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May Issue Deadline: April 15, 2025 END OF QUARTER THREE: March 21st SPRING BREAK: March 24th — 28th SCHOOL RESUMES: March 31st (Q4 Begins) KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP: April 4th EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING: April 17th NO SCHOOL: April 18th



WRENSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2025-2026

WRENSHALL — A SMALL SCHOOL WHERE WE CULTIVATE BIG FUTURES

Wrens benefit from being more than a number and are offered:

- Dedicated elementary specialist time in art, music, library/media center, STEM, and physical education.
- An emphasis on outdoor education championed by a cohort of teachers who have completed the Teacher Field School through Hamline University.
- Robust Career and Tech Ed (CTE) programming, inviting CTE spaces, and state-of-th-art CTE equipment.
- New computer science courses and clubs including Gaming Design, Intro to Business, and Girls Who Code.
- College in the Schools class offerings in which high school students earn college credit, from their Wrenshall teachers, without leaving the Wrenshall campus.
- · Electives that embrace students' passions and creativity.
- · And more!

TARGET CLASS SIZES TO ENSURE QUALITY INSTRUCTION

Wrenshall teachers and the school board have collaborated to established target class sizes as part of the district's commitment to quality instruction.

PERSONALIZED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wrenshall School offers a personalized educational experience where each student's potential is nurtured and their achievements are celebrated.

WELCOME TO THE NEST

We welcome new families to our close-knit learning community.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP. IF YOU ARE A FAMILY WHO WOULD LOVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WRENSHALL'S FOCUS

ON CARE AND QUALITY: Contact the Wrenshall School office at (218) 384-4274 x2000 for assistance in completing an enrollment application.

ENROLL TODAY!

WRENSHALL. CELEBRATING AND INVESTING IN **EACH STUDENT** TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR **LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES.**



SCHOOL YEAR

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WRENSHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Jeff Pesta, Superintendent

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Jon Beck, Member, 218-380-2637

Ashley Laveau, Member, 218-391-7504

Eric Ankrum, Vice Chairperson, 218-348-9587

NOTES NEST

By: Michelle Blanchard, Ed.S.

DEAR WRENSHALL FAMILIES.



APRIL IN OJIBWE is Iskigamizigegiizis. With Spring Break upon us as this issue is published, I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing and rejuvenating time away! We are excited to kick off the final quarter of the school year when we return from break. Let's make April a

month to remember as we wrap up the year with energy, enthusiasm, and focus.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP: We are thrilled to welcome new faces to our school community! If you have a child entering Kindergarten next fall, join us for our Kindergarten Round-Up event on April 4th. This event will provide parents and guardians with important information about the Kindergarten experience, including enrollment details and an opportunity to meet the teacher and other staff.

MCA TESTING BEGINS APRIL 7TH: April is also the time for our Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA), which will begin April 7th. These assessments are an important tool for evaluating student progress and ensuring we meet state academic standards. We encourage all students to be well-prepared for the tests by getting plenty of rest the night before and having a nutritious breakfast in the morning. Teachers will provide students with review opportunities to help them feel confident.

SENIOR CLASS TRIP: A big highlight for our graduating seniors this month is their Senior Class Trip, which will take place from April 14th to 19th. This special trip marks the culmination of all the fundraising efforts and hard work our seniors have put in throughout the year. It's a time for them to celebrate their achievements and enjoy a memorable experience before they graduate!

STARTING 4TH QUARTER - LET'S FINISH STRONG! April marks the beginning of 4th Quarter, and it's the perfect time for students to reflect on their progress and set goals for the final stretch of the school year. We encourage all students to stay focused and put forth their best efforts as we enter the final quarter.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 4th: Kindergarten Round-Up (9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.)
- April 17th: Early Childhood Screening
- April 18th: No School for staff or students
- April 14th-April 19th: Senior Class Trip

Wishing you a wonderful month of April!



HOMELESS EDUCATION In compliance

with The McKinney-Vento Act of 2001, Wrenshall School is committed to providing a free, appropriate public education to any children or youth in the school district who are experiencing homelessness. Homelessness is defined as a lack of a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. Anyone aware of local school-age children experiencing homelessness, please contact Wrenshall School's homeless liaison, Jeff Pesta. Further information on McKinney-Vento and rights of homeless children can be found at http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/ESEA/ HomelessMcKinneyVento/index.html or call the NCHE Helpline at 800-308-2145 or e-mail homeless@serve.org

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:

2025	6:00 Work Sessions	6:00* Regular Meetings	Location
April	3rd	7th*	Media Center
May	7th	12th*	Media Center
June	5th	9th*	Media Center
July	(none)	8th*	Holyoke Town Hall
August	7th	11th*	Media Center
September	3rd	9th*	Media Center
October	lst	7th*	Media Center
November	5th	10th*	Media Center
December	3rd	8th*	Media Center
	dua*	* public comment available at 5:30 p.m. prior to regular meetings	

2026 Organizational Meeting / Work Session: January 5, 2026

LOOKING FOR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES?

Wrenshall School Board meeting minutes can be found on the BoardBook Agenda tab in the school board area of the website. Or, the QR code on the right will bring you directly to the Wrenshall BoardBook site. Click on any blue "Agenda" link and scroll to find minutes being approved at that meeting.



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Congrats WRENSHALL KNOWLEDGE BOWL



With strong showings by all three teams at their regular season meets, two WHS Knowledge Bowl teams accumulated enough regular season points to advance to the regional tournement held on Monday, March 10th in Mountain Iron.

All three Wrenshall teams should be very proud of their excellent season. Thank you, Coach North! Here's a recap of their meet results:

January 23rd

Wrenshall Team 2: 2nd Place Wrenshall Team 1: 4th Place Wrenshall Team 3: 10th Place February 27th Wrenshall Team 2: 1st Place Wrenshall Team 1: 5th Place Wrenshall Team 3: 9th Place

February 5th Wrenshall Team 2: 2nd Place Wrenshall Team 1: 3rd Place Wrenshall Team 3: 10th Place REGIONALS – March 10th Wrenshall Team 2: 7th Place Wrenshall Team 1: 8th Place

WAY TO GO, WRENS! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

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K-6 student art will be on display in the school commons the entire week of May 12th

SPRING CONCERT & ART SHOW

Mark your calendars for the Spring Concert and Art Show: May 15, 2025

HATCHLINGS | LITTLE WRENS | SUMMER WRENS CLUB | SCHOOL YEAR WRENS CLUB ALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN AT:

isd100.net





The next best place to home this summer is Wrenshall's Summer Wrens Club Child Care Here, your child will stay cool with fun and learning—all



summer long. Serving 3 years of age - 6th Grade Must be potty trained



OUR OFFERINGS:

-A child care coordinator with over 10 years of experience with children & returning adult and student aids.

-Catered breakfast, lunch and snacks - daily -Weekly themes



-Wandering Wednesday programming or field trips -Some trips planned for: Lake Superior Zoo, Children Museum, Superior Fun Land, and many more!

-Monthly Rates for 3 days per week & all week rates & Sibling discount

-All outstanding school balances must be paid in full or on

payment plan before registration will be accepted -Accepts CCAP



Scan for more information

isd100.net > community education tab,

select "Wrens Club Child Care" from drop down options



Please place clean and bagged cans in the can corral near the bus garage.

Proceeds will go to the Booster Club to help support Wrenshall Students.



ATHLETIC EVENT





allowed until activity fee is paid.



Bethesda Lutheran Church of Carlton

204 5th Street, Carlton Website - www.bethesdacarlton.org Email - bethesda55718@msn.com (218)384-4501

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. (for up-to-date status of worship services, please visit the Bethesda Lutheran Church Facebook page).

Elim Lutheran Church

2077 County Road 6, Barnum (218)389-3129 Pastor Becky Wagner Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. Education Hour: 10:30 a.m. (All Ages)

Mission Creek Church

521 131st Ave. West, Duluth | 626-3309
6:00 p.m. Saturday Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Awana (3yrs to 8th grade):
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
H.S. Youth Group (9th-12th grades): Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

The River's Edge Church

506 Chestnut Avenue, Carlton (218)384-4434 Sunday Coffee: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Catholic Church

509 Sunrise Drive, Carlton Fr. Joel Hastings/384-4563 Mass: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Sts. Mary & Joseph Church

1225 Mission Road, Sawyer Church 878-1146 Fr. Joel Hastings/384-4563 Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

SonLife Community Church

417 Alcohol Road, Wrenshall (218) 384-4760 Pastor Paul DeVall Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. with children's programs for nursery through 6th grade. Wednesday Evenings: SonLife Kids' Club 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Youth Group 6:30-8:00 p.m. www.sonlifechurch.com Find us on Facebook

City Minutes

WRENSHALL CITY COUNCIL February 5, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Attendance: Jeff Bloom, Duane Ziebarth, Kevin House, and Steve Studniski. Joyce Gvesrude attended the meeting via Zoom from Orange Beach, Alabama. Alieca Johnson, Mandie Resberg, Nathan Fiest, Pete Laveau, Mike Gravelle and ten (10) others. County Commissioner Sue Zmyslony was also in attendance. All voting at this meeting will be by roll call as one member is attending remotely.

Motion by; Studniski; seconded by House to approve the agenda as presented. Gvesrude-Yes; Ziebarth-Yes; House-Yes; Studniski-Yes; Bloom-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ziebarth; seconded by Studniski to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on January 8, 2025, and checks as follows: Prepaids-#31330 - #31335 (#31336-#33151 Void) #31352-#31360=\$6,434.54; Payroll #31361-#31370=\$6,738.32; January bills #E11, #31371-#31383=\$12,953.24; and Electronic Transfers-01/15/25-1 & -2; ETFR01/03/25 (E4-E8)=\$3,570.42. Gvesrude-Yes; Ziebarth-Yes; House-Yes; Studniski-Yes; Bloom-Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: There were an unusually high number of calls in January; 20 medical/5 fire with most medicals going to the assisted living. Firefighter David Prylik was able to secure a \$4,000 grant from Enbridge that will be used for directional lights on #650. (A Benevity Account to receive these funds from Enbridge will need to be set up and David Prylik will function as the administrator.) The billing for fire protection sent to the city and townships for services in 2025 was received by the council. Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by Ziebarth to approve the start of the probationary period for Steve Schmidt. Gvesrude-Yes; Ziebarth-Yes; House-Yes; Studniski-Yes; Bloom-Yes. Motion carried. Wrenshall School will be discussing the weather evacuation plan and will contact the city when they are ready to move forward. Jeff Bloom attended the Carlton Ambulance meeting held earlier today.

Diane Hyry, Rob Hyry and Katie Beck-Wrenshall Community Education attended the meeting to indicate that they hope to work with the Brickyard Days Committee to plan the 2025 event. They have great enthusiasm and ideas and want to work with anyone and everyone to make the event a success.

Congratulations to Ruthie Kemp, the winner of the MRWA Fourth Grade Poster Contest and to Carina Luomanen and Angelina Knezevich who tied with honorable mentions. Thank you to Mrs. Suzy Berger and the Wrenshall Fourth Graders for taking part and for all the great entries.

Engineering: Nathan Feist gave an overview to the council of the PER and how this report is submitted to USDA to start the process to obtain grant funding for city projects. He further explained the bonding process and the scope of work for the Pioneer Project. Motion by Studniski; seconded by Bloom to increase the bonding request for Pioneer from \$2.3M to \$3M to include all sections from Broadway to County Road 1 and address sidewalks and other issues not previously considered. Gvesrude-No; Ziebarth-Yes; House-Yes; Studniski-Yes; Bloom-Yes. Motion carried. The clerk will contact Mike Bubany at David Drown & Associates for advice on the bonding process. Sue Zmyslony indicated that she would be willing to assist in any way.

Water Operator: Total Controls will be coming to inspect and repair the well alarm system that has been sending false codes. John will not be at the March meeting as he will be the Minnesota Rural Water Conference in St. Cloud.

Clerk: The new Assistant Clerk Mandie Resberg was introduced to the council. The bill card notice regarding snowmobiles/ATVs operating in the city park was read and approved. Adding an email bill module to Banyon utility billing software was discussed and will not be added at this time.

Maintenance: LED lights were installed on the plow truck and Northland will be coming to repair the snowblower.

For FIRE or MEDICAL Emergencies: **Remember to Dial 911**

Are you looking for a rewarding and exciting volunteer opportunity? Do you have the heart to serve your community? Come join the Wrenshall Fire Department.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED — Just the desire to learn new skills and be part of a volunteer team dedicated to serving our community.

FLEXIBLE HOURS — We realize life is busy and value your time. Every effort is made to help you fulfill the requirements of the department as well as the requirements of your job and family.

BENEFITS — Pension for members completing 10 years of service. Required as well as optional training in fire suppression and medical training provided by the department resulting in state certification.

Cadet Program available for interested young men and women greater than 15 years of age to 18 years of age.

Positions available in fire suppression or medical or both.

For more information contact Fire Chief Peter Laveau at 218-591-2329 or stop by the fire hall on Tuesday evenings after 7:00 p.m. Also check us out on Facebook at Wrenshall Fire and Rescue.

Thank You for Your Support

Our fire department is a non-profit volunteer organization



dedicated to the protection of our community. The Wrenshall Fire Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Pru Ponds: The Waiver of Trespass has been sent to Mr. Proulx for signature. Once that document is received maintenance staff will be able to enter the property to clean brush from the drainage ponds.

Ponderosa Sales Conditional Use Permit: The clerk has spoken with the County Attorney's Office and this matter is on hold.

Bank Signers: Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by House to adopt Resolution 25-02 updating bank signers. Gvesrude-Yes; Ziebarth-Yes; House-Yes; Studniski-Yes; Bloom-Yes. Motion carried.

A Wrenshall Development Corporation meeting took place in January. Jeff Bloom, Kevin House, and Nathan Feist were in attendance. The PER and the bonding request were discussed as well as a donation to Brickyard Days.

Utility Repair Policy: Policies and information from Cloquet and Carlton were discussed. Motion by Studniski; seconded by Ziebarth to clarify the city code to reflect that residents will be responsible for water lines from their residence to the curb box and for sewer lines from their residence to the main. Any repairs that need to be made in city street need to be reported to the city and all repairs must be inspected and approved the City. Gvesrude-Yes; Ziebarth-Yes; House-No; Studniski-Yes; Bloom-Yes. Motion carried. Councilor House voted no as he felt that the city should be responsible for repairs in the city streets.

Motion by Gvesrude; seconded by Studniski to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Gvesrude-Yes; Ziebarth-Yes; House-Yes; Studniski-Yes; Bloom-Yes. Motion carried.

WRENSHALL TOWNSHIP

All regular meetings are called to order at 7:00 p.m. The schedule of the regular meetings for Wrenshall Township is set forth below:

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

January 13, 2026 (Reorganizational and Regular)

Judy L. Korby Wrenshall Town Clerk 218-384-4452 Supervisors: Marvin Durkee: 218-384-3645 Dwain Meyer: 1-218-460-8910 Henry Wyman: 218-390-6495

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Silver Brook Town Hall, 401 Alcohol Road Wrenshall, Minnesota

Regular Meetings:

Regular Meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of odd numbered months (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov)

Watch the township website for changes in meetings and other important information: www.silverbrooktownship.org

HOLYOKE TOWN BOARD

Town Board Meetings are held the **Second Tuesday** of every month at the Town Hall

Linda McCuskey • Supervisor • 651-230-0773 John Magnuson • Supervisor • 218-348-3831 Scott Southwort • Supervisor • 218-590-5523

Holyoke Township has a new area of its cemetery available for gravesites. Interested individuals should contact a township supervisor for more information.



PIE MEETING:

April 16th 4:00 p.m. Cloquet Dairy Queen

Wrenshall PIE DQ Spirit Night FUNDRAISER

Cloquet Dairy Queen

April 16th 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Visit Cloquet DQ from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on April 16th and mention

"Wrenshall Spirit Night"

to have 15% of your total donated to Wrenshall PIE.

Dine in, carry out, or use the drive thru. Skip the line and order ahead using the DQ app.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Last Monday of each month (No meeting in December)

City Hall Doors open at 11:30 Lunch is served at Noon



All are welcome!

BOOKMOBILE Mondays at 11:30 a.m. Silver Brook Town Hall April 14 May 5 June 16 July 7 July 28 August 18 September 8 September 8 September 29 October 20 November 10 December 1 December 22

Silver Brook Cemetery

Lots are available in the Silver Brook Cemetery. Contact Supervisor Randy Wolf at 218-380-9804.

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Wrenshall Board of Education Carlton Board of Education LISTENING SESSIONS SESSIONS APRIL 2ND - SOUTH TERRACE 5:30 P.M. || BUILDING TOUR

6 P.M. || LISTENING SESSION

APRIL 9TH - WRENSHALL SCHOOL 5:30 P.M. || BUILDING TOUR 6 P.M. || LISTENING SESSION

Come share your thoughts about the Raptors, and potential consolidation. This is your chance to have your voice heard. All members of the Raptor community and public are welcome to join us.



CAN'T MAKE THE MEETINGS?

Email Both Boards at wschoolboard@isd100.org and schoolboard@carlton.k12.mn.us