

WINTER 2025

# WORTHINGTON

## COMMUNITY CLASSES & ACTIVITIES



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## WELCOME

As winter quickly approaches, we are thrilled to celebrate another wonderful season with you. Once again, we have partnered with local organizations and community members to bring exciting opportunities for you and your family to stay active, connected, and inspired. There is truly something for everyone, from toddlers to adults.

Inside this catalog, you will find a variety of offerings such as gymnastics, Celebration Chorus, watercolor painting, and much more. Do not forget to check out our after-school youth programs through the Nobles County Integration Collaborative (NCIC), which also provides homework help throughout the school year. The dedicated NCIC staff are pictured above.

At Community Education, we believe in the power of connection between schools, families, and the community. We work hard to include information about upcoming events, contact details, activities, and other school-related announcements to keep you informed and engaged.

Please take your time exploring this winter catalog. We look forward to seeing you in a class or activity soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Soom Chandaswang  
Enrichment Programs Coordinator

### Community Education Advisory Council Schedule FY26 (Meetings are open to the public)

The Community Education Advisory Council will meet 5 times during the school year 2025-2026. Meetings will be held in the large Community Education conference room 351. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Monday of every other month at 4 p.m. and usually last about 1 hour.

#### Dates:

September 22, 2025  
November 24, 2025

January 26, 2026  
March 23, 2026  
May 18, 2026



## District 518 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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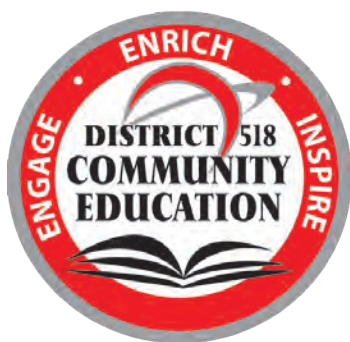


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Once completed, mail the form to:  
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We invite you to become engaged in the community by enrolling in Worthington District 518 Community Education classes and activities. Programs are designed to enrich and inspire you to get the most out of life!

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### OFFICE LOCATION

827 N. Crailsheim Road • Worthington, MN 56187  
Phone: (507) 376-6105  
Webpage: [www.isd518.net/enrichment](http://www.isd518.net/enrichment)

For your registration convenience, we offer Online Registration. This is one of many registration options for you.

### PAYMENT POLICY

Payment must accompany registration to ensure enrollment in a class. Registrations without payment will be put on hold until payment is received. **Registrations/payments received the date the class begins will be charged an additional \$5 processing fee. All walk-ins and late registrations will be charged the \$5 processing fee.** Participants are strongly encouraged to register early. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Education office.



# ECFE Early Childhood Family Education

ECFE classes are held at the Community Education Building,  
827 N. Crailsheim Road, Worthington, MN 56187

Classes are open to all families in the Worthington School District with children 0-5 years of age and not yet in Kindergarten.

Parents and children attend together and will experience activities, parent discussion and circle time. You will spend time with your child/children and create lasting memories!



## CHOOSE A CLASS: WINTER SESSION

10 Sessions • January 26th – April 17th

No Class February 9-13, March 30-April 3

### TUESDAY

#### SPANISH

1-5 year olds  
10:30—12:00 p.m.  
Class # 0401AW26

### TUESDAY

1-5 year olds  
9:00—10:30 a.m.  
Class # 0108AW26

### TUESDAY

0-5 year olds  
6:00—7:00 p.m.  
Non-separating  
Class # 0101W26

### TUESDAY

#### SPANISH

1-5 year olds  
12:30—2:00 p.m.  
Class # 0401BW26

### THURSDAY

1-5 year olds  
6:00—7:30 p.m.  
Non-separating  
Class # 0108BW26

### FRIDAY

#### ENGLISH / SPANISH

Infant Class  
10:00—11:00 a.m.  
Class # 0250W26

ECFE ofrece clases para las familias que hablan español. Para mas informacion por favor llamar al 727-1210.



# Early Childhood Screening

**Do you have a child that is 2-5 years old?  
Has your child been to early  
childhood screening? If not, read on...**



Minnesota State Law requires that children age 3 1/2 - 4 years participate in a developmental early childhood screening. This screening is free. The purpose of the screening is to identify children who may benefit from district and community resources that are available to help in their development.

The screening will consist of the following components: fine/gross motor skills, language development, concepts, height/weight, vision, hearing, review of child's health history, and immunization record (these are not substitutes for comprehensive exams).

District 518 will be sending out letters of invitation to children who are in the appropriate age range. *If your child is 4 years of age and has not been screened or if you would like to check if your child is listed on our census, contact Melanie Kuhl, Early Childhood Screening Coordinator at (507) 727-1207 for more information. Early Childhood Screening Dates for this school year are:*

**December 19, 2025** | **February 12, 2025** | **April 28, 2026** | **May 26, 2026**  
8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. | 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

## Held at the Community Ed Building

### GRANDPARENT & ME (1-5 YR OLD)

We invite grandparents (or special adults) to join us for engaging activities, games, and quality time together! These sessions are designed to create cherished memories and celebrate the special bond between children and their grandparents (or special adults). This will be mornings filled with laughter, learning, and lots of fun!

0200W26

Saturdays • 9:00-10:00 a.m. 6 ses.

Community Education Rm 371 \$30

Instructor: Cassie Snyders

Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, Apr. 25, May 9



## ECFE Class Fees - Winter / Spring '25-'26

Use your annual income to calculate fees. **Please pay for classes when registering.**

| Household Size | Tuition Donation<br>\$0.00 | Reduced 50% Off<br>\$24.00 | Full Tuition<br>\$48.00 |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2              | \$0-\$26,572               | \$26,573-\$37,814          | \$37,815 & above        |
| 3              | \$0-\$33,566               | \$33,567-\$47,767          | \$47,768 & above        |
| 4              | \$0-\$40,560               | \$40,561-\$57,720          | \$57,721 & above        |
| 5              | \$0-\$47,554               | \$47,555-\$67,673          | \$67,674 & above        |
| 6              | \$0-\$54,548               | \$54,549-\$77,626          | \$77,627 & above        |
| 7              | \$0-\$61,642               | \$61,543-\$87,579          | \$87,580 & above        |
| 8              | \$0-\$68,536               | \$68,537-\$97,532          | \$97,533 & above        |

If you have 1 child attending class at full tuition, 2nd child is reduced rate. **REGISTER FOR SIBLING CARE WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR CLASSES.** Household size is the total number of people living in your home - parents and children. ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME. No one will be denied participation due to inability to pay. District 518 residents have priority registration.

## GYMNASTICS

### Parent & Child /Tots Class

This class is designed to help young children build self-confidence while developing agility, strength, and flexibility through fun, age-appropriate gymnastics activities. Children under the age of 4 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to assist during class.

#### SATURDAY

6101AW26

Sat., Dec. 6 - Jan. 17, 2026 6 ses.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. \$42

No class: Dec. 27

Worthington Gymnastics Facility

Instructor: Joni Reitmeier & Gymnastics Staff

### Beginner I & II

This class is designed for beginner-level gymnasts and is divided into two groups based on skill level. Beginner 1 is for children who are new to gymnastics or are still working on mastering a cartwheel. Beginner 2 is for gymnasts who have previous experience and can confidently perform a cartwheel. Students will continue building foundational skills and progressing at their own pace.

#### SATURDAY

6101BW26

Sat., Dec. 6 - Jan. 17, 2026 6 ses.

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. \$52

No class: Dec. 27

Worthington Gymnastics Facility

Instructor: Joni Reitmeier & Gymnastics Staff

### Intermediate / Advanced

This class is for gymnasts who have mastered basic skills on all events, understand gymnastics terminology, and are ready for a more challenging training environment. Gymnasts must be self-motivated, able to work independently on multiple tasks, and be prepared for longer class sessions.

#### SATURDAY

6101CW26

Sat., Dec. 6 - Jan. 17, 2026 6 ses.

11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

No class: Dec. 27 \$84

Worthington Gymnastics Facility

Instructor: Joni Reitmeier & Gymnastics Staff



## Worthington District 518 COMMUNITY EDUCATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Worthington District 518 Community Education offers youth scholarships to enable more youth to participate in program offerings. As with most other school district activities, Community Education uses the USDA Free and Reduced Lunch application data to determine whether or not local youth are eligible. Children who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, will be able to enroll in most Community Education youth activities for the reduced fee.

To obtain these program scholarships, families should indicate their interest in applying for the reduced fee when enrolling their children in a Community Education class or activity. The Enrichment Programs Coordinator will determine whether any additional information is needed to determine if the child qualifies for this income-based program. For more information, parents can contact the Enrichment Programs Coordinator at the District 518 Community Education office at 507-376-6105.



## WINTER SCENE ACRYLIC PAINTING (Ages 8+)



Let your creativity sparkle this season! In this youth-friendly acrylic painting class, students will learn basic painting techniques while creating their own beautiful winter landscapes. All materials are provided, and no prior experience is needed. Young artists will explore color mixing, brushwork, and layering to bring snowy scenes to life. A fun, relaxed environment encourages self-expression and imagination.

2302BW26  
 Mon., Dec. 22, 2025 1 ses.  
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$25  
 Community Education - Room 361  
 Instructor: Marlen Balster

## BEADING FOR YOUTH (Ages 8+)

Let your creativity shine in this fun and hands-on beading class! Designed for young artists, students will learn basic beading techniques, explore patterns, and create colorful jewelry and accessories. All materials are provided, and each participant will leave with their own unique wearable art. Perfect for beginners or anyone who loves crafting!

2002W26  
 Tues., Dec. 23, 2025 1 ses.  
 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$25  
 Community Education - Room 361  
 Instructor: Marlen Balster



## ACRYLICS FOR YOUTH (Ages 8+)



In this fun, one-time workshop, young artists will explore acrylic painting with step-by-step guidance. Students will learn basic techniques like color mixing, brushwork, and creating texture while completing a unique painting to take home. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity and imagination!

2302AW26  
 Mon., Dec. 29, 2025 1 ses.  
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$25  
 Community Education - Room 361  
 Instructor: Marlen Balster

## CELEBRATION CHORUS

Celebration Chorus is an after school singing opportunity for third through fifth grade students. You will learn to sing music in two and three parts, make up some of your own accompaniments and perform out in the community. Come celebrate together in song!

7916W26  
 Tues., Jan. 13-Mar. 24, 2025 11 ses.  
 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. \$50  
 Intermediate School Music Room  
 Instructor: Debra Moe



# KEEPING IT HEALTHY

## CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUPS (C&TC): YOUR CONNECTION TO PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE - BIRTH THROUGH AGE 20 YEARS

**What is preventive health care?** Going to the doctor when you are healthy may be something new to you. This is called preventive health care. This type of care provides health checks that keep us healthy and helps identify problems so they can be treated early.



### Why are these visits important?

Regular checkups keep us healthy. Get checked for anemia, lead, or other concerns. Get information about health topics that are important to you. Teens and young adults can learn to take control of their own health, with family support.



### A visit includes:

- Information about good physical and emotional health
- Time to ask questions and get answers about health, growth, behavior, and development
- Time to discuss thoughts, feelings and relationships
- Complete head-to-toe exam
- Vaccines when needed
- Hearing check
- Vision check
- Lab tests when needed
- Fluoride varnish application for certain ages
- Referral to the dentist

**CALL YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TODAY TO SCHEDULE A CHILD AND TEEN CHECKUP**

**NEED HELP TO FIND A DOCTOR OR DENTIST? MAKE AN APPOINTMENT? FIND TRANSPORTATION? FIND AN INTERPRETER?  
CALL NOBLES COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**



Main Number 507-295-5213  
CT&C Coordinator 507-295-5365

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERS THESE VISITS, AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM.**



## MANTENIÉNDOLE SALUDABLE

### CHEQUEOS MÉDICOS PARA NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES (C&TC): SU CONEXIÓN CON LA ATENCIÓN MÉDICA PREVENTIVA - DESDE EL NACIMIENTO HASTA LOS 20 AÑOS

**¿Qué es la atención médica preventiva?** Ir al médico estando sano puede ser algo nuevo para usted. Esto se llama atención médica preventiva. Este tipo de atención proporciona chequeos médicos que nos mantienen sanos y ayudan a identificar problemas para que puedan tratarse a tiempo.

#### ¿Por qué son importantes estas visitas?

Los chequeos regulares nos mantienen saludables.

Hazte una prueba de anemia, plomo u otras preocupaciones.

Infórmate sobre temas de salud importantes para ti.

Los adolescentes y adultos jóvenes pueden aprender a tomar el control de su propia salud con el apoyo familiar.



#### Una visita incluye:

Información sobre la buena salud física y emocional

Tiempo para hacer preguntas y obtener respuestas sobre salud, crecimiento, comportamiento y desarrollo

Tiempo para hablar sobre pensamientos, sentimientos y relaciones

Examen completo de pies a cabeza

Vacunas cuando sea necesario

Revisión de audición

Revisión de la vista

Pruebas de laboratorio cuando sea necesario

Aplicación de barniz de flúor para ciertas edades

Remisión al dentista



**LLAME A SU PROVEEDOR DE ATENCIÓN MÉDICA HOY PARA PROGRAMAR UN CHEQUEO PARA NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES.**

**¿NECESITA AYUDA PARA ENCONTRAR UN MÉDICO O DENTISTA? ¿PROGRAMAR UNA CITA?**

**¿BUSCAR TRANSPORTE? ¿BUSCAR UN INTÉRPRETE?**

**LLAME A LOS SERVICIOS DE SALUD COMUNITARIOS DEL CONDADO DE NOBLES.**



Número principal: 507-295-5213

Coordinador de CT&C: 507-295-5365

**LA ASISTENCIA MÉDICA CUBRE ESTAS VISITAS Y USTED NO TIENE QUE PAGAR POR ELLAS.**





# Winter '25-'26 Library Programs

## STORY TIME

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Toddlers & preschoolers.

Join us for stories, action verses & a craft

**WII U GRADES 4TH-9TH**  
EVERY MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Snack and beverages provided.

Come challenge your friends!

## KIDS CLUB

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

Join us for a movie, crafts, experiments & games.

Snack & beverages provided.

## JUST GURLZ

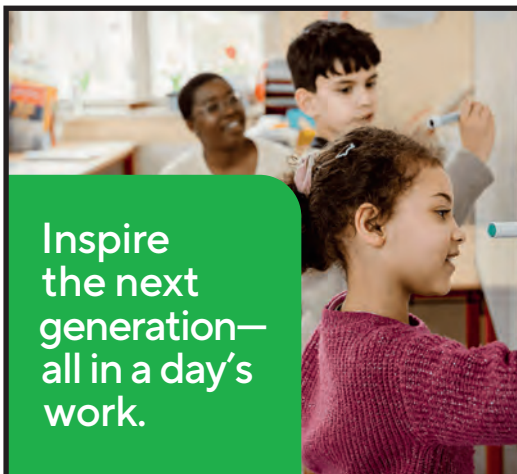
EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Join us for arts & crafts, cooking, experiments & more.

Snack and beverages provided.

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**Location:** Community Education  
827 N Crailsheim Rd  
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**Time:** 12-2pm on the first Tuesday of each month

**Birth certificate or footprint card required for each child in need of diapers or pullups**

## Primer Martes del Mes

**Lugar:** Educacion Comunitaria  
827 N Crailsheim Rd  
Worthington, MN 56187

**Horario:** 12-2pm de primer Martes del Mes

**Se requiere certificado de nacimiento o tarjeta de huella para cada niño que necesita pañales o pullups**



# 507-287-2047



# LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

## JBS BETTER FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

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## MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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## WORTHINGTON REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The intent of the Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation, Inc. is to offer financial assistance to area health care employees seeking advancement in the healthcare profession. For more information, scan the QR code or go to [www.wrhcfc.com](http://www.wrhcfc.com).



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**Winter Programs 2025 – Call 507-376-3300 to register!**

*All NCIC programs are FREE and open to all NCIC member districts and their communities*

## Welcome NCIC Staff Achievement and Integration Coordinator

**Gladys Aldana**

[Gladys.Aldana@isd518.net](mailto:Gladys.Aldana@isd518.net)



Hi everyone! My name is Gladys Aldana, and I am excited to serve as the Achievement and Integration Coordinator at the Nobles County Integration Collaborative.

I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to

my community in this role. I have been with the district since 2018, spending most of my time at the Collaborative. During these years, I have served as a Youth Development Leader and Cultural Liaison, which allowed me to gain valuable experience in many areas of the department. I earned my undergraduate degree and am currently pursuing my master's at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota. As Coordinator, I am committed to fostering strong connections with staff, students, and families and supporting their success

## Cultural Liasons

**Alyssa Sounthala**

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My name is Alyssa Sounthala, and I'm excited to serve as a Cultural Liaison with the Nobles County Integration Collaborative. I grew up in Worthington, MN, and love being part of such a diverse and welcoming community. I'm passionate about building connections, supporting students, and helping

families feel included and supported.

**Heidi Ramierz**

[Heidi.Ramirez@isd518.net](mailto:Heidi.Ramirez@isd518.net)



My name is Heidi Ramirez. I am excited to join the Nobles County Integration Collaborative (NCIC) as a Cultural Liaison. I was born and raised here in Worthington, MN. I enjoy being outdoors and volunteering with Faith Formation at St. Mary's Catholic Church. I look forward to

building strong relationships within our diverse community.

DISTRICT 518 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Youth Development Leaders

**Estrella Bahena**

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Hi, my name is Estrella Bahena Herrera, and I'm honored to serve as the new Youth Development Leader at the Noble County Integration Collaborative (NCIC). I recently graduated from Worthington High School and am currently pursuing a degree in English Learner (EL) and Special Education. I'm

excited to work with the youth, supporting them as they grow and succeed in their academic journeys.

**Ana Duron**

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My name is Lila, and I am one of the Youth Development Leaders here at the Noble County Integration Collaborative (NCIC). In my role, I help coordinate afterschool programs and provide language support for members of NCIC's partner school districts. I've been part of NCIC since 2023, and it

has been a privilege to support students and families along the way. I'm excited to see what this school year has in store!

**Hkee La Htoo**

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My name is Hkee La Htoo, and I serve as one of the Youth Development Leaders with the Noble County Integration Collaborative. I'm currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in business. Being part of the Collaborative has been an incredible journey that has deepened my passion for guiding and supporting the youth as they navigate their own paths. I'm excited to continue growing with the Collaborative and making a lasting impact in our community.

**Sai Shwe**

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Hi, my name is Sai Shwe. I'm very honored to serve the community and district as the new Youth Development Leader at the Nobles County Integration Collaborative. I was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and was raised here in Worthington. I also attend and work closely with the Indian Lake Baptist

Church. I'm very excited to be working with the youth of District 518, helping them with schoolwork, and I hope that my leadership can encourage them strive for a better future.



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## Homework Help (6-12 Grade)

Feeling a bit behind in school? Need help with your assignments? We're here to cheer you on and support your academic success! Let's tackle those challenges together and help you shine! Our staff are available when you need time to study, help with assignments, or help with understanding new topics.

Wednesdays, after school,  
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Worthington Middle School Media Center  
Facilitators: Sai Shwe & Lila Duron

Wednesdays, after school,  
2:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Worthington High School Media Center  
Facilitators: Hkee La Htoo & Estrella Bahena

## Out-of-School Time Programs

Join our 7th & 8th grade Odyssey and 9th-12th grade Dynamic 507 program after school! These programs are focused on reinforcing academic success, college and career readiness, cultural competency and building equity, civic engagement, and leadership development. We provide snacks and beverages, and transportation when needed. To register or receive information, call (507)-376-3300.

### Odyssey (7-8 Grade)

Every Mondays  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
NCIC Room 342

### Dynamic 507 (9-12 Grade)

Every Thursday  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
NCIC Room 342



DISTRICT 518 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Round Lake-Brewster (6-8 Grade)



The Round Lake-Brewster Program is a new initiative designed to provide Brewster students with enriching after-school opportunities. The program supports academic success by offering homework assistance, promoting cultural awareness, and encouraging civic engagement. It also helps students develop career and college readiness skills, empowering them to achieve their personal and academic goals.

Every Thursday  
3:10 p.m.-4:15 p.m.  
Room: Workshop/Woodshop Room

## Kindness Retreat (10-12 Grade) December 17th-18th, 2025

The Nobles County Integration, the Nobles County Integration Collaborative is seeking responsible and motivated 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to serve as mentor-leaders for small groups of 5th graders at the Kindness Retreat. This valuable leadership opportunity promotes civic engagement and supports college and career readiness by helping high school students build essential skills in communication, teamwork, and mentorship, while serving as positive role models. Eligible students must be passing all classes, attending school regularly, and meet requirements for extracurricular participation. Sign-up forms are available on Schoology, Facebook, and in the Student Services Office, with permission forms accessible through your designated counselors or the NCIC office. For more information, please contact NCIC at 507-376-3300 or speak with your counselor.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING MATURE DRIVER

Improve your driving skills, and if you're 55 or older, get a discount on your personal auto insurance. This course teaches basic crash prevention techniques and has a proven record of reducing traffic violations and incidents. The class consists of lectures, films, and discussions. There is no behind-the-wheel driving and there are no tests. According to Minnesota state law, people age 55 and older who complete a state-approved defensive driving course are eligible to receive a 10 percent, three-year discount on auto insurance. Contact your insurance agent for details. After you complete the course, you will receive a certificate of completion to give to your insurance company. Minnesota recently eliminated the requirement for an 8-hour course. The 4-hour course is the only one offered now.

|                                                          |                    |                                                          |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7204AW26<br>Thurs., Feb. 19, 2026<br>1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | 1 ses.<br>Room 353 | 7204BW26<br>Thurs., Mar. 19, 2026<br>1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | 1 ses.<br>Room 353 |
| 7204CW26<br>Thurs., Apr. 16, 2026<br>1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. | 1 ses.<br>Room 353 | 7204DW26<br>Sat., May 9, 2026<br>12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.    | 1 ses.<br>Room 353 |

**\$33/Session • AARP members get \$5 off!**  
Community Education Room 353

## GUIDED WATERCOLOR PAINTING



Experience the joy of watercolor painting in this relaxing, one-session workshop. With step-by-step guidance from the instructor, you'll learn basic watercolor techniques such as blending, layering, and brush control while creating your own finished piece.

This class is perfect for beginners, or anyone looking for a creative way to unwind and explore their artistic side.

2104W26  
Tues., Feb. 10, 2026 1 ses.  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$25  
Community Education - Room 361  
Instructor: Adry Stafford

## FRIENDSHIP SUPPER

In partnership with Client Community Services Inc. (CCSI), we're excited to host a Friendship Supper for adults with disabilities! This is open to all adults with disabilities in the area. Enjoy a delicious meal followed by bingo and other fun, active games. Staff and youth volunteers from Nobles County Integration Collaborative will help host the evening.

Community Education staff will also visit with participants and accompanying staff to gather ideas for future enrichment classes designed for adults with disabilities.

This event is open to all adults with disabilities.

- Tickets must be picked up by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026, at TAC
- For questions, call TAC at 507-376-3168.

Mon., Jan. 19, 2026 1 ses.  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. FREE

Community Education – Enter through the Learning Center front doors.  
Facilitators: NCIC Staff and Youth Volunteers



## FAMILY & COMMUNITY LIAISONS

If you are new to the Worthington area or have limited English skills, District 518 Family & Community Liaisons can help you find the resources and services you might be looking for. These bilingual liaisons are here to help establish and facilitate relationships between families, the community and the school. They can help you find information and resources. Liaisons are trained to know about the different programs available in the Worthington/Nobles County area. Some



of the services liaisons can connect you to are housing, employment, transportation, legal services, education including school registrations, health services, citizenship, financial assistance, and more. The program asks clients to call ahead to make an appointment. Drop-ins will be accepted as staff time allows.

### Contact

**Adry Stafford, Coordinator** - Office 507.727.1227 or Cell 507.370.3682 (speaks Spanish)

**Liliana Perez** - Office- 507.727.1123 or Cell 507.329.9156 (speaks Spanish)

**Sagrario Lopez** - Office 507.727.1163 or Cell 507.804.0963 (speaks Spanish)

**Sak Promiseland** - Office 507.727.1205 or Cell 507.329.1328 (speaks Karen)

Si eres nuevo al área de Worthington o tu nivel de inglés es limitado, los Enlaces de Familias y la Comunidad del Distrito 518 te pueden ayudar a conseguir los recursos y servicios que estás buscando. Estos enlaces bilingües están para ayudar a establecer y facilitar relaciones entre familias, la comunidad y las escuelas. Te pueden ayudar a conseguir información y recursos. Los enlaces están entrenados para tener información acerca de diferentes programas que hay disponibles en el área de Worthington y el Condado Nobles.

Algunos de los servicios con los que te pueden conectar son servicios de vivienda, empleo, transporte, servicios legales, educación como inscripciones escolares, servicios de salud, ciudadanía, ayuda económica, y más.

Este programa solicita que llames para programar una cita. La atención sin cita dependerá del tiempo disponible del personal.

Para ayuda en español, llama a

**Adry Stafford, Coordinadora**- Oficina 507.727.1227 o Celular 507.370.3682

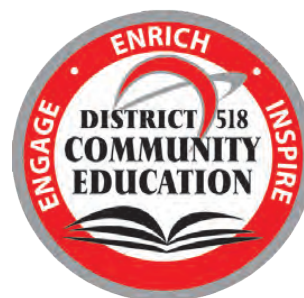
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### NOBLES COUNTY INTEGRATION COLLABORATIVE

Adrian Ellsworth Fulda Heron Lake-Okabena Round Lake-Brewster Worthington





# Southwest Adult Basic Education

## FREE DRIVER'S PREP CLASS

### TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- How to get your license
- Knowing your vehicle
- Learning traffic laws
- Sharing the road with others
- Signs, signals, and pavement markings
- Different driving conditions



**Classes are available in-person or online Tuesday mornings  
January 6 - February 17, 2026  
8:45 a.m - 10:45 a.m.  
Room 329**

**CALL 507-727-1278 OR 507-376-6105 TO REGISTER  
OR STOP BY COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT  
827 N CRAILSHEIM RD, WORTHINGTON**

## CLASES GRATIS PARA PREPARACIÓN A CONDUCIR

### TEMAS QUE SE ABARCARAN

- Cómo obtener la licencia de conducir
- Conocimiento del vehículo
- Las leyes del tráfico
- Compartir el uso de la carretera con otros conductores
- Cartel de tránsito, señales y marcas viales
- Las diferentes condiciones de manejo

**Clases presenciales y en línea  
Martes por la mañana  
6 de enero - 17 de febrero de 2026  
8: 45 - 10: 45 a.m.  
aula 329**



**PARA INSCRIBIRSE LLAMA 507-727-1278 O 507-376-6105  
O VENGA A EL EDIFICIO DE COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
827 N CRAILSHEIM RD, WORTHINGTON**

**Se ofrecerá transporte y ayuda en español**

# Southwest **Adult** Basic Education

## FREE CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

### CLASSES WILL FOCUS ON:

- English language skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking)
- NEW 128 Civics Questions
- N400 vocabulary
- Naturalization and interview process

### ALSO OFFERED

- Free childcare during class
- Free busing to and from school
- Immigration legal services referrals
- Accurate and timely information on USCIS updates and changes

**Classes are available in-person or online**

**Monday and Wednesday • 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**Tuesday and Thursday • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**CALL 507-727-1278 OR 507-376-6105 TO REGISTER**

**OR STOP BY COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT  
827 N CRAILSHEIM RD, WORTHINGTON**

## CLASES DE CIUDADANÍA GRATIS

### EL ENFOQUE DE LAS CLASES SERÁ:

- Las habilidades en el idioma inglés (lectura, escritura, comprensión y conversación)
- NUEVAS 128 preguntas de Cívica
- Vocabulario en el formulario N400
- El proceso de entrevista y naturalización

### TAMBIÉN SE OFRECE:

- Cuidado infantil gratis durante la clase
- Transporte gratis de casa a la escuela y viceversa
- Referencia a los servicios legales de inmigración
- Información exacta y oportuna sobre actualización y los cambios en USCIS

**Clases presenciales y en línea**

**martes y jueves • 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**lunes y miércoles • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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827 N CRAILSHEIM RD, WORTHINGTON**

**¡Inscríbete Hoy Mismo!**



## Upcoming Day Camps

OPEN TO GRADES K-5

**November 21**  
Grades 3-5  
Non-School Day Camp

**December 5**  
Grades K-2  
Non-School Day Camp

**December 22, 23,  
29 & 30**  
Winter Break Day Camps

## NO SCHOOL? STAY IN THE ZONE

*with the Y's Day Camps!*

School may be out, but the fun is just beginning! Our day camps are age-specific to ensure a fun and exciting experience for all campers. Now you can have a stress-free day knowing that your child is making new friends and having fun at the Y's day camps!

| PICK UP/DROP OFF                                        | WHAT TO BRING                                                                          | DAY FEES                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Drop off from 7:30-8:30 am<br>Pick up from 4:30-5:30 pm | Please bring a swimsuit, towel, cold lunch, and appropriate clothing for outdoor play. | \$30/member<br>\$50/non-member |

## YOUTH & ADULT LEAGUES

*It's Game on at the Y!*

### YOUTH LEAGUES AT THE YMCA

| League                  | Dates                                                        | Time                         |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Basketball: K-6         | Select weekdays & Saturday mornings<br>January 5-February 28 | After school<br>3:30-5:00 pm |
| Flag Football: K-6      | Select weekdays & Saturday mornings<br>March 2-May 2         | After school<br>3:30-5:00 pm |
| Pickleball: Grades 3-12 | Select weekdays & Saturday mornings<br>May 4-May 23          | After school<br>3:30-5:00 pm |

### ADULT LEAGUES AT THE YMCA

| League             | Dates                 | Time    | Fee        |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| Men's Basketball   | Mondays, 12/1-2/16    | 5:30 pm | \$300/team |
| Co-Ed Volleyball   | Tuesdays, 11/18-2/10  | 6:00 pm | \$175/team |
| Women's Volleyball | Thursdays, 11/20-2/12 | 6:00 pm | \$175/team |
| Co-Ed Pickleball   | Mondays, 2/23-5/4     | 6:00 pm | \$50/team  |



Register for all programs at [www.ymcaworthington.org](http://www.ymcaworthington.org)  
or call 507-376-6197 ext. 229

**After-School Sports Club****AT PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY**

Play and make friends after school by  
joining the Y's sports club!

*\$20/members | \$40/non-members*

**Session I: Volleyball**

- Grades 1-2: November 3, 10, 17
- Grades 3-5: November 5, 12, 19

**Session II: Basketball**

- Grades 1-2: December 1, 8, 15
- Grades 3-5: December 3, 10, 17

**Shift into 6<sup>th</sup> Gear**

Play sports and build healthy habits in  
this program designed just for 6<sup>th</sup>  
graders!

*\$36/members | \$56/non-members*

- Session I: November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20
- Session II: December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

**KinderMotion**

**Build coordination and  
balance in a fun environment  
just for Kindergarteners!**

*\$20/members  
\$40/non-members*



**Fridays**

**November 7, 14, 21**

**December 5, 12, 19**

**Questions?**

**Contact Olivia Klumper**  
**Director of Sports & Rec.**  
[sports.recreation@ymcaworthington.org](mailto:sports.recreation@ymcaworthington.org)  
**507-376-6197 ext. 229**

**AT THE  
YMCA**

**YOUTH SPORTS & RECREATION**



*Play Hard, Have Fun!*





# STRONG SWIMMERS CONFIDENT KIDS

Location: Worthington Area YMCA / City of Worthington Indoor Aquatic Center

Fee: Member \$34 per session / Non-Member \$64 per session



## WINTER GROUP SWIM LESSONS

January Mondays & Thursday Evenings  
Winter Session 1: January 5 - 29

|                |         |               |
|----------------|---------|---------------|
| 4:15 - 4:55 PM | Stage 5 | Stage 6       |
| 5:00 - 5:30 PM | Stage 2 | Stage 4       |
| 5:35 - 6:05 PM | Stage 1 | Preschool 2/3 |
| 6:10 - 6:50 PM | Stage 3 | Preschool 1/2 |

February Monday & Thursday Evenings  
Winter Session 2: February 2 - 26

|                |         |               |
|----------------|---------|---------------|
| 4:25 - 4:55 PM |         | Preschool 1/2 |
| 5:00 - 5:30 PM | Stage 4 | Preschool 2/3 |
| 5:35 - 6:05 PM | Stage 2 | Parent/ Child |
| 6:10 - 6:40 PM | Stage 3 | Stage 1       |

March Monday & Thursday Evening  
Winter Session 3: March 2 - 26

|                |               |               |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4:15 - 4:55 PM | Stage 5       | Stage 6       |
| 5:00 - 5:30 PM | Preschool 2/3 | Stage 4       |
| 5:35 - 6:05 PM | Stage 3       | Stage 1       |
| 6:10 - 6:50 PM | Stage 2       | Preschool 1/2 |

### Have Questions? I Can Help!

Erin Jans, Aquatics Director  
erin.jans@ymcaworthington.org  
507-376-6197

Reach out about swim lessons, lifeguard or swim instructor opportunities, and First Aid/CPR/AED trainings.

### Private Lessons

Private lessons are for children and adults, 3 years of age and older. Lessons are subject to availability of instructors.

**Member: \$80**  
**Non-Member: \$135**

These lessons are designed to give participants individualized attention in order to improve or master their swimming skills. Each session includes 5, 30 minute lessons.

### Semi - Private Lessons

Semi-private lessons are for children and adults, 3 years of age and older, where two or three participants share the same time slot with one instructor. Lessons are subject to availability of instructors.

**Member: \$60**  
**Non-Member: \$115**

Semi-private lessons are available for 2 or 3 participants. These lessons are great for families with children in the same stage. Each session includes 5, 30 minute lessons.

### Private & Semi-Private Swim Lessons — Year-Round!

Want to start in December? Fill out our quick questionnaire to get matched with an instructor who fits your schedule!



### ADULT & PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/CPR/AED TRAINING



The Worthington Area YMCA offers American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid certification courses. This blended learning class combines online modules (to be completed before the in-person session) with hands-on skills practice. Participants will learn how to provide immediate care to someone who is injured or ill and determine when advanced medical help is needed. Failure to complete online modules prior to class may result in not passing.

### BLENDED LEARNING LIFEGUARD TRAININGS

#### Requirements:

- Age: Must be 15 by the last day of class
- Pre-Test: Complete 2 physical skills on day one

Course Completion: Must attend all sessions, pass ALL final skill assessments, and score 80%+ on one written exam

- Online Work: Modules must be done before the first in-person session — failure to do so may result in not passing
- Need Help? Contact the Worthington Area YMCA to schedule a pre-test with our Aquatics Director before starting online work

#### UPCOMING TRAININGS

December 29, 30, 31 (last day to register 12/15)  
February 20, 21, 22 (last day to register 2/6)  
March 20, 21, 22 (last day to register 3/6)

**NOW HIRING  
FOR SUMMER  
2026!**



## CHEER ON OUR WORTHINGTON STINGRAYS AT HOME THIS SEASON!

November 8  
November 22

December 6  
January 10







**Fitness & Wellness Director:**  
**Trista Jacobs CPT, PES**  
[trista.jacobs@ymcaworthington.org](mailto:trista.jacobs@ymcaworthington.org)



# WORTHINGTON AREA YMCA INDOOR FUN WINTER 2025



- Group Exercise Classes – Full schedule all season: strength, yoga, cycling, ZUMBA, older adult classes, & much more!
- Pickleball – Times are posted on the schedule. All levels welcome!
- Personal Training – Customized fitness plans with certified trainers.
- Active Teens – Safe, supervised fitness and leadership for ages 11-15.
- Heart Health Month (February) – Challenges, special group classes, & prizes.
- Guest Speakers – Wellness talks: nutrition, stress, aging & more.

## Fitness & Wellness







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**TALES FROM THE CHARRED UNDERBELLY OF THE YULE LOG**  
HUMOROUS HOLIDAY MERRIMENT & MAGICAL MUSIC  
Sunday, December 7 - 3:00 p.m.



**HILARITY, HUMOR & HOTDISH!**  
WHERE COMEDY MEETS COMFORT FOOD  
Saturday, January 17 - 7:00 p.m.



**DUECES WILD DUELING PIANOS**  
HAVE A BLAST & CELEBRATE ST PATRICK'S DAY  
Saturday, March 14 - 7:00 p.m....



**PAMELA MCNEILL: JANIS, STEVIE, DOLLY AND ME**  
JANIS JOPLIN, STEVIE NICKS & DOLLY PARTON TRIBUTE  
Saturday, April 25 - 7:00 p.m.



**THE CLEVERLYS**  
UNIQUE COMEDY & OZARK MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS SHOW  
Sunday, May 3 - 3:00 p.m.



**RAGAMALA DANCE**  
WORLD FAMOUS BHARATANATYAM DANCE COMPANY  
Saturday, May 9 - 7:00 p.m.



**SO MANY AMAZING SHOWS!!!**  
**ADD THEM TO YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!!!**  
FOR MORE INFO & VIDEOS GO TO  
**www.FriendsOfTheAuditorium.com**

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JBS is offering scholarships to individuals interested in pursuing an Education & career in Maintenance with JBS. This 3 semester degree And hands-on training program starts August 2026 and includes:

- Basic Hydraulics & Pneumatics
- Electrical & Programmable Logic Controls
- Computer Aided Design
- Fluid Power Calculations
- Prepares students for entry-level technician positions of

Industrial manufacturing and maintenance

Taking Apps from:

January 26, 2026

March 21, 2026

Work full-time while learning and continue a career with JBS upon Completion of the program!

**NO STUDENT DEBT** if applicant signs a four year commitment!!



## MECHATRONIC PROGRAM 2026

### REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Complete a Scholarship application.

High School Transcript.

Work History (if applicable)  
two letters of recommendation

Pass a basic mechanical aptitude exam in English.

JBS will interview the top candidates.

Where to Apply:

**Contact Information: Iztla Ramirez**

**Phone: 507-372-6305**

**Email: [iztlacihuatl.Ramirezvazquez@jbssa.com](mailto:iztlacihuatl.Ramirezvazquez@jbssa.com)**





## Need help finding child care?

Visit Minnesota's child care search site

[www.parentaware.org](http://www.parentaware.org)

Interested in providing  
child care?  
Child Care Aware  
can support you



## Need help paying for child care?

### Early Learning Scholarships

Apply online to see if your family is  
eligible for money to help pay for  
your child's early learning program.

<https://earlylearningscholarshipshub.mn.gov>



For more information contact:  
Region 8 Child Care Aware  
Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc.  
📍 1106 3rd Avenue, PO Box 787  
Worthington MN 56187  
☎ 507-376-4195 or 800-658-2444

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### MEDICAL SERVICES

Well-Women Exams  
STI Testing and Treatment  
HIV Testing  
Pregnancy Testing  
Pap Smears  
Breast Exams  
Contraceptive Methods  
Reproductive Life Planning  
Education and Counseling  
Preconception Healthcare  
Emergency Contraception  
Community Education  
SAGE Provider  
Essential Community Provider

### SERVICIOS MEDICOS

Exámenes para la Mujer  
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Planificación de Vida Reproductiva  
Pruebas de Embarazo  
Análisis de Papiloma Humano Exámenes de Senos  
Métodos Anticonceptivos  
Educación y Asesoramiento  
Cuidado de Salud Antes de la Concepción  
Anticoncepción de Emergencia Educación a la Comunidad  
Proveedor de SAGE  
Proveedor Fundamental en la Comunidad.

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### WORTHINGTON

Monday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday Evening  
by Appointment.  
Office: 507.376.4195  
Spanish and English  
Cell 507.350.4436  
909 4th Ave.  
Worthington, MN 56187

### CLÍNICA EN WORTHINGTON

Lunes a Jueves 8:00–4:30  
Los Jueves en la tarde por cita  
Número de oficina 507.376.4195  
Número de celular 507.350.4436  
Celular Español e Inglés  
909 4th Ave.  
Worthington, MN 56187

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Office: 1.507.376.4195  
Cell: 1.507.350.4436  
Spanish and English Cell  
909 4th Ave  
Worthington, MN 56187

### MARSHALL

Monday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Office: 507.537.1950  
Cell: 507.591.6435  
109 S 5th St. Suite 100  
Marshall, MN 56258

### CLÍNICA EN MARSHALL

Lunes a Jueves  
8:00– 4:30 p.m.  
Número de oficina 507.537.1950  
Número de celular 507.591.6435  
109 S 5th St. Suite 100  
Marshall, MN 56258

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**NEW** Service Locations - by appointment only .

Contact one of our Clinics listed above to schedule your appointment.





## WHAT IS IT?

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES HOME HEATING COST AND FURNACE REPAIR ASSISTANCE FOR INCOME QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS IN PIPESTONE, MURRAY, ROCK, AND NOBLES COUNTIES.

## THIS PROGRAM IS FREE!

-INCOME ELEGIBILITY BASED ON PAST ONE MONTH GROSS INCOME

-RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS ARE ELIGIBLE

-HELP WITH CURRENT AND PAST DUE BALANCES

# ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Let us help you pay your utility bills this winter!

| Household Size | 1 Month max. Income |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1              | \$3,119             |
| 2              | \$4,079             |
| 3              | \$5,039             |
| 4              | \$5,999             |
| 5              | \$6,959             |
| 6              | \$7,919             |
| 7              | \$8,099             |
| 8              | \$8,279             |



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OR  
scan the QR code below  
to fill out an online  
application



507-376-4195



eap@smoc.us



www.smoc.us



1106 3rd Ave- Po Box 787  
Worthington, MN 56187



## TAX HELP

AARP Tax Volunteers will again be providing free tax counseling and electronic filing of tax returns in Worthington. Trained and certified volunteers will be working at the Center for Active Living, 211 11th Street, Worthington. Your tax appointment will be held at the Center for Active Living.



**Mondays & Thursdays**

**February 2 - April 13**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**For AARP tax program appointments and cancellations, call 507-370-5183. No Appointments will be made until 1/7/25**

**THERE WILL BE NO WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS**

There are no income guidelines for this program. Program is funded by AARP and seniors are encouraged to utilize this free service.

# COMMUNITY/SENIOR SERVICES



## Worthington Christian Church Food Shelf

Tuesday 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
First Sunday of each month 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
1501 Douglas Ave.  
Contact: LeAnn Thiner 507-376-5921

## Mobile Meals of Worthington

Monday - Friday Meals delivered after 11:00 a.m.

If you are in need of good, healthy meals to be delivered to your home, contact Judy Alm at 372-2350. Meals are prepared for the noon meal and delivered Monday through Friday. Cost is \$6 per meal per day. Call to be added to the list. Local volunteers deliver the meals.

## Worthington Senior Dining

Senior Dining ph#: 507-376-9718  
Dining site: Center for Active Living  
211 11th Street, Worthington  
Senior Dining offers a good, healthy meal!

- Meals delivered daily
- Congregate dining Monday – Friday: 11:30 a.m.

Ages 60+ \$7.00 - suggested donation per meal  
Under age 60 \$13.45 suggested donation per meal

Accepts SNAP benefits. Call to reserve your meal by noon the day before.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEAL DELIVERY!**

## Manna Food Pantry

Mon., Wed., Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Volunteers needed for distributions.  
Igesia Pentecostal, 230 W. Clary St.  
507-329-1951 or mannafoodpantry1@yahoo.com

## Global Market Food Shelf

Monday, Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Every 1st & 3rd Saturday : 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Every 3rd & 4th Friday : 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
1039 Oxford St. Suite 2  
507-537-1416

# WINTER 2025-2026

## DECEMBER

- |    |                   |                                                                                               |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6  | 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. | Christmas Puzzle Tournament & Bake Sale, Sunset Hospice Cottage                               |
| 7  | 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  | Tales From the Charred Underbelly of the Yule Log, Memorial Auditorium                        |
| 10 |                   | IMS Celebration Chorus & 5th Gr Strings Concert, IMS                                          |
| 13 | 11:30 & 5:30 p.m. | HS Madrigal Dinner, TBD                                                                       |
| 15 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  | IMS/MS Festival of Music; Holiday Concert, HS                                                 |
| 16 | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  | VIBE @ 5 – Check out the latest exhibits, model train, etc., Nobles County Historical Society |
| 18 | 12:00 p.m.        | HS Orchestra Alumni Day, HS                                                                   |

## JANUARY

- |    |                   |                                                                                   |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9  | 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Trojan Morning Meet ups, District Office                                          |
| 15 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  | Call to Freedom Community Presentation, Memorial Auditorium                       |
| 17 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  | Hilarity, Humor & Hotdish! – Where Comedy Meets Comfort Food, Memorial Auditorium |

## FEBRUARY

- |         |           |                                 |
|---------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 2       | 7:00 p.m. | Music Dept Contest Concert, HS  |
| 27 & 28 | 7:30 p.m. | HS Musical, Memorial Auditorium |



# STUDIO3

WGTN-TV (Studio 3) facilitates awareness, encourages involvement and promotes student and community participation through locally originated cable television. Studio 3 works for and is governed by the City of Worthington and District 518 Schools.

We have been working towards getting ready for our future. Cable television continues to make changes, and we know that some do not have cable in their homes any longer. We have 2 YouTube Channels that will have our Worthington and District 518 events on - city council meetings, school board meetings, concerts, Prom, Homecoming, Graduation and more. We will be doing less Facebook Live events and more live YouTube events for the coming school year. This is how to find us:



Community Feature Stories

Trojan News

District 518 Features

School Features

Worthington City Council Meetings

District 518 School Board Meetings

Focus Forward – Chamber Highlights

Special School Events

Nobles Co. Historical Society

Worthington Music – WASO, City Band

District 518 Music Programs

Church Services

 **Webpage: [wgtntv3.isd518.net](http://wgtntv3.isd518.net)**

 **Facebook: Search for WGTN-TV3**

 **Phone Number: 507.727.1158**

 **Email: [Studio3@isd518.net](mailto:Studio3@isd518.net)**



 **YouTube**  **hudl**  
**@worthingtonisd518events**

**We will be using the YouTube Channel for all live events - Homecoming, Graduation, Prom, Music Concerts, and more.**

**Our sports including Trojan Volleyball, Football, Soccer (b/g), Wrestling, and Basketball (b/g) games will be livestreamed on Hudl. You can watch the link on our school website [www.isd518.net](http://www.isd518.net) or subscribe. Most of our home and away games will be shown on Hudl. The recorded game will stay on the page for 24-48 hours and then deleted. Once the respective sports season has concluded, they will be re-added.**

Trojan News

School Features

Prairie Elementary & Intermediate

School Concerts

WMS & WHS Concerts

Special School Events

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Over the past several months, I've had the privilege of sitting down with students, staff, families, and community members across Worthington to listen and learn. During this time, nine different listening sessions were conducted as I began learning about District 518. As a new superintendent, I believe the best way to understand a system is through conversation. These discussions allowed for honest feedback about what we value, what we do well, and where we can grow.

Throughout the process of our listening sessions, a picture of District 518 became clear to me. This picture was outlined by care, collaboration, and community pride. Whether I was visiting with the staff of one of our schools, chatting with students, or simply being among a learning community, one truth stood out. People here care about kids.

At the heart of the messages I heard was a shared belief in relationships. Staff and students emphasized that strong relationships built on trust, respect, and communication, are the foundation for success. Teachers and support staff spoke about knowing each student by name and by need. Students shared how much it means when adults take time to check in, listen, and show they care.

Our learning communities also take great pride in their diversity. Worthington Schools are a community where students, staff and families bring a world of perspectives and backgrounds into our classrooms. Our educators recognize this diversity as one of our greatest strengths and are committed to ensuring that every student feels included, supported, and challenged.

Equally important is a focus on opportunity. Staff shared how they strive to make sure that every learner has access to high-quality academics, arts, and athletics. From an array of educational activities and electives to expanding access to career, post-secondary, and technical programs, our schools are providing more pathways than ever for students to find success.

Another theme that became prominent as we spoke from building to building was teamwork. Teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, and administrators work together daily to meet students where they are. Our staff have embraced collaboration through a co-teaching model, participation in professional learning communities, and through flexible scheduling. This collective effort reflects a commitment to ensuring every student is supported by a caring team.

Of course, our conversations also highlighted areas that need continued attention. Mental health support remains a pressing concern. As needs grow, so must our capacity to provide services for students of all ages and all needs. We also heard a call for continued improvement to facilities. This included a desire to update spaces for music and the arts, enhancing technology access, increasing safety protocols, and ensuring our learning spaces support modern 21st century learning.

As we began each of the individual listening opportunities, I shared with staff and students that these would not be a one-time event. The insights gathered will help guide our needs assessment and, ultimately, a full strategic planning process. Together, we'll define the goals and priorities that will shape how District 518 continues to provide great opportunities for our learners. I look forward to more opportunities with our learning communities in the future.



The good news is I can confidently say that we are starting from a place of strength. This district is grounded in relationships and driven by the value that every student deserves to succeed. Our goal now is to align resources, strengthen communication, and build systems that ensure our successes are sustainable.

As your new superintendent, I am honored to serve this incredible community. I will continue to listen, learn, and lead alongside our staff. I believe in this because our students and families deserve our very best.

**- Joel Heitkamp**

Worthington School District 518 Superintendent



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ADRY STAFFORD



We are thrilled that Adry Stafford, District 518 Community Education's Family & Community Liaisons Coordinator was selected as the 2025 MCEA Community Educator of Excellence Award Winner

for Region 2! This prestigious award is a testament to your outstanding contributions and dedication to MN community education and District 518. Adry was presented with this award at today's Minnesota Community Education Association's Annual Fall Conference.

As District 518's Family and Community Liaison Coordinator, Adry has transformed how families connect with education in Worthington. Her leadership ensures that every family, regardless of language or background, feels welcomed and supported in their journey.

## DISCOVERY ROOM AT PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

On Sunday, November 16 our Prairie Elementary School will be honored at the annual MREA – Greater Education Summit with an Innovation Program Award for the Discovery Room. The Discovery Room at Prairie Elementary is an enhanced educational space that brings forth learning opportunities for our students. Students enjoy immersive educational experiences with learning opportunities in the areas of social studies, science, large and fine motor skills, and more. Congratulations of our Prairie Elementary School Discovery Room Team! Excellence in Action!



## REGISTRATIONS Kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

FAMILY & COMMUNITY LIAISONS TAKE CARE OF REGISTRATIONS FOR DISTRICT 518, AND THEY ARE **AVAILABLE TO REGISTER STUDENTS THROUGH SUMMER.**

Offices are located at  
Community Education  
827 N Crailsheim Rd  
Worthington

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 507-376-6105. You can text or email Adry at 507-370-3682 or [adry.stafford@isd518.net](mailto:adry.stafford@isd518.net)

Documents needed to register a new student:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Power of attorney (if applicable)
- Information from previous school (if transferring)



## INSCRIPCIONES Kinder a 12<sup>o</sup>

FAMILY & COMMUNITY LIAISONS (ENLACES PARA FAMILIA Y COMUNIDAD) SE ENCARGAN DE LAS INSCRIPCIONES DEL DISTRITO 518 Y ESTÁN **DISPONIBLES PARA INSCRIBIR A ESTUDIANTES DURANTE EL VERANO.**

Las oficinas se encuentran en  
Community Education  
827 N Crailsheim Rd  
Worthington

Si necesitan más información o agendar una cita, pueden llamar al 507-376-6105. Mensaje de texto o correo electrónico a Adry al 507-370-3682 o [adry.stafford@isd518.net](mailto:adry.stafford@isd518.net)

Documentos necesarios:

- Acta de nacimiento
- Registro de vacunas
- Carta de poder legal (si aplica)
- Información de la escuela anterior (si vienen de otra escuela)





**WORTHINGTON**  
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Trojan Morning Meet-up sessions are intended to foster open dialogue between the community and District 518. These informal discussions are a chance for district leadership to hear community feedback and to collaborate together in supporting our students and schools. Please consider joining for a cup of coffee and a conversation!

## COME AND JOIN!

- Friday, October 24
- Friday, January 9
- Friday, March 20
- Friday, May 1

# TROJAN MORNING MEET-UPS

Location: District Office,  
1117 Marine Ave.



**WORTHINGTON**  
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Las sesiones de conversaciones matutinas Trojan tienen como objetivo fomentar el diálogo abierto entre la comunidad y el Distrito 518. Estas conversaciones informales son una oportunidad para que los líderes del distrito escuchen las opiniones de la comunidad y así juntos colaborar para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes y escuelas. ¡Le pedimos que considere ser parte de estas conversaciones mientras nos tomamos una tacita de café!

## ¡VEN Y ACOMPÁÑANOS

- Viernes 24 de octubre
- Viernes 9 de enero
- Viernes 20 de marzo
- Viernes 1 de mayo

# LAS SESIONES DE CONVERSACIONES MATUTINAS TROJAN

(Se proveerá el servicio de intérprete.)

Lugar: District Office,  
1117 Marine Avenue





# Alternative Learning Schedule

Schedule Variations  
Information for grades PreK-12

## Late Start

- A late start schedule will be used for in-person classes
- Buses will run
- Attendance will be taken

## Early Dismissal

- Schools will have a shorter schedule of classes until students are sent home for the day
- There will be no in-person classes or learning from home
- Buses will run
- No evening classes

## No School/Snow Day

- There will be no in-person classes or learning from home
- Buses will not run
- Attendance will not be taken
- This may be made up at a later date

## Buildings Closed

- No one will be allowed to enter ISD 518 buildings or offices except for essential personnel

## Learn from Home

- There will be no in-person classes for the day
- Students will learn from home according to school plan
  - PreK-2nd- Learning Packets and SeeSaw
  - 3rd-5th- Learning Packets
  - 6th-12th- check Schoology
- Classes could start later than normal
- Teachers will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Buses will not run
- Attendance will be taken



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# Horario de Aprendizaje Alternativo

Información de posibles cambios al horario de clases de PreKínder a grado 12

## Entrada Tarde a Clases

- Se utilizará el horario de entrada tarde a clases, para clases presenciales
- Habrá transporte
- Se tomará la asistencia

## Salida Temprana de Clases

- Las escuelas tendrán un horario de clases más corto hasta que los estudiantes sean enviados a casa
- No habrá clases presenciales o aprendizaje en casa
- No habrá clases en la tarde

## No Hay Clases/Mal Clima

- No habrá clases presenciales, ni aprendizaje en casa
- No habrá transporte
- No se tomará la asistencia
- Este día de clases se podría recuperar después

## Las Escuelas Están Cerradas

- Nadie podrá entrar a las escuelas u oficinas de Distrito 518, con excepción del personal esencial

## Aprendizaje desde Casa

- Este día no habrá clases presenciales
- Los estudiantes tendrán aprendizaje en casa de acuerdo con el plan de estudio escolar
  - PreK a 2º- Paquetes de Aprendizaje y SeeSaw
  - 3º a 5º- Paquetes de Aprendizaje
  - 6º a 12º- consulten Schoology
- Las clases podrían iniciar más tarde de lo normal
- Maestros/profesores estarán disponibles de 7:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m.
- No habrá transporte
- Se tomará la asistencia a clases



**WORTHINGTON**  
DISTRICT 518



# 4 Easy Ways To Register

## 1. MAIL-IN:



Checks payable to  
District 518 Community Education  
827 N. Crailsheim Road  
Worthington, MN 56187  
Send registration form & payment.

## 2. PHONE-IN:



Have a catalog handy!  
Call (507) 376-6105  
Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
You may use your credit, debit card or  
e-check to pay.

## 3. DROP-OFF:



District 518 Community Education Office  
827 N. Crailsheim Road  
Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## 4. ONLINE:



You may register & pay via our website:  
[www.isd518.net/enrichment](http://www.isd518.net/enrichment)

### REGISTER ON TIME TO SAVE MONEY

Persons interested in enrolling in a Community Education class may register by these four easy methods. Most programs have limited enrollment and are filled on a first-paid, first-served basis. Registrants may miss the first session of a class, but must be registered before the second session is held in order to participate in the class. *Payment Policy: Payment must accompany registration to ensure enrollment in a class. Registrations without payment will be put on hold until payment is received. Registrations/ payments received the date the class begins will be charged an additional \$5 processing fee. All walk-ins and late registrations will be charged the \$5 processing fee. Participants are strongly encouraged to register early. If you have questions, please contact the Community Education office.*

Each class has a minimum required enrollment. If this minimum is not met one week prior to a class starting, the class will be canceled and enrollment fees returned.

### CONFIRMATION

Once your fee is paid you are officially registered. Plan to attend the first session as scheduled. You will be notified only if the class is canceled.

### ENROLLMENT CANCELLATION

Please notify the Community Education office during office hours at 376-6105 prior to the start of a class to cancel from a class and request a refund.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

Weather related changes will be announced on 730 AM and US95 by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the class.

### UCARE DISCOUNTS

A UCare discount of \$15 per class is available. Please ask about this program!

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Worthington, MN 56187  
(507) 376-6105



### REGISTRATION FORM

Class Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class # \_\_\_\_\_

Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class # \_\_\_\_\_

Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

UCare ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check(s) Enclosed ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

FOR YOUTH Classes ONLY

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Class Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class # \_\_\_\_\_

Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

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Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

UCare ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check(s) Enclosed ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

FOR YOUTH Classes ONLY

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade \_\_\_\_\_



## FIND YOUR CREATIVE FLOW WITH CREATIVE HEALING SPACE!

A community based nonprofit dedicated to art, wellness, and connection. Our programs are open to all ages and skill levels — a safe place to create, express and heal through art.

### Art Therapy Tuesday (Virtual)

Every Last Tuesday of the Month | 7:00 P.M. | FREE

Join our guided virtual art therapy session designed to nurture creativity and emotional well-being from the comfort of your home

Email: [thecreativehealingspace@gmail.com](mailto:thecreativehealingspace@gmail.com)

### Open Mic Night

First Thursday of the Month | 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. | FREE

Share your voice, poetry, or music in a supportive, uplifting environment — or come enjoy the creativity and community!

### Weekly Thursday Creative Workshops

Everyday Thursday | 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. | Low Cost or FREE

Explore different art forms each week — from painting and crafting to collaborative community projects. All materials provided.

**225 10TH STREET, WORTHINGTON, MN 56187**

Email: [thecreativehealingspace@gmail.com](mailto:thecreativehealingspace@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram: @CreativeHealingSpace



## Southwest Crisis Center

SUPPORT. ADVOCACY. HOPE.

Abuse comes in many forms and in ways we don't always understand. We're here to **help** you explore your options, and reclaim your life. All services are free and confidential.



Call our 24 hour **safe & confidential** line:  
**507.376.4311**

El abuso se presenta de muchas formas y de maneras que no siempre comprendemos. Estamos aquí para ayudarte a explorar tus opciones y a recuperar tu vida. Todos los servicios son gratuitos y confidenciales.



Aquí es un lugar seguro donde no hay preguntas sobre estatus migratorio y puedes hablar con **confianza** en nosotros.



# Community Education

827 N. Crailsheim Road • Worthington, MN • 507-376-6105

Adult Basic Education • Family & Community Liaisons  
Early Childhood Family Education • Enrichment Programs  
Nobles County Integration Collaborative



## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FIND US ONLINE

[www.isd518.net/community/community-education](http://www.isd518.net/community/community-education) • [www.facebook.com/wgtncce](https://www.facebook.com/wgtncce)

