


**HOWARD-WINNESHIEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2024 – 2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION**


**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**563-547-2762**

**Option 1 – Business Office; Option 2 – High School; Option 3 – Elementary/Middle School  
Option 4 – Early Childhood/Preschool; Option 5 – Bus Garage**

**SCHOOLMESSENGER:**

SchoolMessenger will be used again this year to send parent notifications, it can be accessed by logging into PowerSchool and click in the half box with the arrow (  ) in the upper right corner of your PowerSchool page.

 Click on the lines in the upper left corner and then preferences to review what notifications you currently have selected. You have the option to receive email, phone and text notifications. Just a reminder to receive text message notifications you must first send Yes to **67587**.

**FEEES**

Fees can be waived/reduced by completing the Free/Reduced application and returning/submitted before **October 4th, 2024**. Fees can be paid online using our new fee system EduTrakConnect or by dropping off or mailing a check to the school. There is additional information enclosed if you choose to pay online using EduTrakConnect. The fee for using EduTrakConnect is \$2.75 per \$99.99.

**POWERSCHOOL EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS**

Available in the left menu when logged into the parent PowerSchool portal – you can choose notifications you would like to receive such as attendance, grades and how often – this is a great way to be kept informed of your students attendance and current grades.

**BUS INFORMATION**

If your student(s) rides a bus – the bus driver will be in contact with you regarding the scheduled pick up and drop off times before school starts. If you are new to the district and will need bus transportation please contact them as soon as possible with your information, 563-547-2762, Option 5.

**FREE/REDUCED INFORMATION**

Free and Reduced applications are **NOT** included with this mailing. During the online registration process there will be an option to complete the online application.

If you prefer a hard copy of the application to complete and return to school, you will be able to pick one up in the building offices beginning August 5th.

**Building Information:**

**Pre-School Back To School Information**

- Teachers will be contacting you in August to set up a home visit.
- There is a full day or half day option that you can discuss with your child's preschool teacher.
- If you have a PK student there is additional information included from the preschool teachers
- Information on how to create your Registration and PowerSchool Account if needed is included. **\*\*If you have older children already enrolled at Howard-Winn your PK student will already be added to your PowerSchool Account\*\***
- **September 3rd - Preschool Open House 3:00 - 5:30**. PK students will also have their school photos taken this day - 3:00 - 6:00 PM see the flyer for more information.
- **September 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of PK classes**

**School Pictures:**

**September 26<sup>th</sup>: 9 AM – 2 PM (Retakes: October 18<sup>th</sup>)  
Flyer Enclosed**

**Elementary: Transitional Kindergarten – Grade 4:  
School Hours: 8:15 AM – 3:25 PM**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> – Open House/Back-To-School Conferences:**

- Individual conferences with homeroom teachers from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.
- Student photos will be taken from 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM in the new gym. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

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**Message from Mrs. Lentz:**

Welcome back to a new school year! As we begin the 2024-2025 school year, I would like to say that I am honored to be the new Principal at Crestwood Elementary. There is no other place I would rather be than right here working with great staff, engaged families, learning students, and a supportive community. I am excited to come back to a new year with opportunities for everyone to grow and learn together.

As we begin a new year together, please take a moment to note the important dates within this registration letter and in upcoming communications. Our staff will be using SeeSaw, Facebook, email, and the district's website to assist you in staying connected. We encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. It is important to us that you are informed about what your child is learning and how we can assist you in working with your child at home.

A district focus this year will be attendance and the importance of being in school every day. The Iowa Legislature recently cited this as one of the top priorities for school districts. Students should be at school on time everyday and avoid missing school as much as possible. We ask that families encourage good attendance by saving vacations for times that school is not in session. Healthy attendance habits are not only beneficial to your own child but also support the classroom as a whole.

I look forward to working with you and your child this year! If you have any questions or feedback that you would like to share, please feel free to contact me at [blentz@howard-winn.k12.ia.us](mailto:blentz@howard-winn.k12.ia.us) or by phone at (563) 547-2300.

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**Crestwood Middle School: Grades 5 – 8  
School Hours: 8:10 AM – 3:20 PM**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> – Open House/Back-To-School Conferences: 10 AM – 6:00 PM**

- Grade 5 and 6 students and parents will schedule a time to meet with homeroom teacher
- Students and parents (gr 7-8) will schedule a time to meet with **Homebase teachers for Laptop distribution** and have other questions answered, please sign-up for a time using the conference scheduler (student schedules can be found in PowerSchool). **On-line Registration MUST be completed BEFORE picking up the student device.**
- Student photos will be taken from 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM in the new gym. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.
- Building is open for students and parents to go through their student's schedule to find classrooms, locker, etc.
- **Optional** open conference times available for students/parents to meet individually with any or all teachers, please sign up through the conference scheduler (grades 7 - 8)
- **Grade 7 Students** - required immunization information enclosed
- If you are enrolling under Open Enrollment beginning in 24-25 to Howard-Winn and will be participating in sports, please stop in the office and see Mr. Wedemeier.

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**Message From Mr. Wedemeier:**

Hello and welcome to Crestwood Middle School! In collaboration with administration, teachers, and support staff, I am thrilled to serve the Howard Winneshiek School District. As your principal, my mission is to enhance a culture where students and staff want to come to school. At Crestwood Middle School, we ask and expect students to do three things: Be here - Do your job - Be kind. When students focus and accomplish these three things, their middle experience, along with their peers, is better. Our middle school staff focus on educating the young adults that are blossoming. As much as academics are important, my belief in a middle school is that we are educating students to make a positive impact on their community and grow into responsible citizens.

You may wonder why the district is moving to a "Middle School Model" or even what this model means. In simple terms, this model enables the district to create a specific system that serves this unique age group of students. At Howard Winneshiek, we believe that our young adolescents in grades 5-8 deserve a middle school experience that is developmentally responsive, challenging, empowering, and equitable. As a staff, we will spend the first semester aligning our current system to these beliefs. Within the middle school model, there is a heightened sense of collaboration as we work together to support our students.

I am looking forward to an exciting school year. If you have any questions, please call Crestwood Middle School at [\(563\) 547-2762](tel:5635472762) or email me at [twedemeier@howard-winn@k12.ia.us](mailto:twedemeier@howard-winn@k12.ia.us). Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to educate your child(ren).

## High School: Grades 9 – 12

School Hours: 8:10 AM – 3:20 PM

### August 20<sup>th</sup> – Open House/Back-To-School Conferences: 10 AM – 6:00 PM

- Schedule a conference to meet with **Homebase teachers for Laptop distribution** and have other questions answered, please sign-up for a time using the conference scheduler (student schedules can be found in PowerSchool). **On-line Registration MUST be completed BEFORE picking up the student device.**
- Building is open for students and parents to go through their student's schedule to find classrooms, locker, etc.
- **Optional** open conference times available for students/parents to meet individually with any or all teachers, please sign up through the conference scheduler
- Student photos will be taken from 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM in the new gym. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information
- **Grade 9 Students** – required dental screening information enclosed
- **More details for the start of the year will come in early August.**
- If you are enrolling under Open Enrollment beginning in 24-25 to Howard-Winn and will be participating in sports, please stop by and see Mr. Coulter in the High School office.
- **Reminder** to turn in all physicals/concussion awareness forms to either the high school office or Mr. Coulter.

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### 2024-2025 CHS Yearbooks (Grades 9-12):

To order, complete the enclosed order form or pick one up in the High School Office. Return the completed order form along with payment (checks payable to Crestwood High School) to the high school office. Yearbooks can also be purchased at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). For questions, please contact Libby Schwade at 563-547-2762 and select 2 for the high school.

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### Message From Ms. Dursky:

I am excited and looking forward to what we will accomplish together as we start a new school year. The start of a school year is always a special time, filled with new opportunities and experiences. Whether you are returning for another year or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

This year, we are committed to building on the successes of the past while introducing new initiatives that support our students' learning and well-being. Every student is encouraged to explore their interests and abilities both within and outside of the classroom to make the most of their educational journey. To our students, I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources and opportunities available to you. Challenge yourselves academically, engage in extracurricular activities, and contribute positively to our school culture. Remember, your teachers, administrators, and support staff are here to help you succeed and are eager to support you in your journey.

To our parents and guardians, your involvement is key to the success of our students. We look forward to your participation in our school events and your feedback on our educational programs. Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for all our students. We need your help to ensure that your child is in attendance. When it comes to your child's academic progress, attendance is crucial! Your child needs to be prepared for their future career.

As we start this new chapter, let us all commit to a year of learning, growth, and community. Let's make this a fantastic school year filled with achievement and smiles. Welcome back, and let's have a wonderful school year! Let's get this year started!

### When these 3 tasks have been completed students are registered for school (see next page for more information)

1. Logged into PowerSchool and selected **Returning Student Registration 2024-2025** and completed the registration questions/permissions, etc. for each of your students by August 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Fees have been paid.
3. Back-To-School Conferences for August 20<sup>th</sup> have been scheduled for each of your students.