

New York Mills

MINNESOTA

Independent School District #553

First day of school:
Tuesday, September 3rd



Special Points of Interest:

Remember that all schedules in this publication are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Throughout the year, check our website (www.nymills.k12.mn.us), our Facebook page, the NYM Dispatch, and the bulletin boards by the District Office for activities, information updates, etc.

Whether you are a school-aged person, a parent/guardian, a grandparent or an interested community member, you are invited and encouraged to attend our fall Open House night on Wednesday, August 28th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

2024-2025

Calendar

AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Let's begin the 2024-2025 School Year!

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
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You'll be given a menu of options from which to choose.
The options are as follows:

- Press... **1** for school closings and/or weather related announcements
2 for summer activities

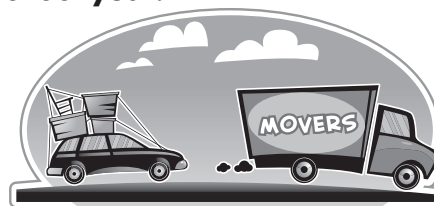
Direct-Dial School District Telephone Numbers

District Office/Superintendent Office	385-4201
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Elementary School Office	385-4208
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High School Counselor's Office	385-4213
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Sports Center Foyer	385-4218
High School Foyer	385-4219

Welcome back all !!!

The staff of the New York Mills School District is excited about the education we have to offer our students.

We hope you had a relaxing summer and are looking forward to a productive school year. The first student day of this school year is Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Both breakfast and lunch will be served on that day. The information here will be handy for you throughout the school year.



If You're
New in the
New York Mills School District...

We're glad you're here!!! Welcome to the New York Mills education community. It's important that you contact the school as soon as possible to be sure your children get registered. Please choose one of the following numbers to call and make arrangements:

Elementary School: 385-4208
High School: 385-4211

You should register with the school even if your child is not yet of school age. If you're not sure whether or not you reside in the New York Mills School District, please call 385-4201.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENINGS

The Community Education office is responsible for scheduling the Early Childhood Screenings for 3 and 4 year olds that are conducted through Lakes Country Service Cooperative at the New York Mills school. This is a FREE screening until your child reaches the age of 5 years old at which time the screening will be at your own expense through the child's primary physician. This screening is required by Minnesota Statute 121A.17 for entrance into Kindergarten. It is an opportunity for you to review your child's growth and development and to follow up on any health or learning concerns. The screening includes a developmental assessment, vision and hearing test, height and weight measurements, immunization and health history review and a parent visit. It is NOT an examination to determine readiness for school. Its purpose is to identify conditions that might interfere with your child's ability to learn and to assist parents in developing strategies to help their child succeed. Call Deb in the Community Education Office to schedule an appointment at (218) 385-4203. Please leave a message if there is no answer and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

CALENDAR ABBREVIATION KEY

Please refer to our school website
www.nymills.k12.mn.us for a
complete listing of our activities.

(A) Away	GBB Girls Basketball
(H) Home	HS High School Gym
9..... Ninth Grade	JH..... Junior High
AC..... Activity Center Gym	JV Junior Varsity
Aud..... Performing Arts Center/Auditorium	MPRm .. Multi-Purpose Rm
Bb Baseball	M5 Middle School
BBB..... Boy Basketball	SC..... Sports Center
B/G..... Boys and Girls	SH Senior High
ECFE Early Childhood Family Education	TBD..... To Be Determined
FB Football	V Varsity
FR Freshmen	VB Volleyball
	WR..... Wrestling



WHERE TO TUNE IN FOR EMERGENCY CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

School emergency and information announcements will be broadcast over the following radio stations:

KWAD (AM 920 / FM 105.9),
KSKK (FM 94.7) and KPRW (FM 99.5).

**Please note that
when school is
closed due to
weather,
ALL activities will
be cancelled
for that day.**

If you're uncertain,
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"School District
Bulletin Board".



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 Brian Schornack Vocational Agriculture
 Doug Schulz Secondary Science
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 Katelyn Tervo Pre-Kindergarten
 Leah Roberts-Veazie English
 Ella VonRuden First Grade
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 TBD School Nurse

HEAD COACHES

TBD Boys Basketball
 Steve Dunrud Boys Track
 Bryan Dunrud Girls Basketball/Softball
 Greg Esala Cross Country
 Dustin Geiser Baseball
 Will Grieger Fishing League
 Jenifer Lohmiller Girls Track
 Jessica Masloski Cheer Coach
 Eric Niemi Wrestling
 Tammy Olson Volleyball
 Matt Radniecki Football
 Adam Wedde Trap Shooting



Welcome to New York Mills Public School, the home of the Eagles! I am truly excited about this upcoming 2024-25 school year at New York Mills and we look forward to welcoming students, families, and the community to our building.

The mission of New York Mills Schools is to foster adaptable, engaged learners and responsible citizens. The entire staff is dedicated and works hard to meet this mission every day. As fast as our world is changing, New York Mills Schools does its absolute best to meet the needs of students in a safe and welcoming environment. Having creative, engaging lessons is something you will see throughout all of our staff that makes learning enjoyable.

This is my first year in the district, but there are a few things I already know about the school. New York Mills staff is full of caring, committed, enthusiastic, and truly great people. New York Mills students are hard-working, responsible, and kind. When you put a great staff together with a great group of students in a community as welcoming as New York Mills has been, you create a wonderful school for every student and I am excited to be here to continue this.

This calendar is a fantastic opportunity for our school, community, and families, so thank you to everyone that helps put this together through advertising or donations.

New York Mills Schools have a strong tradition of excellence through our academics, athletics, and art programs. Updates for these can be found on our school website or on Facebook. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out during the school year.

I hope everyone has a great school year and I look forward to seeing you this fall. Go Eagles!

Adam Johnson
Superintendent



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome students, staff and families back for the start of the 2024- 2025 school year! I am so looking forward to another outstanding year at New York Mills Elementary! For those of you whose children are just starting school here for the first time, I am pleased to welcome you as part of our school community! For those of you who have been with us, I thank you for your continued support always and for your partnership with the school! We could NOT do it without you! You are incredible!

I hope this note finds you refreshed, recharged, and ready to take on an exciting new school year! I am honored and proud to have served for twelve incredible years as your Elementary Principal and look forward to many more incredible years together!

We are very excited to welcome Terry Ohlgren (Special Education EBD), Dana Peterson (K-12 Music and Choir) and Cary Armagost (5-12 Band). All are bringing many skills and experiences to NYMs Elementary! Again, we are very excited to welcome them to our NYMs family as I know you are too! Also, we are excited for the following teachers who have made some changes to grade level or department: Adele Esala will be moving to part-time 5th Grade next year and Elyssa Blaha will be moving from 1st Grade to 3rd Grade! We wish them well as they transition into their new positions and know that they will all do an amazing job! Also, over the summer months we will be hiring a fifth Special Education Teacher and four new paraprofessionals (even possibly welcoming one back) so look forward to reading about those new hires (re-hires) in the September issue of Eagle News (our electronic newsletter that comes home once a month).

Also, this year we bid a sad farewell to the following folks – Jenna Stodgell (3rd Grade), Julie Witt (Paraprofessional/Food Service), Amy Sobieski (K-12 Music and Choir), Miranda Sazama (Speech and Language), Angela Foley (Paraprofessional), Rhianna Roberts (Paraprofessional), Emily Roggenkamp (Paraprofessional), and Selena Warner (Paraprofessional). We wish all of them well and the very best that life has to offer and thank them from the bottom of our hearts as they start this new chapter in their lives! We can't thank them enough for their years of service to the New York Mills School District. I am sure you join me in wishing them all the best of luck as they all will be dearly missed!

I have learned over the past twelve years that New York Mills is a school committed to our vision of partnering with the community to create an innovative learning environment where every student reaches for excellence today, tomorrow and into the future. Please be assured of my continued commitment to honoring your child's accomplishments and my continued hope of contributing to their even greater success in the future. I am committed to our school mission of fostering adaptable, engaged learners and responsible citizens!

Our goal is to continue to follow our Strategic Plan this year and into the future, written in collaboration with the school and the community, to provide all students with the opportunity to excel in academics, athletics, and the fine arts so that they may become positive, contributing members of our school and community!

I look forward to working with you this school year and letting you know about all of the great things that are happening at New York Mills Elementary! Please check out the District newsletter, Eagle News (mentioned above), sent to your e-mail each month! Let's continue to work together to make this the best year ever – Eagle Pride Forever!

Sincerely,
Judith Brockway
Elementary Principal

Welcome everyone to the 2024-2025 School Year! As principal of New York Mills High School, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all our returning students and families, as well as to those who are joining our school community for the first time. We are excited to embark on this academic journey together and look forward to a year filled with learning, growth and success. It has been my honor to serve as New York Mills High School principal for the past eleven years. Our culture here in New York Mills is supportive and collaborative and second to none. People are friendly and willing to do what is best for our students. We are proud to be the home of the EAGLES and this shows through the continued support of our parents and our community.



Our dedicated staff has been working diligently over the summer to prepare for an engaging and productive school year. We are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Our goals are to inspire a lifelong love of learning, foster critical thinking and help each student reach their full potential. We work in collaboration with you to make sure they achieve at their highest level of success. Some things that can help foster this success are; a good night's sleep, being in school and on time, remaining here during the school day and maintaining a healthy diet and exercise. Please schedule appointments before or after school hours as attendance is vital to the success of your student(s). Parents can check student grades regularly on our ParentVue system. If you have concerns about your student's achievement, please make sure to contact us, as you are your student's biggest and best advocate.

We will hold our annual 7th grade Orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the James Mann Auditorium. On Wednesday, August 28th, we will hold our annual Open House for parents, and community, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and open until 6:00 p.m. We encourage you to attend and experience what your student's schedule and school day consists of. It is involvement like this that shows our students they are valued and supported. Also, our annual 9th grade Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28th, at 5:45 p.m. in the James Mann Auditorium as it is being incorporated into the evening of Open House. At this meeting we will go over the academic requirements and accountability associated with entering senior high school. We will discuss the transition and expectations of entering the senior high school level.

Our New York Mills motto is "Preparing Students for Life." We are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of your children. We will accomplish this by setting high standards and making sure our students have the ability, skills and resources to find success in college, career and the workforce. It is important that our students begin the new school year by committing to being organized and prepared. Keeping a positive attitude is also important for success. We encourage our students to imagine, dream, discover, explore, invent, design, create, produce, aspire and be inspired. Our hope is total success for all of our NYMHS students.

I encourage you to read through the NYMHS handbook with your student, which they will receive the first day of the school year. The Student Handbook lists the policies and procedures which will be followed here at NYMHS throughout the 2024-2025 school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am here to support your students and help them achieve at the highest possible level. I would also like to thank you for your continued support! I am looking forward with anticipation and excitement to see all that the 2024-2025 school year holds for our students, staff and community. Go Eagles!



Best regards,

Michelle Young

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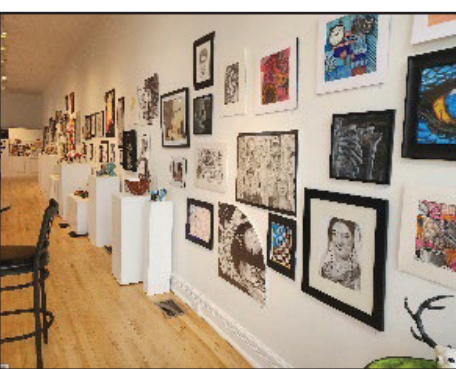
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"Preparing Students For Life"

AUGUST

September 2024

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4  FRIENDSHIP DAY NEW MOON	5 Eagle Academy SummerSchool	6 Eagle Academy SummerSchool	7 Eagle Academy SummerSchool B.L.A.S.T. - Babysitter's Lessons and Safety Training	8 Eagle Academy SummerSchool 	9	10
11	12 Tennis Practice (A) Perham Football Practice Volleyball Practice FIRST MOON QUARTER	13 New Teacher Training PRIMARY ELECTIONS No meetings/activities 6-8 p.m.	14 New Teacher Training	15 Tennis (A) Sartell	16 Corn Feed/Puppet Pageant Tennis (A) Park Rapids	17 Finn Creek Summer Festival
18 Finn Creek Summer Festival	19 FULL MOON	20 Tennis (A) Crosby-Ironton 7th Grade Orientation	21	22 Tennis (A) Big Lake	23 	24 Football Scrimmage (A) Frazee Volleyball Scrimmage (A) Concordia College
25 	26 NYM Food Shelf Open Cross Country (A) Staples-M School Board Meeting LAST MOON QUARTER	27 Tennis (A) Perham JV Football Scrimmage (A) Frazee Volleyball (H) Frazee	28 9th Grade Orientation New York Mills School OPEN HOUSE 4:00-6:00 p.m.	29 Tennis (A) Perham Cross Country (H) TBD Football (H) Ada-Borup-West	30	31 

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SEPTEMBER

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8	9 JV Football (H) Pine River-Bac Bandwagon Meeting	10 Tennis (A) Perham JH Football (A) Parkers Prairie Volleyball (A) Park Christian	11  PATRIOT DAY FIRST MOON QUARTER	12 Cross Country (A) Ada-Borup Tennis (A) Perham Volleyball (H) Bertha-Hewitt	13 Football (H) Parkers Prairie	14 Volleyball Tournament (A) Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
15  GRANDPARENT'S DAY	16 JV Football (A) Parkers Prairie	17 Tennis (A) Parkers Prairie JH Football (H) Ashby Volleyball (A) Breckenridge FULL MOON	18 	19 Tennis (A) Perham Cross Country (A) Pillager JH Football (H) Pine River-Bac Volleyball (A) Verndale	20 Football (H) Walker-H-Akeley 	21 Tennis (A) NewLondonSpicer
22  FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	23 Elementary School Pictures JV Football (A) Walker-H-A Volleyball (H) NCE/UH School Board Meeting	24 High School Pictures Cross Country (A) Bertha-H JH Volleyball (H) PelicanRapids Volleyball (A) Pelican Rapids LAST MOON QUARTER	25	26 Tennis (A) Perham JH Football (A) Wadena-DC Volleyball (A) Sebeka	27 Volleyball (A) Sebeka Football (A) Wadena-DC	28 Volleyball Tournament (A) Barnesville
29	30 NYM Food Shelf Open JV Football (H) Wadena-DC Volleyball (H) Lake Park-Aud ~~ Homecoming Week ~~					

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OCTOBER

'NATIONAL BOOK MONTH'

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		1 Volleyball (H) Brandon-Evans ECFE Parent/Preschooler	2 EARLY OUT AT 1 PM SCHOOL CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY	3 Tennis (A) Park Rapids Cross Country (A) Battle Lake JH Football (A) Menahga Volleyball (H) Pillager	4 ~Homecoming Day~ Football (H) Breckenridge	5
		~~~~~ Homecoming Week ~~~~~ NEW MOON				
<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> Football (A) Menahga Volleyball (H) Parkers Prairie	<b>8</b> Cory Greenwood--Speaker 4-H After School Adventures Cross Country (A) Brandon-Ev ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Cross Country (A) Perham JH Football (H) Staples-Motley Volleyball (A) Menahga	<b>11</b> Football (A) Staples-Motley	<b>12</b> Volleyball Tournament (A) Pillager
	~~~~~ National 4-H Week and National Fire Prevention Week ~~~~~					
				FIRST MOON QUARTER		
13	14 Bandwagon Meeting	15 4-H After School Adventures Cross Country (A) Bertha-Hew ECFE Parent/Preschooler Volleyball (A) Wadena-DC	16 Football (A) Pillager	17 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK Volleyball Tournament (A) Underwood	18 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK Am. Red Cross Blood Drive	19 
			~~~~~ National School Lunch Week ~~~~~			
				FULL MOON		
<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>22</b> 4-H After School Adventures ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>23</b> Volleyball Subsectional @ TBD	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Cross Country (A) Bagley	<b>26</b>
	~~~~~ National FFA Convention ~~~~~					
	~~~~~ National School Bus Safety Week and America's Safe Schools Week ~~~~~					
				LAST MOON QUARTER		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting Jr/Sr Choir Concert	<b>29</b> 4-H After School Adventures ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  HALLOWEEN		

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> END OF HS QTR  NEW MOON  
<b>3</b> Open Gym  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	<b>4</b> Jr/Sr High Band Concert	<b>5</b> 4-H After School Adventures  <b>VOTE!</b> ELECTION DAY No meetings/activities 6-8 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Veterans Day Program	<b>8</b>    FIRST MOON QUARTER	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Open Gym	<b>11</b> Bandwagon Meeting   VETERAN'S DAY	<b>12</b> 4-H After School Adventures ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> EARLY OUT AT 1 PM ELEM/HS CONFERENCES	<b>15</b> NO SCHOOL  FULL MOON	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Open Gym  	<b>18</b> Wrestling Practice	<b>19</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> END OF ELEM TRI  LAST MOON QUARTER	<b>23</b>
~~~~~ American Education Week and MN Winter Hazard Awareness Week ~~~~~						
24 Open Gym	25 NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting	26 ECFE Parent/Preschooler	27	28 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DAY	29 NO SCHOOL	30 Christmas Tree Festival

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DECEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Christmas Tree Festival Open Gym NEW MOON	2 Christmas Tree Festival 	3 Christmas Tree Festival Wrestling (H) Border West GBB (A) Verndale	4 EARLY OUT AT 1 PM Christmas Tree Festival	5 Christmas Tree Festival K-4 Music Concert BBB (A) Verndale	6 Christmas Tree Festival GBB (A) Sebeka	7 Christmas Tree Festival Wrestling (A) Hillsboro, ND Community Christmas Party
8 Open Gym FIRST MOON QUARTER	9 5/6 & 7/8 Band/Choir Concert Bandwagon Meeting	10 Wrestling (A) Osakis	11 	12 9-12 Band/Choir Concert GBB (H) Wadena-DC	13 BBB (H) Wadena-DC	14 4-H Project Day Wrestling (A) Crookston
15 Open Gym FULL MOON	16 School Board Meeting 	17	18	19 Wrestling (A) Wadena-DC BBB (A) Sebeka	20 Wrestling (A) Pequot Lakes	21 Wrestling (A) Pequot Lakes Longest Night Music Festival FIRST DAY OF WINTER
22 Open Gym LAST MOON QUARTER	23 NYM Food Shelf Open	24	25 	26	27	28 
~~~ NO SCHOOL ~~~ Winter Break: December 23 through January 1						
			<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>			
<b>29</b> Open Gym  	<b>30</b>  ~~~ NO SCHOOL ~~~ Winter Break: 12-23 through 1-1	<b>31</b>  NEW MOON				

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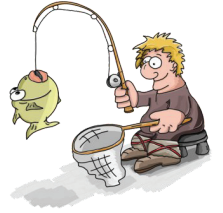
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ~ NO SCHOOL ~ Winter Break  NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 ~ NO SCHOOL ~ For students	3 ~ NO SCHOOL ~ For students GBB (H) Pillager	4 
5 Open Gym 	6 CLASSES RESUME  FIRST MOON QUARTER	7 BBB (H) Menahga GBB (H) Menahga	8 	9 Wrestling (A) Barnesville GBB (A) Bertha-Hewitt	10 Wrestling (A) Casselton, ND BBB (H) Pillager	11 Wrestling (A) Casselton, ND
12 Open Gym 	13 Bandwagon Meeting  FULL MOON	14 Wrestling (H) Park Rapids GBB (H) Henning	15	16 Wrestling (A) Lake Park-Aud BBB (A) Bertha-Hewitt	17 END OF HS QTR Wrestling (H) TBD GBB (H) Verndale	18 JH Wrestling (H) TBD
19 Open Gym	20 NO SCHOOL  MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	21 BBB (A) Henning  LAST MOON QUARTER	22	23 Wrestling (A) Bertha-Hewitt GBB (H) Sebeka	24 BBB (H) Verndale	25
26 Open Gym 	27 NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting	28 GBB (A) Wadena-DC	29  Paraprofessional Recognition Week	30 Wrestling (H) UnitedNCentral	31 BBB (H) Sebeka	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> Open Gym   <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>	<b>3</b> JH Wrestling Tournament (A) Minnewaska	<b>4</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler BBB (A) Wadena-DC	<b>5</b> <b>EARLY OUT AT 1 PM</b>  ~~~~~ National School Counseling Week ~~~~~ FIRST MOON QUARTER	<b>6</b> GBB (A) Pillager Wrestling (H) OTC BBB (A) Pillager	<b>7</b> Wrestling Tournament (A) Albany GBB (A) Menahga BBB (A) Menahga	<b>8</b>  
<b>9</b>  	<b>10</b> Bandwagon Meeting	<b>11</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler GBB (A) Henning	<b>12</b>   FULL MOON	<b>13</b>  	<b>14</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Wrestling Sectionals (A) Wadena-DC GBB (H) Bertha-H   <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>15</b>  
<b>16</b> Open Gym	<b>17</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>   <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>18</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler BBB (H) Henning	<b>19</b>  ~~~~~ National FFA Week and School Board Recognition Week ~~~~~ LAST MOON QUARTER	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b> Wrestling Sectionals (A) Wadena-DC BBB (H) Bertha-Hewitt	<b>22</b>  
<b>23</b> Open Gym  	<b>24</b> NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting	<b>25</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>26</b> Large Group Band Contest (A) Staples-Motley	<b>27</b> Wrestling State (A) Xcel Ctr  NEW MOON	<b>28</b> <b>END OF ELEM TRI</b>   <b>happy Valentine's day</b>	

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		Due to wet spring weather, please check the Calendars on our school website <a href="http://www.nymills.k12.mn.us">www.nymills.k12.mn.us</a> for up-to-date info on spring sports!!				
<b>2</b> Open Gym  DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY	<b>3</b> READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY  9-12 Band/Choir Concert	<b>4</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>5</b> National School Breakfast Week	<b>6</b> EARLY OUT AT 1 PM ELEM/HS CONFERENCES Am. Red Cross Blood Drive FIRST MOON QUARTER	<b>7</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Open Gym DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS	<b>10</b> Bandwagon Meeting	<b>11</b> TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS No meetings/activities 6-8 p.m.	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> FULL MOON	<b>15</b> 
<b>16</b> Open Gym	<b>17</b>  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	<b>18</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  FIRST DAY OF SPRING	<b>21</b> END OF HS QTR	<b>22</b> LAST MOON QUARTER
<b>23</b> Open Gym	<b>24</b> School Board Mtg 7/8 Band/Choir Concert	<b>25</b> ECFE Parent/Preschooler	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NEW MOON
Open Gym	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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# APRIL

* National Child Abuse Prevention Month *

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<p>Due to wet spring weather, please check the Calendars on our school website <a href="http://www.nymills.k12.mn.us">www.nymills.k12.mn.us</a> for up-to-date info on spring sports!!</p> 		<p>1</p>  <p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p>	<p>2 PARAPROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY</p> <p>Band Solo/Ensemble (A) Verndale</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DAY</p> <p>FIRST MOON QUARTER</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>FULL MOON</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bandwagon Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17 NO SCHOOL</p>  <p>NATIONAL DARE DAY</p>	<p>18 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt</p> 
<p>20</p>  <p>EASTER SUNDAY LAST MOON QUARTER</p>	<p>21 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>	<p>22 CLASSES RESUME SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY</p>  <p>EARTH DAY</p>	<p>23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>plant a tree today ARBOR DAY</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Prom and After-Prom Party</p>
<p>27</p> <p>NEW MOON</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting</p> <p>State FFA Convention</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			

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# MAY

* National Physical Fitness and Sports Month *

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1</p> <p>NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S DAY K-4 Music Concert</p>  <p>MAY DAY</p>	2	3
4  FIRST MOON QUARTER	5	6 NATIONAL TEACHER'S AND NURSE'S DAY	7  Teacher Appreciation Week	8	9	10  
11   MOTHER'S DAY	12 Bandwagon Meeting 7-12 Band Concert  FULL MOON	13	14  	15 5/6 Band/Choir Concert	16	17
18 NATIONAL SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S DAY	19 NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting 7-12 Choir Concert	20    LAST MOON QUARTER	21	22	23 GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT  	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Program   MEMORIAL DAY  NEW MOON	27	28 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY OUT AT 1 PM  Celebrating Cultures	29  	30	31 Due to wet spring weather, please check the Calendars on our school website <a href="http://www.nymills.k12.mn.us">www.nymills.k12.mn.us</a> for up-to-date info on spring sports!!

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# JUNE

July 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  <b>Summer</b>	2  FIRST MOON QUARTER	3  	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  FULL MOON	12	13	14 Ronald McDonald Ride Great American Think-Off  FLAG DAY
15  FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18  LAST MOON QUARTER	19  JUNETEENTH	20  FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	21
22	23 School Board Meeting	24  	25  NEW MOON	26	27	28
29 	30 NYM Food Shelf Open					

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		1	2 <small>FIRST MOON QUARTER</small>	3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6	7	8	9	10 <small>FULL MOON</small>	11 Lund Mania Fishing Tourney Lund Mania/Fish House Festival	12 Lund Mania/Fish House Festival
13	14 	15	16	17 <small>LAST MOON QUARTER</small>	18	19 
20	21	22	23 	24 <small>NEW MOON</small>	25	26
27  PARENT'S DAY	28 NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting	29	30	31		

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# AUGUST

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3  FRIENDSHIP DAY	4	5	6	7 	8	9 FULL MOON
10	11 	12	13	14	15 Corn Feed/Puppet Pageant	16 Finn Creek Summer Festival LAST MOON QUARTER
17 Finn Creek Summer Festival	18	19	20 	21	22 	23 NEW MOON
24 FIRST MOON QUARTER	25 NYM Food Shelf Open School Board Meeting	26 	27	28	29 	30
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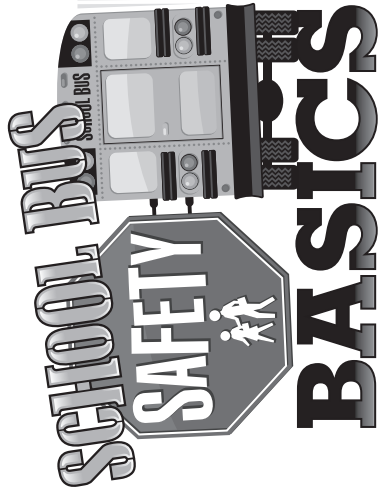
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Pick up times listed for the routes will be only estimates and are subject to change due to additions/deletions of stops, road and weather conditions and other factors.

Drivers are required to maintain a tight schedule, so students should be at their bus stops ON TIME so drivers don't have to wait. Good discipline on the buses is essential so all passengers can be assured a safe ride to and from school.

School officials will work closely with parents and drivers to see that all bus rules are followed.

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**GUESTS ON BUSES:** No more than one guest per student will be allowed to ride the school bus for birthday parties, sleepovers, etc. If more than one guest will be going home with your student, alternate transportation must be arranged in advance of the planned activity.

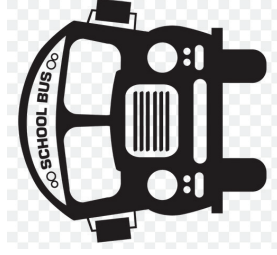
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**ON THE BUS:** Obey the driver. Be seated promptly in your assigned seat. Keep your arms, feet, and books out of the aisle. Keep hands, head and objects inside the bus. Do not push, shove, fight, or throw objects. Talk quietly; no loud or profane language. Do NOT eat or drink on the bus. Treat the bus and equipment with care and respect. Keep bus clean.

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Watch for more specific information in Tot Talk the ECFE/PK newsletter), Community Education brochures, the NYM Dispatch, and on posters. Call Kendra Geiser, ECFE/PK Program Coordinator @ (218) 385-2553, ext. #342 or Community Education @ (218) 385-4203.





## Special Education



The New York Mills School District supports the policy that a free and appropriate education is the right of every child. The District is striving to meet the needs of special education students, ages birth to twenty-one. Because of the unique needs of these students, on July 1, 1970, New York Mills joined with nine other school districts to form the Freshwater Special Education Services. The Freshwater Special Education Board is made up of a superintendent from each local member school district. Parents and the general public may contact local representatives for participation in special education matters. With enactment of Public Law 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Children Act, federal funds are made available to the cooperative. Applications are made to the federal government for funding of special education programs each year. Applications, evaluations, and reports of P.L. 94-142 are available for review to parents and the general public by contacting the superintendent of schools or director of special education. Included among the cooperative's special education services are the following: special instruction for the speech/language delayed, educable mentally handicapped, trainable mentally handicapped, learning disabled, hearing impaired, physically handicapped, home-based and school-based Early Childhood Special Education, emotional/behavioral disabilities, as well as consultative services for speech/language, developmental adapted physical education, physical therapy, vision and hearing impaired, child study, emotional/behavioral disabilities,

and occupational therapy, along with administrative services and in-service training. Public Law 94-142 calls for parents to be involved in all planning steps for their handicapped children. Parents have the right to review their children's school records, to attend their children's staffing, and are encouraged to make program recommendations for their children's special education needs. If you know of a child who may have special needs, contact your school principal. You may contact the Freshwater Special Education Services Office @**218-631-3505** or write 2222 Industrial Drive, Wadena, MN 56482.

The District considers names and birthdates of students, eligible for special education, as directory information and will share the information with DHS (Minnesota Dept. of Human Services) to determine which students are currently enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Program. If a parent/guardian does not wish for directory information to be shared, you may opt out by contacting the building principal at the District.

According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, (34C.F.R. 300.573), school districts must notify parents when the information contained in their child's special education records is no longer needed to provide public educational services to the child. This is public notification to parents (or students of the legal age of 18) of the district's intent to destroy all special education records dated prior to graduation 1997. You have the right to request a copy of these records, at a reasonable copying fee. Please contact Superintendent Adam Johnson, if you wish to arrange for a copy.

## VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PUBLIC NOTICE

New York Mills School Provides Non-Discriminatory Vocational Opportunities for Public.

The New York Mills School District will provide students, parents, employees, and the general public with vocational education opportunities offered without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap.

### I. Disability Non-Discrimination

#### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair employment setting for all persons and to comply with state and federal law.

### II. General Statement of Policy

A. The School District shall not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities, because of the disabilities, with regard to job application procedures, hiring, advancement, discharge, compensation, job training, or any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

B. The School District shall not engage in contractual or other arrangements that have the effect of subjecting applicants or employees with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of that disability.

C. The School District shall make reasonable accommodations for the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise-qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or an employee, unless the accommodation would impose undue hardship on the operation of the business of the School District.

D. Any job applicant or employee wishing to discuss the need for reasonable accommodation or other matters related to a disability or the enforcement and application of this policy should contact the School District's appointed ADA Section 504 coordinator. Call the District Office at 385-4201.

Rights Protection/Privacy of Students' Records - Independent School District #553 gives notice to parents of students and eligible students currently in attendance in the district of their rights regarding pupil records. Among these rights are the right to inspect

and review the student's records, to request amendment of the student's education record, the right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the records, the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, and several other items. To review a complete text of the policy, contact the district office.

Policy Prohibiting Harassment and Violence — General Policy Statement - It is the policy of Independent School District #553 (the "School District") to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from religious, racial, or sexual harassment and violence.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of the School District to harass a pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel through conduct or communication of a sexual nature or regarding religion and race as defined in this policy. (For purposes of this policy, school personnel includes school board members, school employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, or persons subject to the supervision and control of the School District.)

It shall be a violation of this policy for any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel of the School District to inflict, threaten to inflict, or attempt to inflict religious, racial, or sexual violence upon any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel.

The School District will act to investigate all complaints, either formal or informal, verbal or written, of religious, racial, or sexual harassment or violence, and to discipline or to take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel who is found to have violated this policy.

The Human Rights Officer for the high school is Principal, Michelle Young-Lecoustre at 385-4211 or for the elementary it is Principal, Judith Brockway at 385-4207.



## From the School Health Office...

Minnesota Statutes require that all children entering a Minnesota public, private or parochial elementary school, daycare setting or nursery school for the first time must be immunized against the following: DTAP; 4 Polio; 2 Measles, Mumps, Rubella; 3 Hepatitis B; 2 Varicella (Chicken Pox); before entering 7th grade Tdap and Meningococcal shot (before entering the 12th grade the booster is required) Shots must be done before school starts in the fall. These requirements may be waived only if a notarized medical or conscientious exemption form is filed with the school. We must have documentation of immunizations or exemption(s) on file for your child to attend school.

For your child to enter school it is mandatory that an immunization form be completed, signed and on file prior to admission at the school your child will attend. The information you provide on this form will be available to the local public health agency and the Minnesota Department of Health to



## Public Notice

605.1L Procedure for Review of Instructional Content and Alternative Instruction

The New York Mills School District believes in the principles of intellectual freedom. Members of the community are welcome to review curriculum and instructional materials. Any parent, guardian, or adult student in District #553 may express concerns about the content of instructional materials in the district's educational program. Whenever a concern is expressed, the district will respond with the procedure described below.

The intent of the procedure is to provide parents, guardians, and adult students the opportunity to review instructional materials, address concerns, and propose alternative instruction for the individual student.

The intent is not to interfere with the rights of others to receive the instruction in question, nor does it relieve the student from meeting state and district-level essential learner outcomes.

- A. Procedure
- 1.) When a parent, guardian or adult student (hereafter referred to as "person") indicates a concern regarding the content of instructional materials, this procedure shall be followed:
    - a. Request for review of material
    - b. Each request for review of material shall be directed to the building principal.

determine if your child has received the required immunizations.

Students will be given prescription medication by the health services department only if a licensed physician prescribes it, in the original container, and there is written parent/guardian permission to follow the doctor's order. All over-the-counter medication must be in the original container, and a Medication Authorization form must be completed, i.e. cough drops, antacids, Tylenol. All medications brought to school must be kept in the health services department. An exception would be a medication kept with the student once approved by the school nurse with proper doctor's orders, i.e. inhalers, insulin pump, epi-pen. You may get a copy of the required form on the website or stop in the office to pick up.

**Send Home Policy:** If a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, or is determined to be too ill to be in school for the day (diarrhea, vomiting, suspicious rash, chronic coughing, etc.), the parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child. If we are unable to reach parents, the emergency contact that you have provided will be notified. Please remember that ill students must remain home for 24 hours after their temperature is below 100 degrees.

### Health Office hours are

**8:15 AM - 3:15 PM, on student days.**

Please call the Health Office at (218) 385-2553, ext. #408 if you have any questions.

Also, visit our website @ [nymills.k12.mn.us](mailto:nymills.k12.mn.us), go to 'Parent Resources' and click on 'Health Services' for more detailed information.

## Bus Camera Info

On each of the 14 New York Mills School Buses, there are six video cameras that have been installed. The cameras are video only, with no sound being recorded. Two cameras will be utilized as Stop Arm Cameras, recording vehicles that violate the stop-arm sign. We are working closely with the New York Mills Police Department to help notify the public of Stop Arm safety. Vehicles must refrain from passing a school bus with its Stop Arm extended.

In addition to the external cameras, four cameras have been installed inside each bus. These cameras will primarily be used to assist in student behavior incidents. Cameras are not a live feed and will be reviewed later by the administration only. Although the cameras will record continuously when the bus is on, bus drivers also have access to an event button. Pressing the event button adds an indicator mark on the footage, which will make specific incidents easier to review.

## Student Insurance

The New York Mills Public School does not provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by children at school. We encourage all families to have accident coverage on their children, prior to participation in any sports or school sponsored activity. Please review your current health and accident insurance program. Student Assurance Services, Inc. of Stillwater, MN, offers several options for coverage. Applications are available in the District Office. Minnesota Care is another option.

**Does your child have health insurance?**  
If not, help may be available.

Minnesota Health Care Programs have free and low-cost health insurance for children and families who qualify.

Income is one factor for qualifying. Other rules and limits apply. For more information, call your county office or visit <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/>.

### To get a MNsure application for health coverage and help paying costs (DHS-6696):

- Print one from <http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/>
- Call 877-KIDS-NOW toll free
- Call Otter Tail County Department of Human Services (218) 998-8270
- Becker County Department of Human Services (218) 847-5628
- Wadena County Department of Human Services (218) 631-7605



## Facility Use Policy

The New York Mills School realizes that its facilities are financed by the community and has established a policy making the facilities available to the public as follows:

- School facilities may be made available when not required for school-organized educational and athletic purposes.
- Use of the facilities other than general meeting areas or gymnasiums, including such rooms as shops, garages, kitchens, etc., is prohibited to all persons for any personal or non-school activity, except as provided for in separate policies established by the board, and which covers the costs involved and meets the requirements of safety, supervision, and maintenance.
- The school building shall not be available to non-community individuals or organizations or be used for private business commercial enterprises without special permission of the superintendent of schools.
- Recognized non-school youth groups, such as 4-H and Scouts, adult groups such as adult volleyball league, adult education classes, and other recognized non-profit organizations may use the building and facilities as specified in this policy.
- School building and facilities are available for organized community use during non-school hours at the following rates:

<b>Auditorium</b> .....	Varied rates, (refer to Policy Manual)
<b>Commons</b> .....	\$ 40
<b>Activity Center</b> .....	\$ 50
<b>Commons &amp; Kitchen</b> .....	Varied
<b>Sports Center</b> .....	\$100
<b>Multi-Purpose Room/Kitchen</b> ...	\$ 30
<b>High School Gym</b> .....	\$ 60
<b>Computer Labs</b> .....	\$ 40
<b>Classrooms (each)</b> .....	\$ 10
<b>Equipment/Classroom Fee</b>	
<b>for University/College</b> ...	(the greater of \$30 per day or \$12 per hour)

- Certain additional charges are applicable where school personnel are required to be on hand. These additional requirement details are contained in the policy on "Use of School Building and Equipment", which can be discussed with the superintendent of schools.

The form "Request for Building Use" (available in the Community Education Office and on the School District website) must be filled out **at least** one week prior to the event and submitted to the Community Education Office for approval by the superintendent of schools.

The New York Mills School District employs counselors for the elementary and secondary levels. Our counselors are available to serve all students and work collaboratively with teaching staff, school personnel and parents. Individual and group counseling, classroom guidance, referral services, testing, consultation and other opportunities for student growth are provided. Notify the school administration if you do not wish your child to receive these services.

## High School Guidance Counselor

It's great to be back! Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Throughout the summer I have enjoyed meeting with the seniors regarding the upcoming school year. Some topics include:

- 1. College visits.** The best way to see if a college is right for you is to visit. See Missy Keskitalo and she can schedule a visit for you.
- 2. College applications.** Apply early! Some programs fill up. I encourage you to apply to at least 2 or 3 schools in the fall.
- 3. Credit checks.** Making sure seniors have what they need to graduate. If you have any concerns, please stop in or call.

I will be available to help students in grades 7-12 with education, career counseling, personal or social concerns. Please feel free to stop in or call 218-385-4212.

**Jodi Raser**

High School Guidance Counselor



## Family Outreach/Counseling Services

The counselor is available to help with problems that are common to all students, parents and families. She is also available for consultation with teachers and the administration. For more information, call the counselor at (218) 385-2553, ext# 220. The Family Outreach/Counseling program provides support to students and parents in several ways, including the following:

The New York Mills Public School is fortunate to offer our students, parents and families the support they need at school at home. The counselor will also provide (CTSS) Children's Therapeutic Support Services directly to students in the New York Mills school district with professional clinical support from Lakeland Mental Health Services of Fergus Falls/Perham. Please feel free to give the counselor, our teachers, or the administration a call if you need help or have any questions. Have a great school year!

- Classroom visits
- Groups for problem-solving, anger management, friendship, etc.
- Individual confidential counseling, parents notified about major concerns
- Parent meetings to discuss their children's issues, worries and concerns
- Family services

**Kristin Draeger**  
Family Outreach/  
Counseling Services

## STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK

All NYM students will receive a Student and Parent Handbook at the beginning of the year. The handbook contains all the information necessary to answer questions about school policies and procedures.

Both students and parents should read it carefully and refer to it frequently during the year. It is the responsibility of each student to know all policies, rules, and opportunities presented.

## VISITORS TO NYM SCHOOL

All visitors to the elementary or high school must register in the respective principal's office. No preschool children are allowed to visit any classroom unless accompanied by an adult.

## FAMILY REGISTRATION

All families with preschool-aged children are encouraged to call or stop in the elementary office (218) 385-4208 to register your child with us. This is important since it will help keep you informed of preschool programs available through the school for your child.

## WHERE TO PAY - FOR ANYTHING!

For the convenience of parents and staff, all lunch tickets, resale items, activity fees and any other funds will be collected ONLY in the District Office near the Sports Center entrance.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 23rd and Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, starting at 8:30 AM. A notice, which will also include the date and time for preschool and make-up pictures, will be sent out during the first week of school. A family plan is available for school-age children.

## ILLNESS POLICY

If your child becomes ill at school, parents/guardians will be notified to pick him/her up. The child will stay in the sick room until the parent/guardian arrives. If there is no telephone in the home, parents/guardians should let the child's teacher know who can be called in case of accident or sickness.

## LOCKER DAMAGE

Students who were responsible for locker damage last school term and have not paid for the damages will NOT be issued a locker for the 2024-2025 school year until the bill has been paid. Notices have been mailed to students' homes indicating that damages have occurred and the amount due.

## NO ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OR OTHER DRUGS AT NEW YORK MILLS SCHOOL!

The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and/or use of alcohol and tobacco products are wrong and harmful and will not be tolerated at the New York Mills School including ball fields.

The standards of conduct concerning such

substances, which clearly prohibit the use or possession of illicit drug, alcohol, or tobacco on school premises or as part of any activities apply to both students and employees in the school system.

Charges will be imposed consistent with local, state, and federal laws, including expulsion of students or termination of employment and referral for prosecution for anyone who violates these standards.

## NO WEAPONS AT NYM SCHOOL!

New York Mills School District maintains a policy intended to assure a safe school environment for students, staff, and the public.

No student or non-student, including adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a weapon when in a school location. The school district will enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, school employee, volunteer, or member of the public who violates this policy.

A weapon means any object, device, or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm or which may be used to inflict self-injury.

District #553 wishes to emphasize that LASERS and LASER PENS are considered weapons. They are NOT allowed in any school location.

## BEFORE SCHOOL...

In the interest of safety and general welfare of the children, students are NOT to assemble on the school grounds earlier than 8:00 a.m. on any school day. Please plan with your children so they do not arrive before this time or you may take advantage of our School-Age Child Care.

## SCHOOL-ZONE DRIVING

- Please observe the speed limit and the stop signs in the school parking lots.
- When walking, students are asked to use the sidewalks at all times.

When dropping off and picking up students, please do not drive in front of the buses that are loading or unloading students.

## SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

If you need before or after school child care on a regular or drop-in basis, we have before or after school child care at the school for children enrolled in one of our preschool programs through 6th grade for the hours of 6:30-8:10 AM and 3:00-5:30 PM. Our school will continue to run this service for kids and parents.

To register, call (218) 385-4201 (District Office). You may register any time during the school year when you are in need of child care.

## LOST AND FOUND

Articles that have been turned in from summer activities should be claimed by the end of the first week of school in the District Office, or they will be donated to charity. Items that are lost during the school year and are turned in may be picked up in the respective principals' offices.

## TRAINER SERVICES

A certified athletic trainer/strength and conditioning specialist is available for student athletes. Sign-up is in the High School Principals' Office.

## DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver's Education classroom training will be held through Community Education with one class in the Spring and one class in the Summer, followed by Behind-The-Wheel training.

The costs are as follows:

District #553 Students	Out-of-district
Classroom	\$175
Behind-the-Wheel	\$275
Package Price	\$400

Students must successfully complete thirty hours of classroom training to obtain their driver's permit and six hours of behind-the-wheel training to take their license exam.

All students need to keep a driving log which needs to be turned in at the time that they take the behind-the-wheel test.

There will be a parent meeting scheduled each year to explain the log and answer any questions you might have about behind-the-wheel training, taking your test, and the driver's log. The parent meeting will cut down the required number of hours from 50 to 40 hours.

If you have questions, please contact Doug Salo at school (218) 385-2553.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR FEES FOR 2024-2025

1 Sport	2 Sports	3 Sports
Grade 7 & 8	\$50	\$100
Grade 9-12	\$60	\$120
		\$180

### Family Max \$160

After-school MSHSL Athletic/Sports Activities, Cheerleading and Fine Arts are included in activities that must be paid for. Payment of fees must be completed by the first scheduled event of that activity. NO refunds will be issued - even if a student does not complete that season. Please pay all fees in the District Office. Activity fees may be waived, depending upon family income and/or family size. Requests for such waivers must be made in writing and submitted to the District Office before the fee deadline of any particular activity.

## ADMISSIONS FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

Sr Citizens (65 & over).....FREE

### REGULAR GAMES:

Adults.....\$5.00  
Students/College.....\$3.00

### 10 PUNCH PASS:

Adults.....\$30.00  
Students.....\$20.00

### TOURNAMENTS:

#### Wrestling (all day pass):

Adults.....\$6.00  
Students/College.....\$4.00

#### Basketball:

Adults.....\$6.00  
K-12.....\$3.00  
College.....\$4.00





## MN SCHOOL ZONE CRIME LINE

The School Zone Crime Line was established by the 1994 legislature to allow students and school employees to phone in reports of suspected criminal activity which has occurred in school zones. A school zone is defined as any property up to 300 feet or one city block beyond the school property.

A reward of up to \$100 may be payable to the callers for information leading to the arrest or prosecution of an adult or juvenile offender for committing or attempting to commit a criminal offense in a school zone.

Information received on the crime line will be forwarded to local police authorities for investigation. Callers are asked to leave their name, how they can be reached, the nature of the criminal offense, and/or the location of the crime and name of the school. The Crime Line Number is 1-800-667-3760.

## SELLING FOOD ITEMS AT NYM SCHOOL

In order to be in compliance with Health Department regulations, the New York Mills School District has adopted a health department policy regarding sale and distribution of food items by organizations such as school groups, church or civic organizations, 4-H clubs, and other groups at the school.

A "Temporary Food Service Application" must be completed by any group wishing to sell or distribute food items within the school. The application and guidelines regarding food protection, equipment, hand washing, dishwashing, and safety are available at the District Office. Submit the completed form to the Community Education Office for approval by the Superintendent and the Food Service Supervisor.

## Public Notice GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
29 U.S.C. 706(8), 794; 34 C.F.R. Part 104

Any individual may file a grievance in the #553 School District if the individual believes there has been a violation of Section 504. Any such grievance must be filed in writing within a "reasonable period of time" after the alleged violation occurred. The grievant must fully state the facts of the alleged violation and the remedy that is being sought.

Step One: The grievance shall be submitted to Jodi Raser, the Section 504 Coordinator of the #553 School District, at (218) 385-4201, 209 Hayes Street, PO Box 218, New York Mills, MN 56567, who shall investigate the circumstances of the alleged violation. Jodi Raser, the Section 504 Coordinator, shall make a written report of her findings of fact and conclusions within ten (10) school days.

Step Two: If the grievance has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant, s/he may appeal the report of the Section 504 Coordinator to the superintendent of the #553 School District within five (5) school days of receipt of the report. After investigation and within ten (10) school days of receipt of the appeal, the superintendent shall affirm, reverse, or modify the report of the Section 504 Coordinator.

Step Three: If the grievance has not been resolved

in Step Two to the satisfaction of the grievant, s/he may appeal to the school board within five (5) school days of receipt of the report in Step Two. The school board shall conduct an informal hearing in an open meeting to review the alleged violation. The board shall give each party at least five (5) school days' notice of its meeting. The board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the report issued under Step Two within fifteen (15) school days of receipt of the appeal. This procedure contains written assurance that complaints may be made without fear of reprisal.

## ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTICE

In accordance with federal regulations, New York Mills ISD #553 has an asbestos management plan documenting the location and condition of all known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). This plan is available for public inspection during normal office hours. Every six months, an accredited inspector visually inspects the condition of the ACM. Adam Zachman, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, is the designated person responsible for maintaining the asbestos management plan for the district. Should you have any further questions, he can be reached at (218) 385-4204.

## PEST CONTROL NOTICE

District #553 utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. Their program consists of, 1) inspection and monitoring to determine whether pests are present and whether any treatment is needed, 2) recommendations for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials, 3) utilization of non-chemical measures such as traps, caulking and screening, 4) application of EPA-registered pest-control measures when needed. Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pest-control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest-control materials are chosen and applied according to label directions per federal law. An estimated schedule of interior pest-control inspections and possible treatments is available for review or copying in the district office. A similar estimated schedule is available for application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds. Parents of students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of any application of pest-control materials, should such an application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule.

## INDOOR AIR QUALITY

New York Mills ISD #553 advocates a healthy school environment in which the surroundings contribute to an environment conducive to learning for students, and productivity for staff. To help accomplish this, we have implemented an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan using guidelines provided by the Department of Children, Families and Learning, and the "Tools for Schools" document developed by the U.S. EPA. Adam Zachman, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, has been designated as the school's IAQ Coordinator, and all issues concerning indoor air quality should be brought to his attention. Adam has been trained and certified as an IAQ Coordinator by the Minnesota Department of Education. Adam Zachman may be reached by calling (218) 385-4204.

## CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS

Our school district policy #404L states the following: This policy is to maintain a safe and healthful environment in the school district in order to promote the physical, social, and psychological well-being of its students. To that end, the school district will seek a criminal history background check for applicants who receive an offer of employment with the school district, volunteer coaches, and chaperones on over night trips or such other background checks as provided by this policy. The school district may also elect to do background checks of volunteers, independent contractors and student employees in the school district.

## FAMILY EDUCATION AND PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

The Family Education and Privacy Act requires that school districts annually publish a notice to parents and eligible students (students 18 and over) outlining the rights regarding a student's educational records. All individual records on current students are filed in the school the student attends. Requests by parents or eligible students to review or inspect school records should be submitted to the high school principal. Records on students who no longer attend District #553 are filed at the counselor's office. Requests for review of these records should be made to the high school counselor. Any parent or eligible students may file a request to challenge inclusions in his/her educational records. This can be done by submitting a letter requesting a change in the record.

## PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS NOTICE

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment is intended to protect rights of parents and students as follows:

- a) All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, films, tapes or supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis or evaluation as part of any applicable program shall be available for inspection by the parents or guardians of the children.
- b) No student shall be required, as part of any applicable program, to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning:
  - 1) political affiliations;
  - 2) mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or his/her family;
  - 3) sex behavior and attitudes;
  - 4) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
  - 5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
  - 6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationship, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; or
  - 7) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program) without the prior consent of the student (if the student is an adult or emancipated minor), or in the case of an unemancipated minor, without the prior written consent of the parent.
- c) Educational agencies and institutions shall give parents and students effective notice of their rights under this section.
- d) ENFORCEMENT – The Secretary shall take such action as the Secretary determines appropriate to enforce this section, except that action to terminate assistance provided under an applicable program shall be taken only if the Secretary

determines that –

- 1) there has been a failure to comply with such section; and
  - 2) compliance with such section cannot be secured by voluntary means.
- e) OFFICE AND REVIEW BOARD – The Secretary shall establish or designate an office and review board within the Department of Education to investigate, process, review and adjudicate violations of the rights established under this section.

## **STUDENT RECORDS AND STUDENT ROSTERS**

Independent School District #553 will cooperate in releasing records to agencies and schools requesting certain directory information on students. Directory information may include the student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, grade level and participation in extracurricular activities, weight and height of members of the athletic teams and rewards received. Parents wishing that such information not be released should notify the school in writing within thirty days of this notice and such information will be withheld. All other records such as academic courses taken, achievement levels, standardized test scores, grades received, attendance, special education records and similar educational records will not be released without the signed consent of the parent of the student or the student if he/she is 18 years of age.

## **HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY 413-1**

A. The policy of the school district is to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability. The school district prohibits any form of harassment or violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.

B. A violation of this policy occurs when any student, teacher, administrator, or other school district personnel harasses a student, teacher, administrator, or other school district personnel or group of students, teachers, administrators, or other school district personnel through conduct or communication based on a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability, as defined by this policy. (For purposes of this policy, school district personnel includes school board members, school employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, or persons subject to the supervision and control of the district.)

Independent School District #553 maintains a firm policy prohibiting all forms of discrimination. Harassment and Violence Report Form 413-12F is available in the District Office.

## **HAZING PROHIBITION 526-1**

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff that is free from hazing. Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational goals of the school district and are prohibited at all times.

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

A. No student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee of the school district shall plan, direct, encourage, aid or engage in hazing.

B. No teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor or other employee of the school district shall permit, condone, or tolerate hazing.

C. Apparent permission or consent by a person being hazed does not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

D. Retaliation against a victim, good faith reporter, or a witness of hazing is prohibited.

E. False accusations or reports of hazing against a student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or other employee are prohibited.

F. A person who engages in an act of hazing, reprisal, retaliation, or false reporting of hazing or permits, condones, or tolerates hazing shall be subject to discipline or other remedial responses for that act in accordance with the school district's policies and procedures.

Consequences for students who commit, tolerate, or are a party to prohibited acts of hazing may range from remedial responses or positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

## **STUDENT SEX NONDISCRIMINATION 522-1**

A. The school district provides equal educational opportunity for all students, and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex. No student will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity operated by the school district on the basis of sex.

B. It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy.

C. The school board hereby designates Judith Brockway, Elementary Principal, (218) 385-4207, as its Title IX coordinator. This employee coordinates the school district's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX.

D. Any student, parent or guardian having questions regarding the application of Title IX and its regulations and/or this policy should discuss them with the Title IX coordinator. Questions relating solely to Title IX and its regulations may be referred to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education. In the absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or complaint should be referred to the superintendent of the school district human rights officer.

### **REPORTING GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

A. Any student who believes he or she has been the victim of unlawful sex discrimination by a teacher, administrator or other school district personnel, or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute unlawful sex discrimination toward a student should report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy or may file a grievance. The school district encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form available from the principal of each building or available from the school District Office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well.

## **LEAD IN WATER, PAINT AND SOIL PLAN**

Please refer to District website.  
<https://www.ny.mills.k12.mn.us>

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Truancy Prevention Work Group of the Otter Tail Family Services Collaborative developed this attendance policy, to be incorporated into the policies and procedures of all Otter Tail County schools, grades K-12. We have worked together to develop this policy because we believe it is necessary to be academically engaged in order to be successful in school. This policy only addresses unexcused absences. Unexcused absences are defined by Minnesota Law and specifically within each school district's individual attendance policy.

Otter Tail County-Wide K-12 School Attendance Policy  
Rev. 7/02

1. Attendance will be taken every half-day in elementary schools and every class period in secondary schools.

2. For purposes of this policy, unexcused absences are cumulative throughout the school year. Records regarding attendance will transfer with students who transfer between schools within Otter Tail County.

3. Every time a student is absent for any period of time the school will notify the parents on the day the absence occurs, if the parent has not called or sent a note.

4. After three periods of unexcused absences, a letter will be sent to parents. The purpose of the letter will be to document the student's unexcused absences.

5. Following the seventh unexcused absence, a face-to-face meeting with the parents and student will be required. If parents do not attend the scheduled meeting, the matter may be referred to Human Services. Working together, a Truancy Plan will be established to address the student's attendance. Under Minnesota Law, the student's unexcused absences now qualify as truancy, and the school may make a formal referral to Human Services.

6. If the Truancy Plan that is developed is not followed and the child continues to have unexcused absences, the matter will be turned over to Human Services who will refer the matter to the County Attorney's Office to determine what action should occur. At this point, the parent or guardian can be criminally charged if they have not compelled their child's attendance. Judges have the authority to administer a variety of consequences, which can include the following:

- A child may lose their driving privileges until he or she is 18 years old.
- A child can be assigned community work service hours.

• The court can order that any necessary evaluations, treatment, and counseling services be completed by the child or family.

- A child can be removed from their home and placed in a shelter or foster care or a short-term residential facility.

If you have questions or concerns about this policy, please feel free to contact an administrator within your school district.

## **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT POLICY 721.11**

New York Mills Public School will accept credit card payment for school lunch accounts, sports fees, and other purchases as deemed appropriate by the administration. Credit card payment refers to online payments only. Any fee associated with the use of the credit card for such payments will be assumed by the card holder.



## District #553 Food Service

Dear New York Mills parents,

We hope you and your family enjoyed the summer and that your students are looking forward to the school year ahead!

As the people responsible for keeping your children well-nourished throughout the year, we'd like to share some exciting things going on in our cafeteria.

This year, all students will be able to receive breakfast and lunch free! From serving healthy, tasty options and bringing good to the wider community, we're making school food even better and we're looking forward to serving New York Mills students.

The beginning of the school year is a great time to set healthy habits around food. We are still following the National School Breakfast and Lunch guidelines. Children will still need to pick a fruit or vegetable at every meal and have the required items in order for their meal to be free. Payment will still be required for extra food, ala-carte drinks, milk when bringing a lunch from home, and milk break.

Parents, please still fill out the free or reduced forms as this will still help us receive funding for meals and a host of other programs. Applications can be found online, in the school calendar and in the District Office. As always, your information is kept confidential.

If your child needs a special meal prepared, please fill out a special diet statement available in the District Office and available from our school nurse.

Menus are available on our school website and the school Facebook page. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at [jpeterson@nymills.k12.mn.us](mailto:jpeterson@nymills.k12.mn.us).

Stay up-to-date on all of the fun stuff going on in our cafeteria by following us on social media at The New York Mills Eagle Nest!

Sincerely,  
**Julie Peterson**  
 Food Service Supervisor



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school offers healthy meals each day. All students can get one breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school. Although no application is required to receive this free meal benefit, filling out the Application for Educational Benefits is still important! Your child(ren) may qualify for other benefits like reduced fees at school. Your application may also help the school qualify for education funds, discounts, and other meal programs.

To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits and return it to: New York Mills ISD #553 District Office, PO Box 218, New York Mills, MN 56567.

**Who should complete this application?** Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children qualify without reporting household income. Alternatively, children can qualify if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

### COMMON QUESTIONS:

**I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children qualify?** Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance do not automatically qualify. Children may be eligible depending on other household financial information. Please fill out an application.

**Who should I include as household members?** Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

**May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for you to complete an application.

**What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.

**Will the income information or case number I give be checked?** It may be. We may also ask you to send written proof.

**How will the information be kept?** Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval, will be protected as private data. For more information, see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

**If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call 218-385-4201.

Sincerely,

Marsha Maki, Business Manager

# HOME OF THE EAGLES





## How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2024–25 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (**gross earnings before deductions**, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

### Maximum Total Income

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536
2	37,814	3,152	1,576	1,455	728
3	47,767	3,981	1,991	1,838	919
4	57,720	4,810	2,405	2,220	1,110
5	67,673	5,640	2,820	2,603	1,302
6	77,626	6,469	3,235	2,986	1,493
7	87,579	7,299	3,650	3,369	1,685
8	97,532	8,128	4,064	3,752	1,876
Add for each additional person	9,953	830	415	383	192

### Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their school and grade if applicable, and birthdate. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Check the box if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

### Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, write in the case number and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3.

### Step 3: Adult and Child Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- **Social Security Number/Total Household Members.** An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number. Report the total number of household members and ensure all household members are listed individually on the application in the child or adult section as applicable.
- **Child Income.** If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children, and check the box for the frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.
- **Adult income.** Report the names of adult household members and income earned in this section.
  - List all adults living in the household not listed in Step 1, whether related or not, such as grandparents, relatives, or friends.
  - **Gross Earnings from Work.** This is usually the money received from working at jobs where a paycheck is received. For each income, check the box to show how often the income is received: weekly, bi-weekly, twice per month, or monthly.
  - List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
  - **Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?** List the net income per month or year after business expenses. Do not list the same income twice on the application. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
  - **Any Other Gross Income.** List gross incomes before deductions from all other sources, such as SSI, unemployment, child support, public assistance, social security, rental income or annuities.

**Step 4: Signature and Contact Information** An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step 4.

**Optional:** Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to ensure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.



## 2024–25 Application for Educational Benefits

Complete one application per household for all children. Please use pen (not a pencil). **Mail or return completed form to: New York Mills ISD#553 District Office PO Box 218, New York Mills, MN 56567**

**STEP 1: List ALL Household Members who are infants, children, and students** up to and including grade 12 (if more spaces are required for additional names, attach another sheet of paper).

**Definition:** A Household Member is "Anyone living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." Read *How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits* for more information. Adults over grade 12 living in the same household should be reported in Step 3. If your children attend different districts or charter/nonpublic schools, return an application at each one.

Child's First Name (list all children in household)	MI	Child's Last Name	School	Grade	Birthdate	Foster Child (v)
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

**STEP 2:** Do Any Household Members (including you) currently participate in one or more of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR? Medical assistance **does not** qualify. If **NO** > Go to STEP 3.

If **YES** > Enter SNAP, MFIP or FDIPIR Case Number (between 4-9 digits, do not report EBT card number) _____ then go to STEP 4 (Do not complete STEP 3)

**STEP 3:** Report Income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'Yes' to STEP 2)

**A. Last Four Digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of Adult Household Member:** XXX-XX-  Or Check if Adult has No SSN:  **Total Number of All Household Members (Children + Adults)**

**B. Child Income.**

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income, such as from a part time job or SSI. Please include the TOTAL income received by all children listed in STEP 1. Do not include income received by adults in the box to the right.

Total Income Received by All Children	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly
\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C. All Adult Household Members (including yourself).** For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total gross income only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0' or leave any fields blank. You are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. Not sure what income to include here? Flip the page and review "Sources of Income" for information. "Sources of Income" will help you with the Child Income section and All Adult Household Members section.

Names of All Adult Household Members (First and Last)
List all Household members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. Include children who are temporarily away at school or in college.

Gross Earnings from Working at Jobs				
Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Report income before deductions or taxes in whole dollars (no cents).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$

Are you Self-Employed or a Farmer?		
Monthly	Yearly	Net income from Farm or Self-Employment. Do not duplicate elsewhere.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$

Any Other Gross Income				
Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	SSI, Unemployment, Public Assistance, Child Support, and others on Page 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$

**STEP 4: Contact information and adult signature.** "I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

I have checked this box if I *do not* want my information shared with Minnesota Health Care Program as allowed by state law.

Printed name of adult signing form _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address (if available) _____ Apt# _____ City _____ Zip _____

**SIGN HERE: Signature of Household Adult** _____ **Date** _____

Do Not Fill Out: For School Office Use Conversions to Annualize All Income:	X52	X26	X24	X12	X1	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Verified? Attach Tracker</b> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Free After Verified <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced After Verified <input type="checkbox"/> Denied After Verified <input type="checkbox"/>	Household Size:	Categorical Eligibility	Free	Reduced	Denied
	Weekly	Bi-weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annualize						
<b>All Total Income</b> (Include child and adult income)											
\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>Determining Official Signature:</b> _____							<b>Date:</b> _____				
<b>Confirming Official Signature:</b> _____							<b>Date:</b> _____				



## OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility. Respond to both Step One, *Ethnicity* and Step Two, *Race*.

**Step One: Ethnicity (check one):**  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

**Step Two: Race (check one or more):**  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White

## INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

### Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earnings from work</li> <li>Social Security                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disability Payments</li> <li>Survivor's Benefits</li> </ol> </li> <li>Income from person outside the household</li> <li>Income from any other source</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages</li> <li>A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security</li> <li>A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits</li> <li>A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money</li> <li>A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust</li> </ul>

### Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes)</li> <li>Net income from self-employment (farm or business)</li> <li>If you are in the U.S. Military:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)</li> <li>Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash Assistance from State or local government</li> <li>Supplemental Security Income</li> <li>Unemployment benefits</li> <li>Worker's compensation</li> <li>Alimony payments</li> <li>Child support payments</li> <li>Veteran's benefits</li> <li>Strike benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security</li> <li>Disability benefits</li> <li>Regular income from trusts or estates</li> <li>Annuities</li> <li>Investment income</li> <li>Rental income</li> <li>Regular cash payments from outside household</li> </ul>

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

**Nondiscrimination statement:** In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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# 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR DISTRICT 553 -- NEW YORK MILLS

**AUGUST**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

0 student      4 teacher

**SEPTEMBER**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

20 student      20 teacher

**AUGUST**  
 26-29 Teacher Day  
 28 Open House

**SEPTEMBER**  
 2 Labor Day - no school  
 3 First day of school for students

**OCTOBER**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

20 student      21 teacher

**NOVEMBER**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

18 student      18.5 teacher

**OCTOBER**  
 2 Early Out at 1pm  
 17-18 Fall Break  
 21 Teacher Training (No Students)

**NOVEMBER**  
~~1~~ High School Quarter Ends (42)  
 14 Early Out/P-T Conferences at 1pm  
 15 No School  
~~22~~ Elementary Trimester Ends (56)  
 28-29 Thanksgiving Break

**DECEMBER**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

15 student      15 teacher

**JANUARY**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

19 student      22 teacher

**DECEMBER**  
 4 Early Out at 1pm  
 23-1 Holiday Break

**JANUARY**  
 2 - 3 Teacher Training (No Students)  
 6 Classes resume  
~~17~~ High School Quarter Ends (44)  
 20 Teacher Day/No students

**FEBRUARY**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

18 student      19 teacher

**MARCH**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

20 student      20.5 teacher

**FEBRUARY**  
 5 Early Out at 1pm  
 14 Teacher Training (No Students)  
 17 No School  
~~28~~ Elementary Trimester Ends (58)

**APRIL**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

19 student      20 teacher

**MAY**

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

20 student      21 teacher

**MARCH**  
 6 Early Out at 1pm/P-T Conferences  
 7 No School  
~~21~~ High School Quarter Ends (42)

**APRIL**  
 17 Teacher Training (No Students)  
 18-21 Spring Break  
 22 Classes resume

- NO SCHOOL
- STUDENT DAYS (173) CHANGED TO 168 THIS YEAR ONLY
- EARLY RELEASE STUDENTS
- TEACHER DAY (7 days + 2 evening conferences)
- TEACHER TRAINING (5)
- UP TO FIVE (5) E LEARNING DAYS AS NEEDED TBD**

**MAY**  
 23 Graduation  
 26 Memorial Day - No school  
 28 Last Student Day Early Out  
~~29~~ Semester/Trimester Ends (45/59)  
 29-30 Teacher Day

THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE STAFF AND STUDENTS TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES ON ANY LOST DAY FOR ANY CLOSING SUCH AS STATE TOURNAMENTS, INCLEMENT WEATHER, UTILITY, MECHANICAL PROBLEMS, ETC.

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