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## 2018-2019

### AUGUST

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27 - Staff Returns

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3 - Labor Day, No School  
4 - First Day of School, (Orientation 4K - Gr. 5)

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8 - No School (Staff Prof. Dev.)  
19 - No School (P/T Conferences, 10 - 6 pm)

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9 - No School (Staff Prof. Dev.)  
21-23 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)  
\*7 - End of Q1 (6 Gr. - 12 Gr.)  
\*30 - End of Tr1 (4K - 5 Gr.)

### DECEMBER

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24-1 - No School (Winter Break)

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1 - No School (Winter Break)  
2 - School Resumes  
21 - No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)  
25 - No School (Staff Prof. Dev.)  
\*24 - End of Q2 (6 Gr. - 12 Gr.)

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4-8 - No School (Spring Break)  
\*11 - End of Tr2 (4K - 5 Gr.)

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19 - No School  
22 - No School  
\*3 - End of Q3 (6 GR. - 12 GR.)

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13 - No School (Staff Prof. Dev.)  
27 - No School (Memorial Day)

### JUNE

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5 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
10-28 - Summer School

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

Prescott School District publishes required annual notices on the website to reduce printing and mailing costs. Please visit [www.prescott.k12.wi.us](http://www.prescott.k12.wi.us) to access these notices. If you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the annual notices please contact the district office at 715-262-5782.

## Welcome Back!

### SCHOOL ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION REMINDERS

Please see your parent letters for full details. Here are reminders of the dates and times:

Prescott teachers and staff return to school August 27. Middle School and High School begin September 4. Malone orientation is September 4 and classes begin September 5.

#### Malone Elementary and Intermediate Schools:

September 4 (Tues) 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm orientation

#### Middle School: Students will have access to lockers during registration times

August 20 (Mon) & 21 (Tue) 9:00am-3:00pm 7 & 8 grade registration/schedules

August 21 (Tues) 6:00pm-7:30pm 6th grade, new students, St. Joe's students

August 23 (Thu) 9:00am - 12:00 noon 6th grade WEB Orientation

#### High School: (Students get schedules, access lockers, speak with principal and school counselor)

\*\*\* NOTE: NEW High School times for 2018-19: 7:55 am-3:15\*\*\*

(Wed students release early at 2:50 pm for teacher professional development work).

August 20 (Mon) Senior Registration 8:00 am-12:00 pm

August 21 (Tue) Junior Registration 8:00 am-12:00 pm

August 22 (Wed) Sophomore Registration 8:00 am-12:00 pm

August 23 (Thur) Freshmen Registration 8:00 am-12:00 pm

#### August 29 (Wed) Back-to-School/Curriculum Night 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Parents and students grades 9-12 will experience a shortened day schedule, meet teachers, hear about classes, expectations, and tips for success. Breakout sessions will be 5:30 – 6:30, on Infinite Campus, AP/Transcribed Courses, ACTP, Back-to-School Basics, etc.

### BUILDING STEM IN PRESCOTT

Students in grades K-8 will enjoy dedicated programming for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) beginning this fall. STEM will be in the specials rotation every 4 days in K-5, taught by Mrs. Karey Sizemore. Lessons are built around the engineering design process, next generation science standards, and integrated math and technology. Students will build structures with a variety of materials (Legos, K'nex, Lincoln Logs, paper, Popsicle sticks, etc), learn about 3D design, robotics, programming, outdoor education, and STEM careers. Skills students learn will be built upon each year with increasing complexity.

Mr. Michael Tomley will be teaching 6-8 STEM courses at the Middle School where students will define issues, research, and build solutions. Lessons will also be built around the same standards as K-5th grade programming. Students will define and identify simple problems, develop solutions through research and explore multiple possible solutions, build models and solutions, then optimize and improve based on experimental results, including failure points.

Watch for updates and pictures in the fall district newsletter.

### GRANT FUNDING HELPS PRESCOTT STUDENTS

Prescott School District's commitment to student safety received valuable support through a Department of Justice Grant. With an award of nearly \$84,000, the district fortified security at all four buildings and improved surveillance, staff training and other safety enhancements.

The State of WI, Department of Public Instruction also provided grant funding for mental health supports. This grant award for over \$66,000 allows the district to enhance mental health programming beginning this fall. Key features of the grant include: expansion of Family Means partnership, additional Community Education programming through Community Conversations topics, mental health screening to identify concerns, and 100% staff training to create trauma sensitive learning environments for all students. More details will be shared on programming outcomes as they are implemented.

**Be in the Know – Set up your Infinite Campus profile!** Letters were sent to all parents/guardians August 1, 2018 with setup instructions.

Be sure to set up your account to get any emergency information (like weather closing) and to access your student's information.

See the website for full staff directory, event schedules, announcements and more at: [www.prescott.k12.wi.us](http://www.prescott.k12.wi.us)

**Better Schools Build Better Communities.**

**2018 WELCOME BACK MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT, DR. RICK SPICUZZA**

A new school year embraces all of our senses. From the smell of new crayons and crisp fall air to the sounds of children gathering at bus stops and geese honking directions to warmer climates, fall ushers in a heightened anticipation of change. This anticipation drives the energy for a new and exciting year ahead as we strive to be “the best at getting better.” I am extremely proud of our teachers and school staff as we prepare to unveil the 2018-19 school year.



What will you see?

- Welcome to upgraded Malone Intermediate and Elementary School sites. The district and taxpayers will see an annual savings of over \$44,000 in utility costs with climate control at both locations and LED fixtures at the Intermediate School.
- You will also be welcomed by two enthusiastic principals: Mrs. Sara Dusek at Malone Elementary and Ms. Donita Stepan at Malone Intermediate.

What new programming will students and teachers experience?

I am pleased to announce that Prescott School District was awarded two major grants:

1. **Department of Justice-** Allowing fortification and enhancements to all four school buildings, along with direct staff training in proactive and in-the-moment response to threats.
2. **DPI Mental Health Grant-** Allowing expanded support to student and staff social-emotional wellness. Key features of this grant will allow us to provide:
  - Expansion of existing community partnership and services with Family Means.
  - Expansion of Community Conversations on mental health issues through Community Education.
  - Systematic Mental Health Screening to identify concerns at middle and high school level.
  - 100% commitment to training all staff in trauma sensitive learning environments.

In addition, the district is adding enhanced programming for students and families:

3. **STEM programming:** Kindergarten through grade 8. I am proud to announce that Mrs. Karey Sizemore and Mr. Mike Thomley will lead programming through the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at Malone campus and Middle School respectively.
4. **School-age care:** The district is partnering with the Hastings YMCA to provide before and after school care onsite (see our website for more information and registration materials). With an initial focus on grades 3-5, programming will take place at Malone Intermediate. This is in response to parent input and board approval for an option at that grade level, as well as staff needs for childcare. A mid-year review will determine if the arrangement is meeting the expressed needs.

What are the next steps with the district’s strategic roadmap and community commitment?

- The School Board and staff continue important work of Strategic Planning in collaboration with Teamworks International™. You can see results of branding at the High School illustrating the mission, vision, and values that came out of that work. Similar images will appear throughout the district as staff and students proclaim their shared vision and mission through words, actions, and culture for each of their buildings.
- In tandem with the strategy work, the school board is working with NEOLA to review and revise school policies. This process will provide assured compliance with current regulations and best practices throughout the district.

Whether you are sending your 4-year-old to their first day of school, or planning for senior pictures, we are honored that you chose Prescott for their education. It is a privilege to earn your trust every day as we work together for your child’s success.

**PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT QUICK REFERENCE CONTACT PAGE**

**District Office**

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 Dir. Teaching & Learning.....Michael Kosmalski  
 Maintenance.....Mike Hoikka  
 Technology Information.....Kyle Flaherty  
 Pupil Services Administrator.Mark Inouye

**Prescott High School**

1010 Dexter Street  
**Phone: 715-262-5389**  
**Email:** hsoffice@prescott.k12.wi.us  
 Principal.....Josh Fiege  
 Asst.Principal/Athletic Dir.....Matt Smith  
 School Counselor.....Steve Peterson  
 School Psychologist.....Janet Born  
 Food Services/Nutrition.....Tina Stenroos

**Prescott Middle School**

125 N. Elm Street  
**Phone: 715-262-5054**  
**Email:** msoffice@prescott.k12.wi.us  
 Principal.....Kyle Igou  
 School Counselor.....Larissa Dreyer

**Malone Intermediate School**

1220 St. Croix Street  
**Phone: 715-262-2383**  
**Email:** isoffice@prescott.k12.wi.us  
 Principal.....Donita Stepan

**Malone Elementary School**

505 N. Campbell Street  
**Phone: 715-262-5463**  
**Email:** esoffice@prescott.k12.wi.us  
 Principal.....Sara Dusek  
 School Counselor.....\*Kevin Haglund  
 School Psychologist.....\*Beth Dodge  
 Malone Nurse.....\*Melanie Charette  
**\*Note: Staff listed serve at both Malone buildings**

**Community Education 715-262-4676**

Community Ed Director.....Penny Peterson

**School Health 715-262-2383**

District Nurse.....Cassie Butler

**Transportation 715-262-3212**

**email:** transportation@prescott.k12.wi.us  
 Director of Transportation.....Tim Rundquist

**SCHOOL HOURS**

| School              | Start | End  |
|---------------------|-------|------|
| Malone Elementary   | 7:55  | 2:55 |
| Malone Intermediate | 7:55  | 2:50 |
| Middle School       | 7:55  | 3:15 |
| High School         | 7:55  | 3:15 |

(Wed high school early release is 2:50)

See full school schedule on the district website at [www.prescott.k12.wi.us](http://www.prescott.k12.wi.us)

**Please call the school by 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be absent. Please send a written note with your student upon returning to school.**

**School Closings, Late Start And Early Dismissal:**

Parents will be contacted via Infinite Campus by email and/or phone calls regarding school closings. This information will also be announced on the following TV and radio stations:

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| WEVR AM 1550       | River Falls   |
| WEVR FM 106.3      | River Falls   |
| WCCO AM 830        | Twin Cities   |
| WCCO TV channel 4  | Twin Cities   |
| KDWA AM 1460       | Hastings      |
| KCUE AM 1250       | Red Wing      |
| KWNG FM 105.9      | Red Wing      |
| KSTP TV channel 5  | St. Paul      |
| FOX TV channel 9   | St. Paul/Mpls |
| KARE TV channel 11 | St. Paul/Mpls |

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- District News and Events
- School Board Agenda and Minutes
- Sports Events
- Food Service Information
- Specific School Updates
- Community Information



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