary PTO hosted the annual Cat Walk walkathon, raising funds that support family events like movie nights, Donuts with Dad, and Muffins with Mom, as well as student favorites like Popcorn Fridays and new recess equipment. The Fall Carnival brought families together for an evening of games, food, and prizes, while Parent-Teacher Conferences provided valuable opportunities for families and staff to celebrate student growth and plan for continued success.

As we move into the winter season, Dorr Elementary looks forward to continuing to strengthen relationships and build the skills that make our Wildcats lifelong learners.



## Important Dorr Dates:

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, No School - Thanksgiving Break  
December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, PTO Secret Santa Shop  
December 19<sup>th</sup>, PTO Popcorn Friday  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>, No School, Winter Break  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, PTO Meeting in Media Center, 6:30pm  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, PTO Popcorn Friday  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, Progress Reports Posted after 4pm  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, No School for Students - Teacher PD Day  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, Count Day  
February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, No School - Mid-Winter Break  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, PTO Daddy/Daughter Dance  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, End of Second Trimester

## Important Information:

Dorr Elementary loves to welcome visitors and volunteers throughout the year. Any person who enters the building to visit or volunteer is required to have an approved background check on file with the office each year. ICHAT request forms can be found on [waylandunion.org](http://waylandunion.org) under parent quick links. Please note: If you have students across multiple buildings, please only fill out the form ONCE per year.





# STEEBY ELEMENTARY

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

## Important Steeby Dates:

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, No School - Thanksgiving Break  
 December 1<sup>st</sup>, WEPA Meeting in Media Center/Virtual, 6:30pm  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>, No School - Winter Break  
 January 5<sup>th</sup>, WEPA Meeting in Media Center/Virtual, 6:30pm  
 January 5<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Winter NWEA Testing  
 January 16<sup>th</sup>, Progress Reports Posted after 4pm  
 January 19<sup>th</sup>, No School - Teacher PD Day  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>, Count Day  
 February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, No School - Mid-Winter Break  
 February 27<sup>th</sup>, End of Second Trimester

## Walk-a-Thon Reward

On Friday, October 24th, Steeby Elementary students celebrated reaching their goal for the WEPA Walk-a-Thon, and what a celebration it was!

Students got to pie and silly string their teachers, watch Mrs. Bailey dye her hair green, and top fundraisers were treated to an epic Glow Party.

The fun didn't stop there, the halls were full of shenanigans, including Mrs. Shafer, a proud Ohio State fan, sporting Maize and Blue for the day.

It was a day full of laughter, surprises, and school spirit!



## Flag Raising Ceremony

On Wednesday, October 29th, Steeby Elementary students participated in a special Flag Raising Ceremony led by local members of the VFW. During the ceremony, students learned about the flag exchange process and proudly recited the Pledge of Allegiance together.

Our students were honored to witness local veterans complete this meaningful ceremony!



## Halloween Fun

It was a fang-tastic day at Steeby Elementary! Our students took their annual walk to Laurels of Sandy Creek to show off their spooktacular costumes, and the residents joined in on the fun by dressing up too! This boo-tiful tradition brings smiles to ghouls and boys of all ages.





# PINE ST. ELEMENTARY

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

## Veterans Day Assembly

On November 11th, Pine Street Staff and Students had the opportunity to stand united in gratitude for the brave individuals who have served in our armed forces. The annual Veterans Day Assembly was filled with history, a guest speaker, words from students, a poem, placing of the V.F.W. wreath, POW/MIA ceremony, awards, flag folding, and Taps. Wayland Union Schools is honored to have the opportunity to recognize those who have served in our community. We thank you for your sacrifice.

## Important Pine Street Dates:

November 17<sup>th</sup>, Start of Second Trimester

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Winter Break - No School

January 19<sup>th</sup>, Teacher PD Day - No School

February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Mid-Winter Break, No School

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Concerts, 6pm & 7:30pm

February 27<sup>th</sup>, End of Second Trimester



The ceremony began with students participating in the Grand Entrance of the Armed Forces Colors.



Superintendent Tim Reeves delivered the opening remarks and shared the history of Veterans Day in Wayland.



The guest speaker for the event was Darin Dorr, a Wayland alumnus, high school biology teacher, and veteran.



Fifth-grade students shared excerpts from their "Thank You" letters to veterans and read *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae.



Representatives presented the *Reading of Symbolism* and participated in placing the V.F.W. wreath.



Students participated in the Uncasing of the POW/MIA Flag Ceremony, followed by an awards presentation, a flag-folding demonstration, and the playing of "Taps."

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

## Important MS Dates:

November 17<sup>th</sup>, Start of Second Trimester  
 November 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Break - No School  
 December 11<sup>th</sup>, WUMS Holiday Collage Concert, 6:30pm  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Winter Break - No School  
 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade "Informance"  
 January 19<sup>th</sup>, Teacher PD Day - No School  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7th-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Festival Concert, 7pm  
 February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Mid-Winter Break - No School  
 February 27<sup>th</sup>, End of Second Trimester

## Published Authors

Mrs. Musk's creative writing class recently submitted 100-word scary stories to the Young Writers USA contest. Impressively, 21 students had their entries selected for publication in a book titled *Fright Club: Cursed Crypts*. Each student received a certificate recognizing their writing excellence, and a copy of the book will be donated to the middle school in January.



## Building Skills

Students in Mrs. Howell's class learned about criteria (what we want), constraints (limitations), and effective partner skills. To put these concepts into practice, they were challenged to build the tallest tower, or the tower with the most floors, using only 20 flat and 20 folded index cards.



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## Spooky Artwork

This week, sixth-grade students tapped into their spooky side by creating abandoned architecture inspired by eerie old buildings and haunted ruins. Using visual texture and the elements of design, they brought their ghostly structures to life, finishing each piece with a monochromatic background to set the perfect haunted mood.



## Exploring Unique Careers

This school year, Mrs. Hetrick's Future Foundation class has had the opportunity to hear from a variety of guest speakers—from a circuit board designer to a psychologist, and even a storm chaser! Students have learned about different career paths and what it takes to succeed in each field. We are grateful for the chance for our students to learn directly from members of our community.





# HIGH SCHOOL

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



2025 Homecoming King  
and Queen, Brody Heilig  
and Payton Wallace

## Hallowed Halls

On October 30th, our halls were filled with spooky fun during the annual Hallowed Halls event hosted by SADD! A huge thank you to all the wonderful organizations that hosted tables and helped make this indoor Trick-or-Treating event such a success.

A special shoutout goes to Frontier Truck Parts for their incredible donation of over 600 full-sized candy bars!



## OK Gold Leadership Summit

On Tuesday, November 4th, the WUHS Student Council hosted the OK Gold Leadership Summit! Student Council leaders from seven districts across our conference came together to share ideas, collaborate, and strengthen student leadership. This year's summit was particularly exciting, as it marked the first time our district has hosted the event since the conference realignment, creating a brand-new experience for everyone involved.



## Important WUHS Dates:

November 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, No School - Thanksgiving Break  
 December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Debate League  
 December 11<sup>th</sup>, Blood Drive hosted by LOC Club  
 December 12<sup>th</sup>, Senior Picture Submission Deadline  
 December 16<sup>th</sup>, WUHS Holiday Collage Concert, 6:30pm  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>, No School - Winter Break  
 January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Freshman Vision Screening  
 January 15<sup>th</sup>, Freshman Parent Night, 6:30pm-8pm  
 January 16<sup>th</sup>, Snowcoming/Coaches vs Cancer Games  
 January 17<sup>th</sup>, Snowcoming Dance, 7pm-10pm  
 January 19<sup>th</sup>, No School - Teacher PD Day  
 January 19<sup>th</sup>, Parent Teacher Conferences, 4pm - 6:30pm  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>, Count Day  
 February 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, No School - Mid-Winter Break  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Final Exams  
 February 27<sup>th</sup>, End of Second Trimester

## ASL Class Visits Baker

On Friday, November 7th, our high school American Sign Language Level 3 students visited Baker Elementary to share the story *Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney and teach a few ASL signs along the way. The younger students had a blast learning new words and showing off their signing skills!



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# DISTRICT NEWS

## Wayland Union Schools was Awarded the COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program Grant

Wayland Union Schools is improving district safety thanks to a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. This fall, Wayland Union Schools Technology Director, Scott Getter, was awarded the COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP), a competitive grant designed to improve security in schools through evidenced-based safety technology and infrastructure upgrades.

District Security Officer, Matt Miller, states that “our district’s number one goal is to provide a safe, secure environment for our students and staff, this grant will continue to allow us the opportunity to provide the highest level of service to the community that we serve.”

For Wayland Union Schools, the SVPP grant will fund upgrades to our video surveillance systems, providing situational awareness across the district. The upgraded system will feature high-quality video coverage and the ability to securely share video with law enforcement in the event of an emergency. The new cloud-based platform is faster, more reliable, and meets federal cybersecurity standards.

“This grant gives us the ability to take a major step forward in protecting our students and staff,” explained Scott Getter, “by upgrading to a secure, modern surveillance system, we are enhancing not just our ability to respond to emergencies, but also our day-to-day ability to create a safe, welcoming place to learn and work.”

Upgrades to our current system began in Fall 2025, with equipment purchasing, installation and staff training occurring in phases through Spring 2026.

Teresa Fulk, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, would like to acknowledge all the hard work and time that went into making this project possible for our students. “We appreciate Mr. Getter’s leadership in pursuing this grant. These upgrades help ensure our students and staff have the safest and most effective learning environment possible” stated Mrs. Fulk. “Applying for and managing grants requires significant time and effort, it’s worthwhile because they bring valuable resources that benefit our entire district. We’re also grateful to the district staff who will support the purchase, installation, training, and implementation processes that make these improvements a reality.”



# **COPS**

*Community Oriented Policing Services*  
**U.S. Department of Justice**



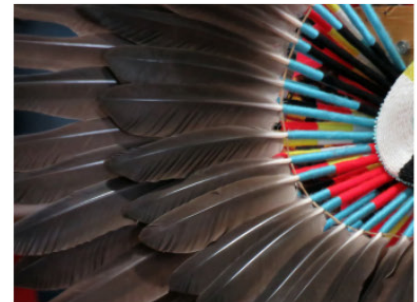
# GUN LAKE TRIBE

A message from the Gun Lake Tribe - Tribal Council



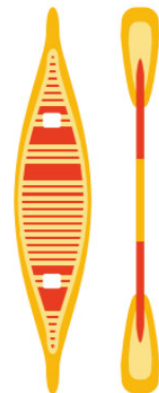
## November is Native American Heritage Month

The first proclamation for Native American Heritage Month came in 1990 from President George H.W. Bush after Congress passed a resolution that designated November 1990 as National American Indian Heritage Month. Many Natives of this land may be grateful that we have the month of November as Native American Heritage Month, a month set aside to pay tribute to the ancestry, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans.



It is the beginning of a lifetime healing of genocide, betrayal, discrimination, and ill treatment of Native American people. Many Native Americans are deeply rooted in their culture and traditions, which only became legal to practice our lifetime traditions and culture since 1978, when President Carter signed into law the American Indian Freedom Act. Since that time many Native Americans were able to reconnect with their cultural teachings and freely learn and pass down those teachings to the next generation.

"We are very proud of how far the Gun Lake Tribe has come in recent decades. From humble beginnings with only a few key employees, to a fully functioning Tribal Government housed at our beautiful government campus in Bradley, MI, that serves as our Tribal Nation's Capital. Each day, the employees of the Gun Lake Tribal Government and the Tribal Council work toward improving the lives of Tribal Citizens and their families. We are also focused on continuing to provide education and information about the history and culture of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians so that these traditions and beliefs may continue to be passed down to future generations." (<https://gunlaketribe-nsn.gov/about/>).



We as Native Americans appreciate NAHM but would like to remind the community that we are not Native just one month out of the year but every day. It goes without saying that NAHM is next to Halloween, we remind the community that we are not dressing up in costumes to pretend to be something we are not, we are true Native Americans that embrace our culture, heritage, ancestry and traditions. We invite our community to cross the street and get to know us better, especially during this month recognized as Native American Heritage Month.



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Online Registration at [wayland.revtrak.net](http://wayland.revtrak.net) | (269) 792-9153

## Youth Enrichment

### Babysitter Training (Ages 11+)

This one day course provides youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. 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. 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-registration is required.**

**Date:** Saturday, January 31, 2026

**Time:** 10am – 2pm

**Location:** WUS Transportation Building Conference Room  
851 Wildcat Dr., Wayland

**Fee:** \$55



## Youth Recreation

### Volleyball Skill Building (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)

This volleyball class will introduce the fundamentals of volleyball to young athletes. Learn proper techniques and improve your skills!

**Date:** Thursdays, January 8 - January 29, 2026

**Time:** 7pm - 8:30pm

**Location:** Wayland Union Middle School Gym

**Fee:** \$45, 4 weeks

### Indoor Soccer (Ages 4 - 11, as of 1/1/2026)

This recreational program is for the players to learn more about soccer, stay active this winter, and to HAVE FUN! Students play for about 45 minutes each week. For the safety of all players, children are required to wear shin guards, indoor gym shoes, and will be placed on the age-appropriate level.

**Registration deadline is December 5, 2025**, space is limited.

**Date:** Saturdays, January 10 - February 14, 2026

**Time:** Varies Between 8:30am - 4pm

**Location:** Pine Street Gym

316 Pearl St., Wayland

**Instructors:** Volunteer Coaches Needed

**Fee:** \$40, includes t-shirt

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### Archery I (4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

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 run using the NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) format. A website and many YouTube videos feature NASP's history, how it is run, and benefits. Please feel free to look over their site; <http://naspschools.org/>

**Date:** Tuesdays, January 13 - February 17, 2026

**Time:** 5pm – 6pm

**Location:** Dorr Elementary Gym

4259 18<sup>th</sup> St., Dorr

**Fee:** \$30, 6 weeks

### Archery II (4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**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 be for six weeks and will again follow the NASP format.

**Date:** Tuesdays, January 13 - February 17, 2026

**Time:** 6pm – 7pm

**Location:** Dorr Elementary Gym

4259 18<sup>th</sup> St.

**Fee:** \$30, 6 weeks



### Softball Skill Building (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades)

This 1.5 hour softball class will introduce the fundamentals of softball to young athletes. Learn proper techniques and improve your skills!

**Date:** Mondays, February 2 - March 2, 2026

No Class February 16, 2026

**Time:** 7pm - 8:30pm

**Location:** Wayland Union Middle School Gym

**Fee:** \$45, 4 weeks



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION<sup>15</sup>

Online Registration at [wayland.revtrak.net](http://wayland.revtrak.net)

## **Sanchin Ryu Karate** (Youth (4-17 yrs.) and 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.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, January 13 - March 3, 2026

**Time:** 6pm – 7pm Youth/Family

7pm – 8pm Teen/Adult

**Location:** Steeby Elementary Gym

435 E. Superior St., Wayland

**Fee:** \$45 individual or \$85 family, 8 weeks

**Instructor:** Sanchin Systems, [www.sanchinsystems.com](http://www.sanchinsystems.com)



## **Adult Enrichment**

### **Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED**

This course will prepare you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving and meets OSHA/workplace requirements. 4-5 hour: Online portion (must be completed before attending in-person classroom skill session) 3 hour: Instructor-led classroom skill session. Upon successful completion of this course, you will receive a digital certificate for the Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. **Registration deadline is 1 week prior to class date.**

**Date:** February 10, 2026

**Time:** 4:30pm – 7:30pm

**Location:** Steeby Elementary Cafeteria

435 E. Superior St., Wayland

**Fee:** \$90

## **Adult Recreation**

### **Community Indoor Hall Walking**

There will be no hall walking when school is not in session; this includes holiday breaks and snow days. There will also be no hall walking on January 20 & 21, 2026 (due to PT conferences).

**Dates:** Monday – Friday, Now – April 24, 2026

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm

**Location:** Wayland Union Middle School

701 Wildcat Dr., Wayland

\*Use the Bus Loop Parking and Door #9



## **Yoga (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 focus is on developing concentration and awareness, as well as stretching and strengthening. Students must be able to move down onto a mat and up off a mat without assistance. Participants are asked to bring their own yoga mat and block to class.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, January 7 - February 25, 2026

**Time:** 6:30pm – 7:45pm

**Location:** WUHS Dance Studio,

Use FAC parking lot and Door #13

**Fee:** \$80, 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:** Mondays, January 19 - March 2, 2026

**Time:** 6:00pm – 6:30pm

**Location:** Baker Elementary Gym

507 W Sycamore St., Wayland

**Fee:** \$20, 6 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. This class is for people of all abilities. **Space is limited!**

**Dates:** Tuesdays, January 20 - March 17, 2026

**Time:** 12:15 – 1:00pm

**Location:** Ivy Rehab

709 W Superior St., Wayland

**Fee:** \$20, 8 weeks

## **Pickleball (Ages 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.

**Date:** Thursdays, February 5 - March 12, 2026

**Time:** 7pm – 8:30pm

**Location:** Wayland Union Middle School Gym

701 Wildcat Dr., Wayland

**Fee:** \$40, 6 weeks



*Open to anyone aged 55+ in the WUS District*

## **Lunch & Learn: Aging Strong - Advocacy and Action in Allegan County**

January 14 | 11:30AM–2:30PM | \$20/pp

This presentation is all about advocacy for yourself and our senior citizen community at large. Presented by Area Agency on Aging West Michigan. Breakfast for lunch.

**RSVP and Pay by December 31**

## **Valentine Celebration Party**

February 11 | 11:30AM–3PM | \$25/pp

Love is in the air and needs a celebration! Enjoy a wonderful lunch of Meatloaf, Loaded Smashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Carrots, Dessert, with entertainment by the WHS Jazz Band.

**RSVP and Pay by January 28**

## **Lunch & Learn: Cyber Safety Update for Senior Citizens**

March 11 | 11:30AM–2:30PM | \$20/pp

Wraps, Soup, Salad, and Dessert. Mr. Bob Pawlowski from Highpoint Bank will present on the latest scams, bringing you up-to-date on what to look out for.

**RSVP and Pay by February 25**

## **Bingo w/Pizza Lunch Events:**

11:30AM–1:30PM | \$6/pp

January 28/RSVP and Pay by January 14

February 25/RSVP and Pay by February 11

March 25/RSVP and Pay by March 11

*All events listed above are held at the WUS Administration Building, 893 E. Superior St., Wayland, MI 49348. Park in the lot at the back of the building.*

## **Senior Social Club: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Each Month**

11AM–2PM | 4One2 Distillery | Donation Only

Social time with food, games, and camaraderie.

**RSVP one week in advance**

**RSVP to Nancy at (616) 644-1676**

Make checks payable to *Wayland Leisure Life*.

Mail checks to 4316 Deerfield Run, Dorr 49323

**\*Event payments are non-refundable after the RSVP date.\***

Challenge and Inspire All Students



# ATHLETICS

## Winter 25/26 Home Varsity Events

### December

|    |                  |        |
|----|------------------|--------|
| 02 | Boys Basketball  | 7pm    |
| 03 | Boys Wrestling   | 5pm    |
| 08 | Bowling          | 3:30pm |
| 09 | Boys Basketball  | 7pm    |
| 10 | Bowling          | 3:30pm |
| 16 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |
| 17 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |
| 19 | Boys Basketball  | 5:30pm |
| 19 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |
| 22 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |

### January

|    |                  |        |
|----|------------------|--------|
| 02 | Boys Basketball  | 7pm    |
| 06 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |
| 07 | Boys Wrestling   | 5pm    |
| 09 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |
| 10 | Boys Wrestling   | 9am    |
| 13 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |
| 14 | Girls Cheer      | 6:30pm |
| 16 | Girls Basketball | 5:30pm |
| 16 | Boys Basketball  | 7:30pm |
| 20 | Boys Basketball  | 7pm    |
| 21 | Bowling          | 3:30pm |
| 23 | Girls Basketball | 7pm    |
| 26 | Bowling          | 3:30pm |
| 27 | Boys Basketball  | 7pm    |
| 28 | Bowling          | 3:30pm |
| 30 | Boys Basketball  | 7pm    |

### February

|    |                 |        |
|----|-----------------|--------|
| 02 | Bowling         | 3:30pm |
| 03 | Boys Basketball | 7pm    |
| 04 | Bowling         | 3:30pm |
| 06 | Boys Basketball | 7pm    |



Check out the Athletics website for the full list of events!

# CALENDAR

## 2025 - 2026 Important Dates

### November

|       |                                  |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| 14    | End of First Trimester           |
| 17    | Start of Second Trimester        |
| 21    | Report Cards Published after 4pm |
| 26-28 | Thanksgiving Break - No School   |

### December

|       |                            |        |
|-------|----------------------------|--------|
| 08    | BOE Regular Meeting        | 6pm    |
| 11    | MS Holiday Collage Concert | 6:30pm |
| 16    | HS Holiday Collage Concert | 6:30pm |
| 22-02 | Winter Break - No School   |        |

### January

|    |                                              |        |
|----|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| 05 | School Resumes                               |        |
| 08 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade "Informance"           | 6:30pm |
| 12 | BOE Regular Meeting                          | 6pm    |
| 14 | Freshman Parent Night                        | 6:30pm |
| 16 | Progress Report Cards Published after 4pm    |        |
| 19 | Teacher PD Day - No School for Students      |        |
| 22 | Wayland Union Theater Presents "Checking In" |        |
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### February

|       |                                            |              |
|-------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 05    | Dancing with the Star Staff                | 7pm          |
| 09    | BOE Regular Meeting                        | 6pm          |
| 10    | WUHS Choir Festival Concert                | 7pm          |
| 11    | Count Day                                  |              |
| 11    | 7th-12 <sup>th</sup> Band Festival Concert | 7pm          |
| 13-16 | Mid-Winter Break - No School               |              |
| 24    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Concerts             | 6pm & 7:30pm |
| 27    | End of Second Trimester                    |              |

### March

|    |                                                               |           |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 02 | Start of Third Trimester                                      |           |
| 06 | Report Cards Published after 4pm                              |           |
| 09 | BOE Regular Meeting                                           | 6pm       |
| 13 | No School - Staff and Students                                |           |
| 16 | Teacher PD Day - No School for Students                       |           |
| 27 | WUMS & WUHS Theater Presents<br><i>Disney's Lion King Jr.</i> | 7pm       |
| 28 | WUMS & WUHS Theater Presents<br><i>Disney's Lion King Jr.</i> | 3pm & 7pm |
| 31 | Steeby 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert                          | 7pm       |

### April

|       |                                                |        |
|-------|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 01    | Dorr 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert             | 7pm    |
| 03-10 | Spring Break - No School                       |        |
| 13    | School Resumes                                 |        |
| 13    | BOE Regular Meeting                            | 6pm    |
| 17    | Progress Report Published after 4pm            |        |
| 17    | Murder Mystery Dinner                          | 6pm    |
| 21    | Scholastic Honors Night/Alumni<br>Hall of Fame | 6:30pm |
| 24    | Jazz Fundraiser Night                          |        |
| 30    | WUHS Choir Spring Showcase                     | 6:30pm |

### May

|    |                                         |        |
|----|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| 07 | Spring Dance Showcase                   | 7pm    |
| 11 | BOE Regular Meeting                     | 6pm    |
| 12 | WUS Band Spring Concert                 | 6pm    |
| 13 | WUS Orchestra Spring Concert            | 6:30pm |
| 14 | CCA Senior Awards Night                 | 5:30pm |
| 15 | Senior's Last Day of School             |        |
| 19 | Senior Academic and Athletic Awards     | 6:30pm |
| 21 | Graduation for the Class of 2026        |        |
| 22 | No School/Inclement Weather Make-Up Day |        |
| 25 | Memorial Day - No School                |        |
| 27 | WUMS Choir Spring Concert               | 7pm    |

### June

|    |                               |     |
|----|-------------------------------|-----|
| 04 | Last Day of School - Half Day |     |
| 08 | BOE Regular Meeting           | 6pm |



Please note that dates and times may change. View the website for the most updated schedule.