



Community Ed

FALL 2026

Register online at www.kms.k12.mn.us unless otherwise noted.
Register based on current grade for the 2026-27 school year.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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**Deadline to submit
classes and
information for the
winter brochure
is September 1.**

Policies

KMS Community Education complies with all state and federal equal opportunity requirements. Community Education, in its employment practices and education programs, does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, religion, marital status, handicap, or the presence of a non-job or education related medical condition.

Photography

Community Education may take photographs or videos of classes/activities in progress or interview program participants for use in publications. The pictures may be of groups or individual snapshots. If you object to having you or your children's photograph used, please notify the instructor, or call the Community Ed office at 320-264-1927.

Registration

Fees are payable at the time of registration. Registration will now be administered through the new BOUND program.

To register for Community Ed activities:

- Go to www.kms.k12.mn.us
- Quicklinks
- Events Calendar
- Registration (dropdown menu under "Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Fighting Saints")

You will need to set up a new account in BOUND in order to register for Community Ed classes.

If you have trouble registering, contact Annette in the district office at 320-264-1932 or email afernolz@kms.k12.mn.us.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may stop in to the high school office and complete registration. If you do not have a credit or debit card, you must stop in the high school office and pay with cash or check.

Do not send money to school with a note naming the activity. Do not contact the instructor directly about registration! If students are not on the electronic list generated by CE, through online or in person, by the deadline they will be sent home in the usual manner.

This process is for the safety of our students, parents' peace of mind, and staff efficiency. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and commitment to these policies.

Refunds

Refunds will be made if we are unable to hold the class, but will not be given if you choose not to attend the class.

Confirmations

Confirmations of registrations will be provided by email. Classes will be held at the time and place indicated unless you are notified of a change.

**We periodically send
out an electronic
newsletter with
updates between
brochure
publications. If you
would like to receive
the emailed
newsletters, call the
Community Ed
office to sign up.**

We need your ideas!

Like most area Community Ed programs, we need your input to develop fun interesting, meaningful and relevant programming for adults in our community.

What do adults want? Do you have thoughts or suggestions? Have something you'd like to offer? Let us know so we can get it going!

Contact Community Ed with questions or suggestions.

Email: communityed@kms.k12.mn.us

**NEW
This Year!**

KMS is now using

**for all Activities,
Community Ed Registration
and the School Calendar.**

The calendar and Community Ed registration can be accessed at
kms.k12.mn.us / QuickLinks/Events Calendar, then click on
“Calendar” or “Registration” under
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Fighting Saints

DANCE

Fall Dancing Saints

Time to gear up for Friday night lights! Open to students entering grades 7-12. Participants will perform at halftimes of home football games as well as homecoming pep fests. *Participants will need athletic shoes, black pants and a jersey. Black pants and jerseys will need to be ordered separate.* They will be the same as in past years and can be reused if they already have them. Please reach out to your coach if you need to order new.

August Start Date TBD

KMS Elementary Gym-Murdock

Cost: \$55

Dancing Saints Mini Camp K-6

A Homecoming tradition! Participants in grades K - 6 will learn a dance from the Dancing Saints and coaches to perform at Homecoming pepfests and halftime of the varsity football game on Friday, October 2nd.

Dancers will need black pants and athletic shoes. T-shirts will be ordered.

**Dates: Tues., September 29 & Thurs., October 1
3:00pm to 4:00pm**

KMS Elementary Gym-Murdock

Cost: \$30

**Register Deadline: Wednesday, September 16 -
so shirts can be ordered**

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Dancin' Angels

3 and 4-Year Old Dancin' Angels: Wednesdays 3:45pm-4:45pm/KMS Elementary Cafeteria

Kindergarten Dancin' Angels: Day/Time TBD/KMS Elementary Cafeteria

1st Grade Dancin' Angels: Wednesdays 3:00pm to 3:45pm/KMS Elementary Cafeteria

2nd Grade Dancin' Angels: Day/Time TBD/KMS Elementary Cafeteria

3rd Grade Dancin' Angels: Day/Time TBD/Windy's Wellness

4th Grade Dancin' Angels: Day/Time TBD/Windy's Wellness

5th Grade Dancin' Angels: Tuesdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm/Windy's Wellness

6th Grade Dancin' Angels: Tuesdays 5:00pm to 6:00pm/Windy's Wellness

Start Dates: K-6 in November / PreK in January

Register Deadline: October 26

Dance Open House: Monday, October 26, 4:00-7:00pm - All dancers will be measured at this time!

Shoe Swap/Sale will be held on October 26 during the dance Open House

Mark your Calendars! Recital Date: Saturday, March 20, 2027



YOUTH SPORTS/ENRICHMENT

Volleyball Skills Camp

Learn volleyball skills and knowledge of the game with guidance from the head volleyball coach, along with KMS alumni and current volleyball players.

Saturdays: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

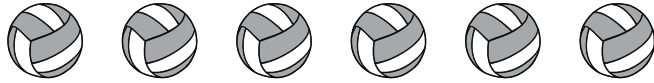
2nd and 3rd Graders - 8:30am until 9:45am

4th through 6th Graders- 10:00am until 11:30am

KMS High School Gym

Cost: \$10

Register Deadline: Friday, September 4



Flag Football

Learn football skills and knowledge of the game with guidance from the head football coach. Teams will play at half-time of the varsity football game on Tuesday, October 20.

Tuesdays: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6

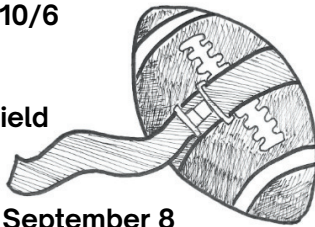
3rd through 6th Graders

5:15pm to 6:15pm

**KMS High School Practice Field
in Kerkhoven**

Cost: \$15

Register Deadline: Tuesday, September 8



Spotlight Theatre Workshop

☀ **THIS AUGUST In the Spotlight!**

Grades 1-3 (going into) 6pm - 6:45pm *FREE*

Grades 4-8 (going into) 7pm - 8pm *FREE*

🎃 **OCTOBER Goofy Goblins and Creative Creatures**

October 20th 6pm - 7:30pm

Grades 1-7, \$12.00

❄ **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER Frosty the Snowman**

November 30th, December 1st, December 3rd - 6pm - 8pm

(Final performance on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm)

Grades 1-8, \$40.00

.....and new - At the SVEA Schoolhouse with DEMO Inc, thanks to a generous grant from Southwest Minnesota Arts Council:

✂ **Falling in Love with Theatre**

Theatre Arts at DEMOinc with Nikki Bettcher Erickson from Spotlight Theatre Workshop

Grades 3-12 (Adults welcome if class does not meet capacity, email Nikki at nberickson22@gmail.com)

\$10.00 - Location - Historic Svea Schoolhouse

5th & 6th Grade Volleyball

Learn volleyball skills and knowledge of the game with guidance from the head volleyball coach, along with KMS alumni and current volleyball players.

Tuesdays: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

Thursdays: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1

3:15pm to 4:45pm

**We will host a KMS/Benson and maybe*

MACCRAY play day after these practices - TBD

KMS High School Gym

Cost: \$25

Register Deadline: Friday, September 4

Art Fantastic

Get ready to imagine, create, and explore! Art Fantastic is a fun after-school art class for students in grades 3-6 who love to make art and try new techniques. Over six exciting sessions, students will experiment with a variety of art materials and projects inspired by famous artists, nature, cultures, and their own creativity. They'll build artistic skills while exploring drawing, painting, mixed media, and more in a relaxed, encouraging environment. Every student will leave with unique works of art and the confidence to express their creative ideas.

Thursdays: September 17-October 29

(6 sessions)-No Class October 15

Murdock Elementary Art Room

Time: 3:15-5:30pm

Cost: \$35

Max Participants: 12

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 3rd



Behind the Wheel

Behind the Wheel ONLY: This registration is for students that **DID NOT** take the 30-hour classroom portion through KMS. You must register for this class prior to scheduling your 6-hours. Do you also need your E-card? Contact Community Ed for details. When you are ready to schedule your hours contact Larry at hastadla@yahoo.com to get on the schedule. Note: Be sure to include your name in the email!

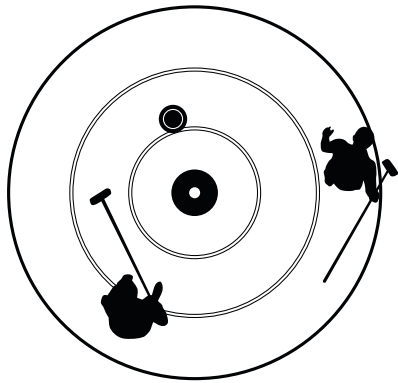
Cost: \$300

Register through Community Ed.



KMS Classroom-

Behind the Wheel: If you took the 30-hour classroom portion through KMS, your Behind the Wheel hours were included in that registration fee. When you are ready to schedule your hours contact Larry at hastadla@yahoo.com to get on the schedule. Note: Be sure to include your name in the email!



Introduction to Curling

The Glacial Ridge Curling Club in Willmar is offering an **8-week introductory curling class** beginning in January 2027, with sessions held on Sunday afternoons. The program is designed for students in **grades 7-12** with little or no curling experience.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of curling in a fun, safe, and welcoming environment while developing teamwork, communication, sportsmanship, and strategic thinking.

Watch for details in the winter Community Ed brochure.

PRESCHOOL and ECFE

New This Year:

**You must register through
Community Ed for ECFE Family
Fun Nights.**

ECFE Family Fun Nights

Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45pm

Fall Fun Night: Tuesday, October 6

Halloween Party: October 22 (Thursday)

Kids in the Kitchen: November 10

Thanksgiving: November 24

Grandparents' Night: December 10

Snow: January 12

Stuffy Animals: January 26

Valentine's Party: February 9

Dad's Night: February 16

Science: March 2

St. Pat's Day/Dinosaurs: March 16

Farm Night: April 13

Outside/End of the Year: May 4

Register through KMS Community Ed

No cost to register.

Early Childhood Screening

The early childhood years from birth to the start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid learning and growth. Between the ages of three and four screening can detect possible health or learning concerns so that children can get help before they start school. Children need to be screened within 60 days of starting preschool.

Screening provides an opportunity for young children and their families to access a wide variety of services and early childhood programs, and promotes and supports parents' understanding of their child's health, development, and learning.

Ideally children are screened between the ages of three and four. Early screening can detect possible health or learning concerns so children can get help before they start school. If your child has not yet been screened, please call **320-264-1413**. The next screenings will be held on **Friday, September 25, 2026** from 8am to noon and then again on **Friday, October 9, 2026**.

New This Year:



- Hands-on, Play-based Learning
- Social Skills, Independence, & Creativity
- Numbers, Letters, & Shapes
- Read-Aloud & Literacy Experiences
- Gym, Play, & Rest Time

FOR CURRENT KMS PRESCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

Give your preschooler an extra day to explore,
create, and grow!

**FRIDAYS During the school year
(31 Sessions)**

7:30AM until 3:00PM

KMS High School Preschool Room

\$1,240/year (Can be split into 2 payments)

Call Becky Carlson with questions: 320-212-3583
Register through Community Ed-Space is Limited

ADULT ENRICHMENT

55+ DRIVER DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Are you 55 years old or over and would like to save up to 10% on your car insurance? If so, this class is for you! This course is taught by a certified defensive driving instructor and covers courteous driving and the rules of the road. After completing the course you will receive a certificate of completion to turn into your insurance company. The certificate is good for three years. PLEASE NOTE: As of July 1, 2024 the new rule states that the course must be a total of four hours. This means first-time participants are no longer required to take an eight-hour class! Pre-registration is required, so please register early.

Date/Time: November 19th 5:30-9:30pm

Cost: \$30

Registration Deadline: November 13th

Community Ed Offers:

- Lifelong Learning for All Ages •
- Community Empowerment •
- Social Inclusion •

Have something you'd like to offer?

Contact KMS Community Ed at
communityed@kms.k12.mn.us

Conexiones

Providing services to immigrant families new to Swift and Stevens County. Please check out the website if you would like to learn more about the services and supports they offer, how you can help support families new to the area, or to donate.

www.conexionesmn.org



KMS ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

- English
- GED Prep
- Basic Skills

Free!

Kerkhoven High School

*Enter through the main doors
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**KMS is a part of the
Glacial Lakes Consortium
offering education for adults.**



320-231-8480

adulthoodeducation@willmar.k12.mn.us



Sunburg Community Music Program

About us: Sunburg Community Music offers free workshops to learn instruments and prepare for public programs for people of all ages. No experience is needed and instruments are available on loan. Instruments include fiddle/violin, guitar, upright bass, banjo, mandolin, ukulele and Irish whistle. There are also weekly gatherings throughout the school year to play in groups and learn new tunes/songs.

For more information, contact:

Darlene Schroeder 320 212 2050 email: 3dschroeder@gmail.com.



Workshops and performances: Pre-registration is required for all workshops.

Performances are free and open to the public. Cancellations or postponements due to weather will be posted on KWLM's Operation Snow Desk.

Videos of past performance are available on our YouTube Channel, "Sunburg Heritage Arts".

This program is made possible in large part through a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council made possible by the voters of Minnesota, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Schedule for 2026-2027 School Year:

Old Time and Bluegrass Music: Performance: Saturday, October 3, 2027, 4pm, East Norway Lake Lutheran.

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, October 4, 1- 4pm, East Norway Lake Lutheran Church, Rural New London, MN.

Workshop, Saturday, September 19, 9am -2pm, Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg.

Christmas Music - Fiddle 'n Christmas: Performance, Sunday, December 6, 4pm, Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg.

Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, December 6, 1-4pm, Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg.

Workshop, Saturday, November 14, 2027, 9 - 2pm

Celtic (Irish and Scottish) Music: Performance, Saturday, March 13, 2027, 1pm, East Norway Lake Lutheran Church.

Workshop: January 16, 2027, 9am - 2pm, Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg.

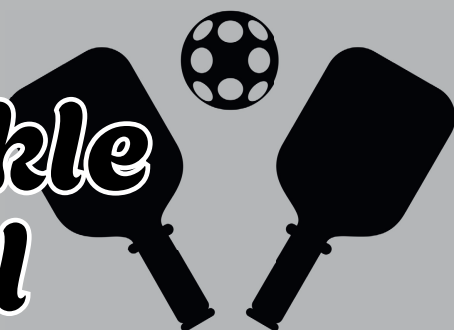
Workshop: February 20, 2-27, 9am - 2pm, Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg.

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, March 13, 2027, 9 - noon.

Scandinavian Music: Performance: Sunday, May 16, 2027, 9am - 2pm at Annual Syttende Mai Celebration in Sunburg.

Scandinavian Music Workshop, Saturday, April 17, 9am - 2pm, Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg.

Pickle Ball



Love Pickleball or would like to try it? Adults are welcome to join fellow community members for some friendly games of Pickleball on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm starting in December. No registration needed. Must bring your own paddle and wear gym-friendly shoes!

Runs from December 2 - March 31



COME SKATE WITH US!

Diamond Edge Figure Skating Club
Offers ice skating lessons for boys and girls,
Pre-K through adult, throughout West Central Minnesota.
All experience levels are welcome!



Fall Registration Opens
August, 2026

Winter Registration Opens
September, 2026

For more information and to Register go to
www.diamondedgeskating.com

Contact information
diamondedgefsc@gmail.com
2707 Arena Drive Willmar, MN 56201
(612) 812-7912



2026-2027 School Calendar

Monday, August 31	Teacher Inservice
Tuesday, September 1	Teacher Inservice
Wednesday, September 2	Workday & Open House
Monday, September 7	Labor Day - No School
Tuesday, September 8	First Day of School
Monday, September 14	First Day of Preschool
TH & F, October 15-16	Fall Break - No School
Thursday, October 29	Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, November 2	Parent Teacher Conferences
TH & F, November 26-27	Thanksgiving - No School
December 24 - January 3	Christmas Break - No School
Monday, January 4	School Resumes
Monday, January 18	Teacher Inservice / Workday
Monday, February 15	Presidents' Day - No School
Thursday, February 25	Parent Teacher Conferences
F, M, T March 26,29,30	Spring Break - No School
Wednesday, March 31	School Resumes
Thursday, May 20	Last Day of Preschool
Friday, May 28	Last Day of School
Sunday, May 30	Graduation
Tuesday, June 1	Teacher Workday

Quarters

1Q September 8- November 10	44 days	1st Midterm October 7
2Q November 11 - January 22	43 days	2nd Midterm December 11
3Q January 25 - March 25	43 days	3rd Midterm February 24
4Q March 31 – May 28	<u>43 days</u>	4th Midterm April 29
	173 days	

Contingency Dates: February 15, March 30, March 29

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, an e-learning day may be used.

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