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Back to School

The weather is starting to cool off and the leaves are starting to change, which means one thing, school is just around the corner.

This year ISD #518 will be using a hybrid learning model, which will include both in-person and distance learning.

Safe Transportation

One thing that has not changed is school bus safety!

In Minnesota, school buses make around 10,000 trips daily according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

School buses are the safest mode of transportation for children. In fact, children are eight times safer riding in a school bus, than in any other type of vehicle.



In 2019, there was one fatality involving a school bus.

It's the Law!

Stop for school buses when the red flashing lights are activated, and the crossing arm is extended.

Not only are the fines fairly hefty for violations of the school bus stop, motorists can face criminal charges if their conduct injures or kills a child.

Motorists must stop at

least twenty feet from a school bus that is displaying the red lights and stop arm.

When you see a stopped school bus, you should always expect a child to be nearby.

Children can be unpredictable, so make sure you are not distracted and watch for the children when you see a stopped school bus.

Let's make this another safe year for our children!

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Community Support

The police are under attack!

You can't turn on the tv without seeing the police being attacked by politicians, anarchists, and other groups who hate the police for their own personal reasons.

This has caused a startling decrease in the number of people going into law enforcement.

In a nationwide survey of police chiefs, 86% reported a shortage of sworn officers, with nearly half stating the shortage has worsened in the last five years.

Police officers are not the only group seeing this.

Over the last few months, more people than ever have been approaching our officers and showing their support for the job we have been doing.

Hardly a day goes by where we do not have someone approach our police officers and thank us for the job we do and offer to buy us lunch or a coffee.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who supports us and sees us as more than just police officers, but as fellow human beings as well.

While there are too many people to thank everyone for their support, we



would like to thank the following:

Mayor Mike Kuhle,
Phil & Amy Benson,
Hy-Vee, Duffers,
ABC Seamless,
ABANA, Pizza Hut ,
Domino's Pizza, KFC
and Okabena Legion
& Auxiliary for
showing support to
our officers and office
staff!

Employee Anniversaries

Officer Christopher Hillesheim
Detective Sergeant Brandon Peil

16 years
7 years



Scam Alert: Random Test Messages

Several surrounding agencies, including the Cottonwood County Sheriff's Department, have been reporting scam text messages.

These text messages have messages similar to "we found a parcel from April pending for you. Kindly assume ownership and schedule for delivery here..." and will include a link for you to click on.

These emails are

phishing messages designed to get the victim to enter personal information into the link.

Most of these scams use spoofed telephone numbers or use services that allow you to send text messages from personal computers.

If you receive one of these messages, simply delete the message without responding to it and without opening the message.



Ask an Officer: Why Don't School Buses Have Seatbelts

How can school buses be considered safe when they don't have seatbelts for the students?

The simple answer is that school buses are safer due to the design of modern school buses.

Under federal regulations, school buses are required to provide for compartmentalization.

Compartmentalization means that the interior of large school buses must provide occupant protection so that children are protected without the need to buckle up.

This is done through strong, closely spaced seats, energy absorbing foam seat backs, and a 24-inch seat height. This protects our children in a manner similar

to how an egg carton protects eggs.

In addition, school buses are larger and heavier, so the mass and weight of the bus is designed to take the bulk of the crash force.

The chassis of a school bus is also designed to separate from the body of the bus in a crash to slow down and spread the crash force over the entire body of the bus.

Finally, school buses are less likely to rollover during a crash.

These modern design techniques allow our children to have the safest transportation possible.

Small school buses under 10,000

pounds of gross vehicle weight and Type III vehicles (vans etc.) are required to have seatbelts, because they don't have the same safety features of the full-size school buses.

There are some small school buses that might not be equipped with seatbelts if they were manufactured before the change in federal regulation

Credit: Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. Send your comments and questions to:

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Humor in Law Enforcement

Suspicious Package

A Hudson resident called the police to report a suspicious package was left on his porch.

The caller stated an unknown person left the package on his porch and left.

The Hudson Police Department arrived on scene and observed the package was clearly labeled with the Amazon.com logo.

When asked if the man had recently ordered something from Amazon, he admitted that he did.

The officer told the caller that his package had arrived.

The caller stated he was comfortable opening the package and did not require further assistance.

The officer then left the scene and returned to patrol.



If you are every wondering what it is like to be a police officer, it's a lot like this on a lot of days.

Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity
by working WITH the community
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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