

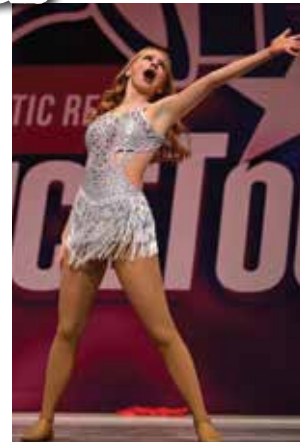
FALL 2025 ARTS PROGRAM GUIDE

+ THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

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*Celebrating 20 years of
quality arts education!*



Registration opens July 28 at 7am online & 9am in person!
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES & ALL PROGRAMS!



from the executive director

As we begin a new school year and continue our year-long celebration of our 20th anniversary, we want to thank you — our students, families, and community — for your continued support. Your enthusiasm and commitment to the arts have helped make Woodlawn Arts Academy a place where creativity flourishes. We're grateful to have you with us on this journey and excited for what's to come!

Christy Zepezauer

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FALL & SCHOOL-YEAR REGISTRATION

Registration for most fall and school-year programs opens Monday, July 28th at 7am online and at 9am in person.

Dance Registration Day is Saturday, July 26th. See page 4 for details. Registration will be available until the first day of class, but programs fill quickly, and some will fill on Registration Day.

Fall theatre production registration opens Monday, July 14th and spots fill quickly. See page 13 for details.

2025-26 preschool registration is open now. See page 9 for details.

OFFICE HOURS

9am-8pm Mon-Thu
9am-5pm Fri

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Woodlawn Arts Academy will be closed, and regular classes and lessons are not in session:

September 3 Labor Day

November 24-28

Thanksgiving Break; Office closed November 27-28

December 22-January 2

Winter Break; Office closed December 25-26 and January 1-2



how to sign up



ONLINE

Scan the QR code or visit anc.apm.activecommunities.com/woodlawnarts

BY PHONE

(815) 626-4278 during office hours

IN PERSON

3807 Woodlawn Rd., Sterling

Because classes fill quickly, we recommend registering as early as possible. If a program is full when you attempt to register, please add the participant's name to a waitlist! Classes and teachers will be expanded if there is a need to do so.

REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS MADE AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING IS IN PLACE. Please see our policies on page 23 for general operational information.

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CULINARY

Discover the joy of cooking and baking this fall with Woodlawn Arts Academy! These upcoming culinary workshops offer budding young chefs the opportunity to learn essential techniques, explore new flavors and create delicious masterpieces in a fun, hands-on environment!



The ABCs of After-School SNACKS

Can't wait until dinner? Join us to learn how to make quick, delicious snacks with ingredients you probably already have at home. You will be making snacks for your family in no time! You can even prepare snacks ahead to have them ready for a busy week. Creations might include wraps and pinwheels.

- Ages: 6-Adult
- Time & Date: 3-4:30pm Sun, 9/7/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$32

Breakfast of Champions

They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so let's start a great day with a great breakfast! We will explore different options for breakfast, such as French toast, eggs, granola and yogurt parfaits.

- Ages: 6-14
- Time & Date: 10am-Noon Sat, 10/11/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$42



Photo by Stephen Leonardi

Mini & Me Party Time

Mini & Me GHOULISH FUN

Ready to have a SCARY good time? Bring your mini and get the recipes you need to have a SPOOK-TACULAR Halloween party! We will start with our Witch's Brew punch recipe and continue all the way through to dessert because a party without dessert is TERRIFYING! Feel free to dress in a costume with no loose pieces.

- Ages: 6-Adult
- Time & Date: 10:30am-Noon Sat, 10/18/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$45 per pair

Mini & Me HOLIDAY CHEER

The holidays are coming! Time for all the cheery and bright festivities! Join us as we learn some recipes that you and your mini will be able to use during your holiday get-togethers. Everyone will love your snowball cookies!

- Ages: 6-Adult
- Time & Date: 3-4:30pm Sun, 12/7/25
- Instructor: Lesa Romo
- Location: First Presbyterian Church
- Tuition: \$45 per pair



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

410 Second Ave., Sterling

Enter the double doors on Second Avenue, across from Sterling Federal Bank.

For all culinary programs, please come to class with hair pulled back and closed-toe shoes. Please advise us at registration of any allergies.

Financial assistance: WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com/assistance | 3

DANCE



Experience the joy of movement with Woodlawn Dance Academy, proudly serving the Sauk Valley area! Housed in Woodlawn Arts Academy's state-of-the-art facility, our program features three professionally equipped studios with wood-sprung floors designed for dancer safety. We offer a variety of styles for ages 3 and up, with ballet recommended as the foundation of all dance. Register now for the full school year and grow in skill, strength and confidence!

DANCEWEAR SALE

Steps & Styles Dance Wear and Accessories will be measuring and ordering shoes at dance registration on July 26th from 8:30am-2pm! Bring your dancer to get shoes and dancewear that you need for the season!



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS SATURDAY, JULY 26TH!

Registration for the first session will be held at Woodlawn Arts Academy. Please note below the specific times for each level when registering. We do it this way to honor returning families. Registration information for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th sessions will be emailed during the previous session.

Saturday, July 26th

RETURNING STUDENTS

if you were registered with WDA during the 2024-25 school year or summer 2025

- **8:30-10am:** Competition Team, Level 5+
- **10-11am:** Levels 2-4
- **11am-Noon:** Level 1, Kiddydance & Boogie Babies

NEW STUDENTS

if this is your first class with WDA

- **Noon-2pm:** All ages/levels

Registering on July 26th is recommended as classes will fill. However, registration is available until the first day of class.



Our dance program runs from September through May and is designed as a cumulative experience, building skills across four eight-week sessions. The year concludes with our annual recital, held the weekend after Memorial Day. Because of the progressive structure, students must begin with Session 1 to be eligible to perform in the recital. To support families, we offer a large-screen monitor in the lounge so parents can view classes without disrupting instruction. Classroom access for parents is limited to Viewing Week, which takes place during the final class of each session, except in Session 4, when the recital itself serves as Viewing Week.

NEW TO WDA? HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT ON JULY 26TH:

Enter the north door of the Academy to receive a number. Numbers are called for the various levels as listed above.

Families with students in multiple levels may register all students during the time slot for the highest-level student. You may only register your own family members.

Numbers are passed out on a first-come, first-served basis on that day, so we recommend coming early if you need specific days and times, as classes do fill.

While you wait, be sure your registration form is filled out with first- and second-choice classes, and have your form checked by a staff member before moving to a pay counter.

ADDITIONAL FEES

A one-time recital recording fee per family will be charged at the time of Session 1 registration. Families may choose to pay \$30 for a digital copy of the dance recital or \$45 for a DVD of one dance recital. Additional DVDs and recital tickets can be purchased closer to recital time.

Session 1 payments are due at the time of registration. **PAYMENT PLANS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL SESSION 2.**

WHAT IF I CAN'T BE THERE JULY 26TH?

Families unable to attend Registration Day may turn in registration forms and payment to the office no later than Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

Registrations will be processed during the appropriate time slot on Registration Day, as time allows. Please note that doing this may prevent you from getting your top choices for classes. **PHONE CALLS WILL NOT BE ANSWERED ON REGISTRATION DAY! YOU MUST REGISTER IN PERSON!**

If you would like to register and join our program after July 26th, no problem! Just give us a call at 815-626-4278, and we will get your dancer properly placed and registered, depending on class openings at the time of your registration.

25-26 class schedule

What do these colors mean?

Our recitals will be pink, blue and yellow. Please note the recital color assigned to each class when choosing classes and registering. Classes listed in white will be in all 3 recitals. Classes in gray will not perform in the recital. If family and friends would prefer to all be in the same recital, be sure to choose classes with the same designated color. When registering, please be prepared with 1st and 2nd options for classes. Days and times for each color will be announced in the early spring of 2026. Conflicts on picture, rehearsal and recital days are to be turned in to Becky by January 30, 2026.

Dance Tuition Cap

Dance tuition will be capped at \$250 per session per student, NOT including students receiving financial assistance, Competition Team tuition or fees, private lessons or solos, costumes, shoes or any additional fees. We hope this tuition cap will help defer costs and encourage your dancer(s) to continue to take all the classes they desire.



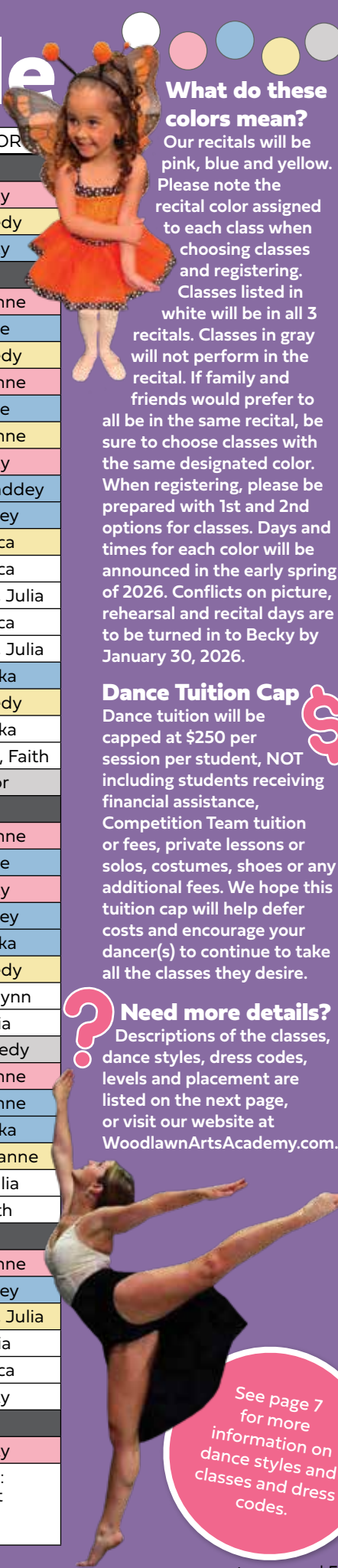
Need more details?

Descriptions of the classes, dance styles, dress codes, levels and placement are listed on the next page, or visit our website at WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com.

CLASS	AGE ^a	DAY	TIME	FEE/SESSION	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR
FOR THE LITTLE ONES						
Boogie Babies 1	3-5	Mon	3:45-4:30pm	\$75	402	Miss Becky
Boogie Babies 2	3-5	Wed	5:15-6:00pm	\$75	401	Miss Kennedy
Boogie Babies 3	3-5	Thu	3:45-4:30pm	\$75	403	Miss Becky
BALLET & TAP						
Kiddydance 1	5-6	Mon	3:45-4:30pm	\$75	401	Miss Raeganne
Kiddydance 2	5-6	Tue	4:00-4:45pm	\$75	401	Miss Kailee
Kiddydance 3	5-6	Wed	6:00-6:45pm	\$75	401	Miss Kennedy
Ballet/Tap 1.1	6-8	Mon	5:15-6:15pm	\$100	401	Miss Raeganne
Ballet/Tap 1.2	6-8	Tue	4:45-5:45pm	\$100	401	Miss Kailee
Ballet/Tap 1.3	6-8	Wed	4:15-5:15pm	\$100	401	Miss Raeganne
Ballet/Tap 2.1	7-10	Mon	5:30-6:30pm	\$100	402	Miss Becky
Ballet/Tap 2.2	7-10	Thu	4:30-5:30pm	\$100	401	Raeganne/Maddey
Ballet 3	9-13	Thu	6:30-7:15pm	\$75	401	Miss Maddey
Ballet 4	11-15	Wed	6:00-7:00pm	\$100	403	Miss Monica
Ballet 5	13 & up	Thu	5:00-6:00pm	\$100	403	Miss Monica
Ballet 6	14 & up	Wed	5:15-6:15pm	\$100	402	Christy, Taylor, Julia
Pointe 1 ^b	13 & up	Thu	6:00-6:30pm	\$50	403	Miss Monica
Pointe 2 ^b	14 & up	Wed	6:15-6:45pm	\$50	402	Christy, Taylor, Julia
Tap 3	9-13	Thu	5:00-5:30pm	\$50	402	Miss Ohnaka
Tap 4	11-15	Wed	8:00-8:30pm	\$50	401	Miss Kennedy
Tap 5	13 & up	Thu	7:30-8:00pm	\$50	402	Miss Ohnaka
Tap 6	14 & up	Tue	8:00-8:30pm	\$50	403	Taylor, Ohnaka, Faith
Tap Technique ^c	11 & up	Mon	6:30-7:00pm	\$50	403	Miss Taylor
JAZZ & HIP HOP						
Jazz 1.1	6-8	Mon	4:30-5:15pm	\$75	401	Miss Raeganne
Jazz 1.2	6-8	Tue	5:45-6:30pm	\$75	401	Miss Kailee
Jazz 2.1	7-10	Mon	4:30-5:30pm	\$100	402	Miss Becky
Jazz 2.2	7-10	Thu	5:30-6:30pm	\$100	401	Miss Maddey
Jazz 3	9-13	Thu	5:30-6:30pm	\$100	402	Miss Ohnaka
Jazz 4	11-15	Wed	7:00-8:00pm	\$100	401	Miss Kennedy
Jazz 5	13 & up	Thu	6:30-7:30pm	\$100	402	Ohnaka, Jazlynn
Jazz 6	14 & up	Wed	6:45-7:45pm	\$100	402	Taylor, Julia
Jazz Tech ^c	11 & up	Mon	5:30-6:30pm	\$100	403	Taylor, Kennedy
Hip Hop 1.1	7-11	Mon	7:15-8:00pm	\$75	401	Miss Raeganne
Hip Hop 1.2	7-11	Thu	3:45-4:30pm	\$75	401	Miss Raeganne
Hip Hop 2	9-13	Thu	3:45-4:30pm	\$75	402	Miss Ohnaka
Hip Hop 3	11-15	Wed	3:45-4:30pm	\$75	402	Christy, Raeganne
Hip Hop 4	13 & up	Tue	7:30-8:00pm	\$50	402	Ohnaka, Julia
Hip Hop 5	14 & up	Tue	7:30-8:00pm	\$50	403	Taylor, Faith
LYRICAL, MODERN/CONTEMPORARY & MUSICAL THEATRE						
Lyrical 1.1 ^d	8-12	Mon	6:30-7:15pm	\$75	401	Miss Raeganne
Lyrical 1.2 ^d	8-12	Thu	7:15-8:00pm	\$75	401	Miss Maddey
Lyrical 2 ^d	11-15	Wed	4:30-5:15pm	\$75	402	Christy, Taylor, Julia
Lyrical 3 ^d	14 & up	Wed	7:45-8:30pm	\$75	402	Taylor, Julia
Modern/Contemporary ^e	9 & up	Wed	5:15-6:00pm	\$75	403	Miss Monica
Musical Theatre	10 & up	Mon	6:30-7:15pm	\$75	402	Miss Becky
ADULT CLASSES						
Adult Dance ^f	16 & up	Mon	7:15-8:00pm	\$75	402	Miss Becky

^aThese are recommended age ranges. Returning students: Please check your progress report. New students: Please check with Miss Becky for details. ^bPointe is by recommendation or audition only. ^cThis class does not perform in the recital. ^dMust be enrolled in a concurrent ballet class. ^eMust be enrolled in Ballet 3 or Higher.

^fGenres taught will be centered around the interests of the participants.



See page 7 for more information on dance styles and classes and dress codes.

dancin' details



All you need to know about the dance styles offered at WDA, class levels and what to wear to class each week! Plus see below for the 2025-26 Dance Calendar.

For Little Ones

Play acting and creative movement as well as stretching and some basic dance steps.

Family Dance: Young students and an adult family member will stretch and move together, and will perform a simple recital dance.

Boogie Babies (pre-dance): All dancers must be 3 by the first day of class. (One recital dance.)

Dance attire or gym clothing; pink leather ballet shoes. Hair must be worn off the face.



Ballet & Tap

Ballet, the basis of all dance forms, is a classical dance form emphasizing grace, strength, flexibility and technique.

Tap is an upbeat dance form using your feet to create and enhance rhythm, coordination and sound.

Kiddydance: A combination ballet & tap class. (Only tap routine performed at recital.)

Ballet/Tap 1: A combination class for beginners. (Both styles performed at recital.)

Ballet/Tap 2: A combination class for older beginners. (Both styles performed at recital.)

Ballet 3, 4, 5 and 6: Require an informal audition for students new to WDA.

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Ballet: black leotard (ballet skirts during center work only; black booty shorts optional for level 3 and up); pink ballet tights; pink canvas or leather ballet shoes. Hair must be in a bun. Black shorts; white T-shirt; black canvas or leather ballet shoes for boys.

Tap: black jazz pants/capris (can be worn over leotard and tights). Hair must be worn off the face. For Kiddydance through Ballet/Tap 2, black student tap shoes. For levels 3-6, black jazz tap shoes.

Pointe

Similar to ballet, but geared toward more advanced students.

Pointe 1 and 2: For advanced ballet students by recommendation only. Students must be enrolled in Ballet 5 or higher for the entire dance year to be considered for placement in pointe. Placement is based on technique, strength and age.

Black leotard (ballet skirts during center work only; black



booty shorts optional); pink ballet tights; pink pointe shoes. Hair must be in a bun.

Hip Hop

Energetic form of street dance and jazz emphasizing rhythmic body articulation, attitude and individual style.

Hip Hop 1: For beginners. All dancers must be 7 by the first day of class.

Hip Hop 2, 3, 4 and 5: Require an informal audition for students new to WDA.

Black jazz pants/capris; clothing you can move in (NO JEANS); clean sneakers. Hair must be worn off the face.

Jazz

Fast-paced dance form isolating individual parts of the body, set to contemporary music. Increases coordination, flexibility and strength.

Jazz 1: For beginners. All dancers must be 6 by the first day of class.

Jazz 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: Require an

informal audition for students new to WDA.

Black leotard; black jazz pants/capris/booty shorts (black shorts and a white T-shirt for boys); tan slip-on jazz shoes. Hair must be worn off the face.

Lyrical

Lyrical is a combination of ballet, jazz and contemporary dance techniques performed to music with lyrics that inspire movements and strong emotions. Students are required to have previous ballet experience as



well as be concurrently enrolled in a ballet program at the recommended level.

Lyrical 1: For students in Ballet/ Tap 2 and Ballet 3.

Lyrical 2 and 3: For students in Ballet 4 or higher.

Black leotard (black booty shorts optional); footless tights; tan lyrical shoes. Hair must be worn off the face.

Modern/Contemp.

Uses low and big movement to efficiently use the most amount of space possible while learning to let go and move more freely.

Modern/Contemporary: Must be enrolled in Ballet 3 or higher for the entire dance year.

Black leotard (black booty shorts optional); footless tights; tan paws. Hair must be worn off the face.

Musical Theatre

Theatrical dance style that includes dance technique and acting to songs from musicals.

Musical Theatre: For students ages 10 and up. Previous dance experience preferred.

Black jazz pants/capris; clothing you can move in (NO JEANS); clean sneakers or jazz shoes. Hair must be worn off the face.

Questions regarding levels and placement, dance styles or our dress code should be addressed with Woodlawn Arts Academy Program Coordinator Becky Rich. Call 815-626-4278.

25-26 Dance Calendar

SESSION 1: 9/2-10/24

9/1: Labor Day; no class (all Mon classes will use make-up week)

10/20-10/24: Viewing Week

10/27-10/31: Make-up Week*

10/31: Session 2 registration payment due (tuition plus \$50 costume deposit), and families are now invited to request a monthly payment plan option if they choose

SESSION 2: 11/3-1/16

11/3-11/7: Recital Costume measuring in class

11/24-11/28: No class (Fall Break)

12/8-12/12: Family/Friends Participation Week: bring a family member or a friend to class to dance with you!!!

12/22-1/2: No class (Winter Break)

1/12-1/16: Viewing Week

1/19-1/23: Make-up Week*

1/23: Session 3 registration payment due, except for those on a monthly payment plan (tuition plus costume balance; those on a payment plan

will ONLY need to pay the costume balance)

SESSION 3: 1/26-3/20

3/16-3/20: Viewing Week

3/23-3/27: Make-up Week*

3/27: registration payment due, except for those on a monthly payment plan

SESSION 4: 3/30-5/22

4/28-5/2: Dance Pictures at Woodlawn Arts Academy

5/18-5/22: Last week of classes!

5/26-5/28: Recital Rehearsals at Centennial Auditorium

5/29 & 5/30: Recitals at Centennial Auditorium

*No class during make-up weeks unless notified otherwise





ATTENTION PARENTS & ARTISTS!
Now's your chance to get
creative at Woodlawn Arts Academy
for a reduced tuition fee!

financial assistance information

**You can benefit from our GENEROUS
financial assistance program!**

We believe in providing arts education for all! That's why Woodlawn Arts Academy offers financial assistance to children, teens, adults and families who cannot afford the full cost of our programs.

All programs for all ages!

Scan the QR code or visit WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com/assistance for more information and an application, or pick up an application in our office at 3807 Woodlawn Road, Sterling.



SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR AN APPLICATION

Funding formula on a sliding scale

Annual Income	Household Size/Assistance Available			
	1	2	3	4+
\$21,150	70%	70%	70%	70%
\$26,650	50%	70%	70%	70%
\$32,150	30%	50%	70%	70%
\$37,650	20%	30%	50%	70%
\$43,150	0%	20%	30%	50%
\$48,650	0%	0%	20%	30%
\$54,150	0%	0%	0%	20%

We consider special circumstances! Recipients are expected to be responsible for a percentage of the tuition. Income guidelines subject to change.

GET STARTED TODAY!
815.626.4278

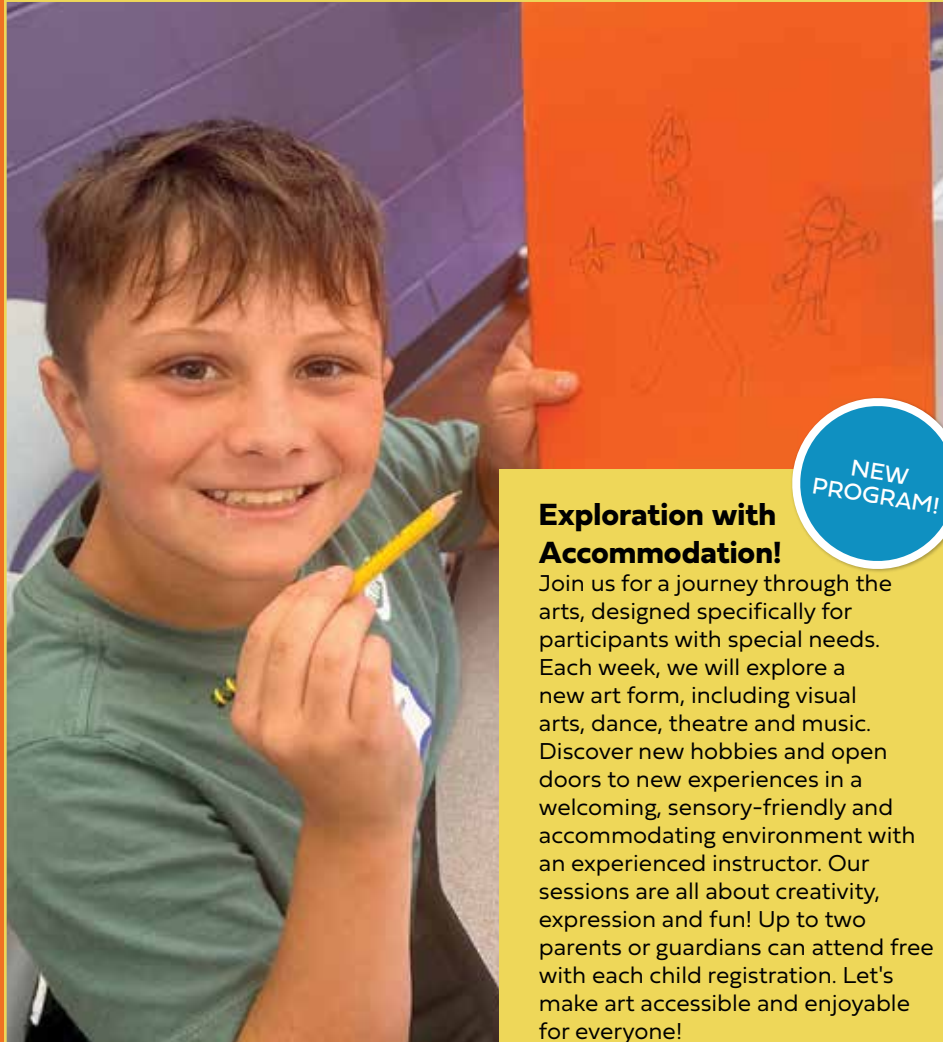


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EDUCATION

Spark curiosity and creativity all year long with Woodlawn Arts Academy's STEAM-based education programs! Our engaging classes combine science, technology, engineering, arts and math to make learning exciting and hands-on. We also offer private tutoring year-round and are proud to host our arts-based preschool program—now enrolling for fall!



Exploration with Accommodation!

Join us for a journey through the arts, designed specifically for participants with special needs. Each week, we will explore a new art form, including visual arts, dance, theatre and music. Discover new hobbies and open doors to new experiences in a welcoming, sensory-friendly and accommodating environment with an experienced instructor. Our sessions are all about creativity, expression and fun! Up to two parents or guardians can attend free with each child registration. Let's make art accessible and enjoyable for everyone!

- Ages: 5-12
- Time & Date: 6-6:45pm Mon
- Session 1: 9/8/25-9/29/25
- Instructor: Grace Wadsworth
- Location: Barn
- Tuition: \$30

NEW PROGRAM!

Private Tutoring

Is your student struggling in a certain subject or with school work in general? Help them get caught up with this great tutoring opportunity. Instructors are available for weekly lessons, which are scheduled based on student and teacher availability. Interested in becoming a tutor? Visit WAA to apply!

- Ages: 6-12
- Specific day and time based on student & instructor availability.
- Session 1: 9/2/25-10/24/25
- Session 2: 11/3/25-1/16/26
- Session 3: 1/26/26-3/20/26
- Session 4: 3/30/26-5/22/26
- Tuition: \$144/session



25-26 Preschool Calendar

- 8/4-8/8: Family Conferences (specific time slots sent beforehand)
- 8/11: Welcome Open House, M/W/F class (10-11am)
- 8/12: Welcome Open House, T/Th class (10-11am)

Fall Semester (17 Weeks)

- 8/18-8/19: Classes Begin
- 9/1: No class (Labor Day)
- 9/4-9/5: Fall Picture Days (pictures taken during class)
- 10/10: Field Trip to Selmi's for all classes
- 10/14: No class (Columbus Day)
- 10/24: Family Night Halloween Party (5:15-6:15pm)
- 11/11: No class (Veterans Day)
- 11/17-11/21: Fall Conferences (specific time slots sent beforehand)
- 11/24-11/28: No class (Fall Break)
- 12/1: Spring payment due (not for those on a monthly payment plan)
- 12/19: Family Night Pajama Party (5:15-6:15pm)
- 12/19: Semester 1 Ends

Spring Semester (17 Weeks)

- 1/5-1/6: Class Resumes
- 1/19: No class (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- 2/13: Family Night Valentine Party (5:15-6:15pm)
- 2/16: Pre-registration for Fall 2026 opens to returning families
- 2/16: No class (Presidents' Day)
- 3/2: Open House for prospective students (5:00-6:00pm)
- 3/2: Fall 2026 registration opens to the public
- 3/16-3/20: No class (Preschool Spring Break)
- 3/26-3/27: Spring Picture Days (pictures taken during class)
- 4/3: No class (Good Friday)
- 4/6: No class (Easter Monday)
- 4/13-4/17: Spring Conferences (specific time slots sent beforehand)
- 5/8: Last day of preschool; Graduation (5:30pm)

REGISTER TODAY!

2025-26 ENROLLMENT

INSPIRING A LOVE OF LEARNING
THROUGH CREATIVITY, EXPLORATION
AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

WHY CHOOSE US

Woodlawn Preschool Academy of the Arts blends high-quality early childhood education with a strong focus on the arts. Serving children ages 3-5, our program nurtures social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth in a safe, supportive environment.

Kindergarten-age students welcome ✓

Hands-on, art-focused learning daily ✓

Small class sizes for 1-on-1 attention ✓

A variety of attendance options ✓

Secure, well-managed environment ✓

Financial assistance available ✓

HOW TO REGISTER

Woodlawn Preschool is a DCFS-licensed program that operates on tuition fees. A \$50 non-refundable fee is required to hold the child's spot in the class. Choose a 2-day, 3-day or 5-day program. Payment options are monthly, semester or annual, and financial assistance is available on a sliding scale.



Inside Woodlawn Arts Academy
3807 Woodlawn Road
Sterling, IL 61081



Get Info or Schedule a Tour

815.626.4278



MUSIC

Make music part of your routine this school year with Woodlawn Arts Academy! From early childhood family classes to group lessons and private instruction for ages 6 through adult, our music programs help students explore rhythm, melody and performance. Whether you're just starting out or growing your skills, our experienced instructors are here to help you shine.

Beginning Piano

Learn counting, piano fingering and notes in a fun and engaging class that's a perfect introduction for students interested in piano lessons!

Preschool

- Ages: 4-5
- Time & Date: 5:00-5:45pm Tue
- Session 1: 9/2/25-10/21/25
- Session 2: 11/4/25-1/13/26
(no class 11/25, 12/23, 1/30)
- Session 3: 1/27/26-3/17/26
- Session 4: 3/31/26-5/19/26
- Instructor: Nadine Appel
- Location: Room 303
- Tuition: \$60

Elementary

- Ages: 6-7
- Time & Date: 3:45-4:30 Thu
- Session 1: 9/4/25-10/23/25
- Session 2: 11/6/25-1/15/26
(no class 11/27, 12/25, 1/1)
- Session 3: 1/29/26-3/19/26
- Session 4: 4/2/26-5/21/26
- Instructor: Clea Arbogast
- Location: Room 303
- Tuition: \$60

These classes are a great introduction for those interested in but not quite ready for private piano lessons!

Family Music

Spend time as a family interacting with music. Bring more than one child to the same class and let little ones watch and imitate as the older children help model the movements. We will incorporate music, chants, movements and instruments. Up to two parents register free with each child registration.

- Ages: 1-5
- Time & Date: Tue, 4:30-5:15pm
- Session 1: 9/9/25-10/14/25
- Session 2: 11/4/25-12/16/25
(no class 11/25)
- Session 3: 1/27/26-3/3/26
- Session 4: 3/31/26-5/12/26
(no class 5/5)
- Instructor: Grace Cano
- Location: Room 301
- Tuition: \$45

Save the Dates

ROCK-N-ROLL

CONCERTS

SUNDAY 11.23.25

SUNDAY 04.19.26

FREE! Come support our talented music students! Donations will help support Woodlawn programming.

Rhythm-Quest Rocks!

This is your chance to join a rock band! Some experience and your own instrument required. Bands will perform in live concerts on Sundays, 11/23/25 and 4/19/26.

- Ages: 12-Adult
- Time & Date: Rehearsals starting at 6:30pm Tue
- Session 1: 9/16/25-11/18/25
- Session 3: 2/10/26-4/14/26
- Instructor: Ramiro Martinez
- Location: Room 400
- Tuition: \$140

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guide to private music lessons

Don't miss this opportunity to start learning a new instrument or continue developing your musical skills! Online registration not available for private lessons; stop in or call (815) 626-4278.

How To Register

Registration for private music lesson students for the fall session will open at 9am on Monday, July 28th at Woodlawn Arts Academy. Call the office or visit the Academy to schedule lessons. Registration for private lessons is not available online. Time slots are not held without full payment or without financial assistance funding in place.

Times & Sessions

All private instruction is done in half-hour lessons, once per week, in eight-week sessions, with five sessions per calendar year. Instructors will not make up lessons that students have missed and will only offer make-up lessons in the event the instructor misses a lesson or the Academy was closed on the normal lesson day.

Tuition

Tuition varies according to the instructor's level, which is determined by their

education and experience.

- **APPRENTICE (A) level:** Have an associate's degree or a few years of teaching experience; tuition=\$115 per eight-week session
- **PROFESSIONAL (P) level:** Have a bachelor's degree or five-plus years of teaching experience; tuition=\$135 per eight-week session
- **SPECIALIST (S) level:** Have a master's degree or 10-plus years of teaching experience; tuition=\$155 per eight-week session

Students must pay for the entire session in advance, and time slots are not held without full payment.

Instructors & Instruments

Our instructors teach students of various levels and ages. We classify those levels as Beginner (1), Intermediate (2), Advanced (3) & Collegiate (4).

- **Nadine Appel (S):** Piano (1,2,3,4); min. age=6
- **Clea Arbogast (A):** Piano (1,2,3,4); min. age=6



- **Mardi Huffstutler (S):** Voice (1,2,3,4); min. age=11
- **Ramiro Martinez (S):** Percussion (1,2,3,4); min. age=9 (no virtual lessons)
- **James Miller (P):** Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele (1,2,3,4); min. age=6
- **Nicole Oberg (S):** Baritone/Clarinet/Flute/French Horn/Saxophone/Trombone/Trumpet/Tuba (1,2,3,4); min. age=9

If an instrument for which you would like lessons is not listed, please inquire with the office.

Supplies

Students are required to supply their own instrument, with the exception of

keyboards, pianos and drums. Drummers should bring their own drumsticks. Students will be asked to purchase lesson books, sheet music and/or other materials. Students are expected to bring their music and instrument to the lesson with them, and to practice regularly.

Performance

At Woodlawn Arts Academy, we believe performance is an important part of the learning process. Our private music lesson students perform in two recitals each year: one in January and one in May. Other opportunities may become available throughout the course of the year.

College & Audition Prep Assistance

Our instructors are available to help with college prep, including auditions and recordings! Check with the office staff for information.

25-26 Music Calendar

SESSION 1: 9/2-10/24

9/1: Labor Day; no class (all Mon classes will use make-up week)
10/6-10/17: Session 2 registration for returning students
10/20: Session 2 registration opens for new students
10/27-10-31: Make-up Week*

SESSION 2: 11/3-1/16

11/23: Rhythm-Quest Rocks! Free concert (6:30pm)
11/24-11/28: No class (Fall Break)
12/22-1/9: Session 3 registration for returning students
12/22-1/2: No class (Winter Break)
1/12: Session 3 registration opens for new students

1/16-1/17: Winter rehearsals/recitals (times TBA)
1/19-1/23: Make-up Week*

SESSION 3: 1/26-3/20

3/2-3/13: Session 4 registration for returning students
3/16: Session 4 registration opens for new students
3/23-3/27: Make-up Week*

SESSION 4: 3/30-5/22

4/13-4/24: Summer registration for returning students
4/26: Rhythm-Quest Rocks! Free concert (6:30pm)
4/27: Summer registration opens to the public
5/16-5/28: Spring rehearsals/recitals (specific dates, times and location TBA)
5/26-5/29: Make-up Week*

*No class during make-up weeks unless notified otherwise

THEATRE

Step into the spotlight this fall with Woodlawn Arts Academy! Build confidence, develop performance skills and experience the magic of theatre as you connect with others through creativity and self-expression.



See bottom of next page for information on our 2026 Shining Stars program!

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Theatre in the Park 2025 featuring



An exuberant and enchanting musical for the whole family!

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ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE BEHIND WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket, food & drinks.

For this event only, adult beverages allowed in the park. Park closes at 10pm.

In case of poor weather, watch social media for cancellations or venue changes.

**HOP INTO THE WORLD OF
FROG & TOAD AT OUR**

**CHARACTER
EXPERIENCE**

FREE EVENT

11am Saturday, August 9th at the Woodlawn Outdoor Stage • Free & open to the public!

Join the beloved characters from *A Year With Frog and Toad* for a magical Character Experience the whole family will love, including:

- A read-aloud with the cast in costume, bringing your favorite moments to life
 - A behind-the-scenes tour of the enchanting set and stage through Frog and Toad's houses!
- Don't miss this chance to meet Frog, Toad and their friends up close and celebrate the joy of theatre!

Featuring talented Sauk Valley Area adult actors, directed by Ellen Bentley



A Sauk Valley Theatre Alliance Production
CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM • WOODLAWN ARTS ACADEMY
SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Music by
ROBERT REALE

Book and Lyrics by
WILLIE REALE

Based on the books by
ARNOLD LOBEL

Originally presented on Broadway by Bob Boyett, Adrienne Lobel, Michael Gardner, Lawrence Horowitz and Roy Furman. World Premiere at The Children's Theatre Co., Minneapolis, MN.

Preschool Theatre

Preschoolers will learn literary and theatrical skills through themed stories and activities!

- Ages: 3-5
- Time & Date: 5:45-6:30pm Wed, 9/10/25-10/1/25
- Instructor: Grace Wadsworth
- Location: Room 301
- Tuition: \$30

Dramatic Fanatics

Creative drama can be fun for both non-actors and actors! Develop a positive self-esteem and problem-solving skills while learning to work with others. A variety of activities, including pantomime, creative movement, imaginative journeys and speaking vocal exercises, will be offered.

- Ages: 9-14
- Time & Day: 4-6pm Wed
- Session 1: 9/10/25-10/15/25
- Session 4: 4/1/26-5/6/26
- Instructor: Peg Hoffmiller
- Location: Barn
- Tuition: \$100/session

**THE PENGUIN PROJECT
OF THE SAUK VALLEY
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

Seussical Jr.

Registration for child actors with special needs and peer mentors open now at penguinprojectsv.com. Rehearsals start in August with performances in November.

**EMPOWERING CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS THROUGH THEATRE**

"A Year with Frog and Toad," "Seussical Jr.," "Annie Kids" and "Mary Poppins Jr." are presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Bet your bottom dollar you'll love
Woodlawn Arts Academy's
fall musical theatre production of

Annie KIDS

Friday, Oct. 10th at 7pm
Saturday, Oct. 11th at 7pm
Sunday, Oct. 12th at 2pm

CENTENNIAL AUDITORIUM • STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

Tickets will be \$9* each and will go on sale September 29th at centennialauditorium.org. Tickets also available at the door. *A processing fee will be applied to online ticket purchases.

BE A PART OF THIS ICONIC SHOW!
REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

Everyone who registers will be in the show and audition to determine specific roles.

- Grades: 2nd-5th (1st graders can call to be waitlisted)
- Rehearsals: 3:45-5:30pm Mon & Wed, 8/11/25-9/17/25; 3:45-5:30pm Mon, Wed & Fri, 9/22/25-10/3/25 in the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center @WAA
- Tech Week: 3:45-6pm Mon-Thu, 10/6/25-10/9/25 at Centennial Auditorium, Sterling High School
- Tuition: \$140



Book by THOMAS MEEHAN • Music by CHARLES STROUSE
Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN • Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols
Originally Produced by Irwin Meyer, Stephen R. Friedman, Lewis Allen,
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Woodlawn Arts Academy &
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Disney & CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS JR.

Friday, Jan. 9th at 7pm
Saturday, Jan. 10th at 7pm
Sunday, Jan. 11th at 2pm

JAMES A. WILTZ AUDITORIUM • DIXON HIGH SCHOOL

Tickets will be \$9* each and will go on sale September 29th at centennialauditorium.org. Tickets also available at the door. *A processing fee will be applied to online ticket purchases.

DIXON REAGAN & MADISON STUDENTS:
YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS MAGICAL SHOW!
REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

Everyone who registers will be in the show and audition to determine specific roles.

- Grades: 4th-8th attending Dixon Reagan & Madison schools
- Rehearsals: 3:45-5:45pm Mon & Wed, 11/3/25-12/17/25 (no rehearsal 11/26/25)
- Holiday Break Rehearsals: 1-4pm Mon & Fri, 12/22/25-1/2/26 in the James A. Wiltz Auditorium @DHS
- Tech Week: 3:45-6:30pm Mon-Thu, 1/5/26-1/8/26
- Location: James A. Wiltz Auditorium @Dixon High School
- Tuition: \$140

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film
Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Book by Julian Fellowes • New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe • Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh
Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

**Woodlawn Arts Academy and
The Penguin Project of the Sauk Valley**
PROUDLY PRESENT

Shining Stars MOTOWN Revue

THE \$50 TUITION FEE IS COVERED BY SCHOLARSHIPS, THANKS TO GRANTS & PRIVATE DONORS! CALL 815-626-4278 TO REGISTER.

AGES 23+ WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: SAVE THE DATES FOR THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY!

Registration Opens: 12/1/25 for Mentors • 1/7/26 for Actors

Registration Open House: 4-6pm 1/7/26

Rehearsals: 5:30-7pm Tue & Thu, 2/3/26-3/26/26

Tech Night: 5-6:30pm Friday, 3/27/26

Performances: March 28th at 7pm & March 29th at 2pm

Adults ages 23 & up with special needs will experience the process of a Motown revue: auditioning, learning and memorizing music, rehearsing and taking the stage to perform a variety of popular Motown songs. Our "shining stars" will be joined in rehearsals and on stage by peer mentors who will work alongside them. Actors are invited to our Registration Open House to meet Instructor Brandi Spreeman, learn about the program, and get help registering.

VISUAL ARTS

Unleash your creativity this fall with Woodlawn Arts Academy's visual arts programs! Explore a variety of mediums in classes and workshops designed for ages 3 through adult. Whether you're just beginning or continuing your artistic journey, you'll find inspiration, guidance, and plenty of opportunities to express yourself.

Family Art

Let your little ones enjoy messy art experiences without the cleanup in your home! Adults will help children be creative with various media each week. One adult registers free with each child registration.

- Ages: 1-3
- Time & Date: 5:15-6pm Mon
- Session 1: 9/8/25-9/29/25
- Instructor: Sydney Segretto
- Location: Room 301
- Tuition: \$30

Mix It Up

Mix It Up! Preschool

Explore drawing, painting, collage and sculpture to create a wide variety of mixed-media artworks. This is a process-over-product laboratory where little ones will freely and productively dive into the limitless world of making art!

- Ages: 3-5
- Time & Date: 4:45-5:30pm Wed
- Session 1: 9/3/25-10/22/25;
- Instructor: Butch Merigoni
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$60

Mix It Up! Elementary

Take the mediums of drawing, painting, collage and sculpture one step farther to create mixed-media artworks. In this independence-over-product laboratory, kiddos will learn how to recognize and develop their own fantastic ideas!

- Ages: 6-8
- Time & Date: 5:45-6:30pm Wed
- Session 1: 9/3/25-10/22/25;
- Instructor: Butch Merigoni
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$60



Exploration Art

Explore, experiment, and create using inspiration from different artists and a variety of mediums. You'll meet in the Woodlawn Arts Academy art wing and learn from various art instructors throughout the session.

- Session 1: 9/4/25-10/23/25
- Session 2: 11/6/25-1/15/26 (no class 11/27, 12/25, 1/1)
- Session 3: 1/29/26-3/19/26
- Session 4: 4/2/26-5/21/26
- Instructor: Various
- Location: Rooms 202 & 204

Elementary

- Ages: 6-9 (1st-4th Grades)
- Time & Date: 4:15-5:15pm Thu
- Tuition: \$72/session

Middle School

- Ages: 10-14 (5th-8th Grades)
- Time & Date: 5:30-7pm Thu
- Tuition: \$96/session

Inspirational Nature

Discover the wonders of nature and its inhabitants in this engaging course. We'll venture outdoors to explore the natural world and bring elements of nature into our artistic creations. From crafting leaf prints to building enchanting fairy houses, we'll spark creativity while deepening our understanding of the environment.

- Ages: 7-13
- Time & Date: 4-5pm Mon
- Session 1: 9/8/25-10/27/25
- Instructor: Sydney Segretto
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$72



Do you love our programs, or have suggestions for new programs or how we can improve? Scan the QR code and let us know!



Getting ready for college or an art-related job? Inquire in the office for help with your portfolio!

clay is cool

Pinch Pumpkins

Learn to form clay pumpkins using the pinch technique.

- Ages: 6-13
- Time & Date: 10:30am-Noon Sat, 10/18/25
- Tuition: \$25



Soup-er Bowls

Learn bowl-making using clay.

- Ages: 14-Adult
- Time & Date: 1-3pm Sat, 10/18/25
- Tuition: \$30



Clay Ornaments

Create cut-out clay ornaments for display or gifts.

- Ages: 5-Adult
- Time & Date: 5:30-6:30pm Fri, 12/12/25
- Tuition: \$20



All clay workshops are taught by Pip Lucas in Room 204. For all one-day clay workshops, projects will not be painted in class. Your artwork will be given a coat of clear glaze and fired in Woodlawn's kiln after the workshop has ended, and you will receive an email when it is ready for pickup. Images are representations of the projects to be made and may not be the exact project created in class. Clay workshops are meant for beginner learning experiences, and projects do not always turn out as expected.

Children's Pottery

Use both hand-built and wheel methods as an introduction to or review of ceramics and technique.

- Ages: 8-12
- Instructor: Pip Lucas
- Location: Room 204
- Tuition: \$80/class/session

Class 1

- Time & Date: 5:15-6:15pm Tue
- Session 1: 9/2/25-10/21/25
- Session 2: 11/4/25-1/13/26 (no class 11/25, 12/23, 1/30)
- Session 3: 1/27/26-3/17/26
- Session 4: 3/31/26-5/19/26

Class 2

- Time & Date: 5:15-6:15pm Wed
- Session 1: 9/3/25-10/22/25
- Session 2: 11/5/25-1/14/26 (no class 11/26, 12/24, 1/31)
- Session 3: 1/28/26-3/18/26
- Session 4: 4/1/26-5/20/26



Beginner Adult Pottery

Use both hand-built and wheel methods as an introduction to ceramics and technique. Projects are instructor directed.

- Ages: 13-Adult
- Time & Date: 6:30-8pm Tue
- Session 1: 9/2/25-10/21/25
- Session 2: 11/4/25-1/13/26 (no class 11/25, 12/23, 1/30)
- Session 3: 1/27/26-3/17/26
- Session 4: 3/31/26-5/19/26
- Instructor: Pip Lucas
- Location: Room 204
- Tuition: \$120/session

Open Pottery

For those with some pottery experience who wish to continue practicing pottery techniques. Projects will be led and chosen by students.

- Ages: 10-Adult
- Time & Date: 6:30-8pm Wed
- Session 1: 9/3/25-10/22/25
- Session 2: 11/5/25-1/14/26 (no class 11/26, 12/24, 1/31)
- Session 3: 1/28/26-3/18/26
- Session 4: 4/1/26-5/20/26
- Instructor: Pip Lucas
- Location: Room 204
- Tuition: \$120/session



PRIVATE POTTERY LESSONS

Clay instructor Pip Lucas is available for private lessons taught at your pace! Learn anything from hand-built sculpture to wheel-made dishes and glaze techniques. These lessons are designed to fit your needs. Tuition is \$25 per hour. Additional clay costs may apply.

PRIVATE POTTERY PARTIES & WORKSHOPS

Do you have a group event you need to host? Clay instructor Pip Lucas can build and design custom workshops for your event. From birthday parties and bachelorette parties to corporate team-building exercises. Contact us today at 815-626-4278 to set up an appointment to discuss the workshop of your dreams.





Adult/Child Canvas Painting NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Bring your young one and join us to create a fabulous canvas painting; no experience necessary! Receive step-by-step instruction for color mixing and painting in a relaxing, stress-free environment. Completed paintings are meant to be displayed together.

- Ages: 7-Adult
- Time & Date: 5:30-7pm Fri, 12/12/25
- Instructor: Jaime Blakeslee
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$50/couple

CALLING ALL WOODLAWN ALUMNI

As we celebrate 20 years of Woodlawn Arts Academy, we're reflecting on the amazing alumni who began their journeys with us!

Did you get your start at Woodlawn and are you now working in an arts field? Email your story to czepezauer@woodlawnartsacademy.com.

Watch our social media and website to see alumni spotlights throughout the year!



exhibits in the gallery

Art exhibits are hosted four times per year at Woodlawn Arts Academy, and all exhibits are free and open to the public. Artists of all ages are invited to show off their latest masterpieces, and we invite the community to admire the works! Check out our upcoming exhibits here.

Juried Art Exhibit

Featuring fine art and photography from adult and student artists. Join us for an opening reception from 5-6:30pm Friday, August 22nd, with awards announced at 6pm that evening.

**RECEPTION & AWARDS: AUGUST 22, 2025
FROM 5-6:30PM (AWARDS AT 6PM)**

EXHIBIT: AUGUST 22-NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Winter Art Exhibit

Join us for an opening reception from 5-6:30pm Friday, December 12th, and meet the featured artists.

**RECEPTION: DECEMBER 12, 2025
FROM 5-6:30PM**

**EXHIBIT: DECEMBER 12, 2025-
FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

Student-Teacher Art Exhibit

Featuring a variety of artwork from area students and their teachers, this is our largest exhibit of the year! Join us for an opening reception from 5-6:30pm Friday, February 20th. Vote in person that night on your favorite student pieces, then vote on Facebook for the first two weeks of the exhibit. Winners will be displayed in our Summer 2026 Arts Program Guide.

**RECEPTION & IN-PERSON VOTING:
FEBRUARY 20, 2025 FROM 5-6:30PM**

**VOTING: FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 6, 2026 ON
FACEBOOK**

EXHIBIT: FEBRUARY 20-APRIL 24, 2026

sew fun!

It's Sew Simple

It's SEW simple to learn basic sewing techniques! Future fashion designers or those who like to make arts and crafts will enjoy this class.

- Session 1: 9/2/25-10/21/25
- Session 2: 11/4/25-1/13/26 (no class 11/25, 12/23, 1/30)
- Session 3 not offered
- Session 4: 3/31/26-5/19/26
- Instructor: Brenda Over
- Location: Room 203
- Tuition: \$64/class/session

Youth Class 1

For students who have never taken a sewing class at Woodlawn.

- Ages: 9-11
- Time & Date: 5:15-6:15pm Tue

Youth Class 2

For students who have beginning sewing knowledge and want to continue to improve their skills.

- Ages: 9-13
- Time & Date: 6:30-7:30pm Tue,

Adult Class

For first-time learners or to refresh your skills! Projects will be based on the interest of the students. Previous students are welcome, with the understanding that first-time students will need more one-on-one attention.

- Ages: 14-Adult
- Time & Date: 9-10am Tue

NEW! Crochet Club

Learn to crochet or work on your crochet skills in this relaxed, social environment.

Join this community to get creative while also relieving stress!

Beginners can purchase a starter kit*, while experienced members can bring their own supplies. The instructor will lead a specific project, or members can choose to work on their own projects. **Starter kits include a skein of yarn and a crochet hook for an additional \$20.*

- Session 1: 9/4/25-10/23/25
- Session 2: 11/6/25-1/15/26 (no class 11/27, 12/25, 1/1)
- Session 3: 1/29/26-3/19/26
- Session 4: 4/2/26-5/21/26
- Instructor: Allie Cook
- Location: Farmhouse

Youth Club

Ages: 9-14

Time & Date: 4:15-5:15pm Thu

Tuition: \$60 (does not include starter kit)

Adult Club

- Ages: 14-Adult
- Time & Date: 5:30-7pm Thu
- Tuition: \$85 (does not include starter kit)



let's get digital

Capturing the World Around You

Calling all young photographers eager to create with their cameras! Through interactive setups, explore photo fundamentals and play with different lighting and storytelling techniques to help each photographer showcase their unique point of view. No experience needed; just bring a camera (phone, digital point-and-shoot, etc.) and have fun!

- Ages: 9-14
- Time & Date: 5:15-6:15pm Mon, 10/20/25-10/27/25
- Instructor: Angela Brearton
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$20

Photo Field Notes

Whether you're a budding enthusiast, an aspiring professional or simply eager to explore the vast world of visual storytelling, this introductory class is your guide into the art of noticing. From mastering composition to understanding light and color, each session is crafted to meet you where you are on your photographic journey. After the class ends, you'll be able to confidently navigate camera settings and convey your unique vision of the world around you. Led by a seasoned photographer and accompanied by a community of fellow learners, you'll have the fundamentals and encouragement needed to grow and evolve as a photographer. No prior experience or camera is necessary to enroll in this course — only a passion to create.

- Ages: 12-Adult
- Time & Date: 6:30-8pm Mon, 10/20/25-10/27/25
- Instructor: Angela Brearton
- Location: Room 202
- Tuition: \$30

Choose Your Own Digital Art Path:

Drawing or Animation

Artists and animators will unite in this fun experience! Both groups will work under the direction of Sterling High School Tech Zone and Whiteside Area Career Center instructor Denis Mennie and his students in the same classroom to take one of two digital art classes: Digital Drawing or Digital Animation.

- Ages: 11-14
- Time & Date: 4:15-5:30pm Tue, 9/2/25-10/21/25
- Instructor: Denis Mennie and WACC students
- Location: Sterling High School Tech Zone (Door 10, Room 166), 1608 Fourth Ave, Sterling
- Tuition: \$75

Digital Drawing

Learn the basics of drawing with a computer and professional drawing tablet. Even if you are a novice with your drawing skills, we start from the basics and move on to drawing either a comic book character or a scene of your choice. New and previous students are invited to participate.

Digital Animation

Learn all the basics of animation! You will get to make your own story, draw your own characters (or find images online that you want to use) and create your animated movie from start to finish. This can include adding voiceovers and special effects. We will learn how to use frame-by-frame animation as well as keyframes to make our animation flow. Students are welcome to take this course again and again for practice and new projects each time.

SVCC Partner Programs

The logo for Sauk County, featuring the word "Sauk" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving it a 3D appearance. The logo is set against a red circular background that is partially obscured by a black diagonal shape.

HOBBIES & SPECIAL INTEREST

HOW TO USE & STORE FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE



You have grown fresh produce all summer long, now what do you do with the excess produce like onions, cucumbers, tomatoes and more? Explore simple ways of storing produce for longer shelf life and sharing resources for easy recipes like refrigerator pickles to make your produce go further. Supplies are included. (Ages 18 & Up)

- Class ID: 2090
- 1 session, Saturday, August 23; 9:30-11:00AM
- SVCC Greenhouse
- Instructor: Bruce Black, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator
- \$10

PUMPKIN PLANTERS

Fall pumpkins are a nice addition to any entryway. Learn how to intensify your planters with real and faux flowers for that boost of color for your entryways. Students will create

a pumpkin planter of their own. It is recommended to bring a box or canvas bag to take home the finished project. Supplies are included. (Ages 15 & Up)

- Class ID: 2089
- 1 session, Saturday, September 20; 9:30-11:00AM
- SVCC Greenhouse
- Instructor: Bruce Black, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator
- \$29

PUMPKIN CENTERPIECES



Pumpkins are one of the symbols of fall. Add some new flair to your decorating by creating a focal point for your table. Students will learn how to create a fun centerpiece for any table, witches brew station, or your favorite haunt using faux and/or fresh flowers. Students will create a pumpkin centerpiece of their own. It is recommended to bring a box or canvas bag to take home the finished project. Supplies are included. (Ages 14 & Up)

- Class ID: 2088
- 1 session, Saturday, October 25; 9:30-11:00AM
- SVCC Greenhouse
- Instructor: Bruce Black, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator
- \$29

LANGUAGE



INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

Students will learn the fundamentals of basic conversational patterns, vocabulary, and enough grammar to communicate effectively in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Students will be able to communicate successfully in social situations using the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. (Ages 15 & Up)

- Class ID: 2105
- 8 sessions, Mondays, September 8 – October 27; 5:30-7:00PM
- SVCC-Room 2L07
- Instructor: Ana Lara
- \$89

SAFETY

CARING KIDS, CONFIDENT SITTERS



Learn how to become a Super Sitter! Join us to explore babysitting basics, gain fun activity ideas for engaging kids, and practice skills for communicating with parents. (Ages 10-14)

- Class ID: 2092
- 1 session, Saturday, October 4; 10:00-11:30AM
- SVCC-1H16, Riverview Conf Room
- Instructor: Martha Ebbesmeyer, U of I Extension
- FREE

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

Register online at svcc.edu/ced or contact Brenda Helms, Director, at 815.835.6212 or brenda.helms@svcc.edu

WRITING

CREATIVE WRITING 101



You don't need a degree in creative writing to be an exceptional writer and get paid for it! Anyone with a passion for writing can learn and develop their fiction and non-fiction writing skills. Whether you're writing from your own life experience, creating new worlds, or informing readers about important information, this class will teach you about the different forms of creative writing, the top 10 creative writing tips for beginners, as well as how to brainstorm for new creative writing ideas, bring your words to life with engaging descriptions, develop your own writing style, and how to get paid for your creative writing. (Ages 16 & Up)

- Class ID: 2103
- 1 session, Friday, October 10; 4:00-6:00PM
- LIVE ONLINE
- Instructor: LeeAnne Krusemark
- \$45 includes material fee



DAY TRIP: DISNEY'S 'THE LION KING'

Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist. This is Disney's **THE LION KING**, making its triumphant return to the Cadillac Palace Theatre!

More than 100 million people around the world have experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage.

Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, **THE LION KING** brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. Tony Award®-winning

director Julie Taymor brings to life a story filled with hope and adventure set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. **THE LION KING** also features the extraordinary work of Tony Award®-winning choreographer Garth Fagan and some of Broadway's most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award®-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice.

There is simply nothing else like **THE LION KING**.

All ticket sales are final; however, a substitute may be sent in your place. The show is a 1:00 p.m. matinee and the tickets are located in the balcony. The run time of the show is 2 hours and 30 minutes with one intermission. Travelers will have time to shop and/or eat lunch once we

arrive in Chicago. There are places to shop and eat near the theater. **Trip is limited to 48 participants** and includes transportation, driver gratuity, show ticket, and bus snacks. Lunch in Chicago and dinner at Portillo's will be on your own. (Ages 6 & Up)

Bus departs SVCC North Parking lot promptly at 8:30 a.m., arriving in Chicago at approximately 10:45 a.m. Bus departs Chicago after the show at approximately 3:45 p.m. and will stop at Portillo's for dinner and arrive back at SVCC at approximately 7:30 p.m.

- Class ID: 2052
- Wednesday, October 8; 8:30AM-7:30PM
- Cadillac Theatre, Chicago, IL; Seat Location-Upper Balcony
- \$109 per person

about WAA

Sessions

Woodlawn runs five eight-week sessions for most classes and lessons. Please check your class or lesson listing for exact dates.

Holidays

Woodlawn Arts Academy will be open most school holidays. Dates we are closed are listed on page 2.

Registration & Course Cancellation

Students may register for classes online, by phone or in person. Online registration is not available for dance classes, any private lessons or other select programs. Tuition for classes must be paid in full at the time of registration. Registrations are due one week

prior to the start of the course. If classes do not meet the minimum they will be cancelled and all registered participants will be notified three business days prior to the first day of the class. A full refund or credit will be given should this occur. It is imperative to sign up before the class begins. See page 2 for specific registration dates. No early registrations will be taken.

Financial Assistance

Woodlawn is committed to serving all members of the community. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. To apply for financial assistance, pick up an application in the office or download one from our website. Fill out the application and turn it in with the required paperwork. Financial assistance

takes two weeks to process and MUST be in place prior to registration. Registration is not complete until payment is made and/or funding is in place.

Payments

The individual registering a person for a WAA activity is the responsible party for payment. It is not the responsibility of Woodlawn Arts Academy to request payment from a third party for the customer. Payment for an activity is required upon the completion of every registration.

For any purchase over \$20, we accept cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please note: For purchases under \$20 and special-order clothing items, we accept only cash or check.

promptly pick up your child, please call the main office at (815) 626-4278. Students must remain in the building until picked up.

For children 6 and under: At least one parent should stay in the lounge during any Woodlawn program in case of emergency. If you cannot stay with your child, please make arrangements with another family member for help and notify the staff.

For children 7 and older: Parents/family members are welcomed to wait during their artist's program, but it is not required. Parental discretion is advised.

Student Absence

Students are required to call the office to report absences. No make-up lessons will be given if a student misses a class.

Teacher Absence

If an instructor is unable to teach a lesson or class he or she will give 24 hours notice (when possible) and will reschedule the lesson or class during the designated make-up week at the end of the session. Class participants will be notified via text message and email. Phone calls will not be made.

Photos & Video

The Academy takes photos and videos of activities to promote programs. If you do not want your photo or that of your child used in that way, please notify the office.

Suggestions Welcome

The Academy is community based and wants to hear your comments regarding successes and areas needing improvements. Please share your comments with a staff member.

Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students

Woodlawn Arts Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation and gender identity to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or gender identity in administration of its educational policies, admission

policies, scholarship and loan programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

ADA Compliance

Should you or someone you know need support because of a disability to visit one of our facilities, or to participate in one of our programs, please contact us so that we may be of assistance. If you believe Woodlawn Arts Academy has treated you unfairly because of a disability, please contact us. Service animals that have been trained individually to perform tasks benefitting a person with a disability are allowed in the Academy's facilities. All service animals must be under the control of the user. A Woodlawn staff member may remove a service animal that is not under the control of the user. The work of service animals must be related to the disability of the person with a disability. Power-driven personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), whose users must be persons with a disability, are also allowed in the Academy's facilities.

Location

Woodlawn Arts Academy is located at 3807 Woodlawn Road in Sterling. A facility of the Dillon Foundation, the Academy was built for quality, safety and efficiency, and designed for the pursuit and celebration of the arts. The Academy provides special lighting for optimum visibility when creating visual artwork, soundproof rooms of the highest quality for music lessons, specialized floors in the dance studios to protect dancers' joints, the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center for putting on performances, and much more! The Academy is proud to be an agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties. Woodlawn Arts Academy acknowledges support from the Illinois Arts Council.



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Refunds

Refunds or credit vouchers may be given in extenuating circumstances, and are granted at the discretion of the administrative staff. Any refund made after a program begins will be prorated and credited to the customer's account for use toward future Woodlawn programming. If enrolled in a Woodlawn program, a refund or credit may only be issued if you withdraw five business days prior to the first day of the program and the program has more than a minimum enrollment.

Inclement Weather

In case of bad weather, class participants will be notified of cancellations via text message and email. Phone calls will not be made. Closures will also be announced on social media. We will do our best to make up for weather cancellations.

Dropoff & Pickup

Please drop off and pick up your child at the appropriate time. Our instructors are only responsible for your child during their program time. We ask that all minors be escorted to and from class by an authorized adult. Many of Woodlawn's programs run back-to-back. The teacher and office staff cannot monitor children in the hallway. Please be prompt when picking up your child. If for any reason you cannot



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For this event only, adult beverages allowed in the
park. Park closes at 10pm. In case of poor weather,
watch social media for cancellations or venue changes.