

SPRING SEMESTER AT A GLANCE

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EARLY RELEASE DATES

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Jan. 14 (Jan. 17 MLK Holiday)
Feb. 4
Feb. 18
March 11
April 29
May 20 (Last day of school)

STUDENT HOLIDAYS

Monday, Jan. 17 - MLK Day
Monday, Feb. 21 - President's Day
March 14-18 - Spring Break
April 15 - Good Friday

CELEBRATIONS

January

School Board Recognition Month
Mentoring Month
Law Enforcement Appreciation (Jan. 9)

February

African American History Month
Career & Technology Education Month
School Counseling Week (7-11)
Bus Driver Appreciation (22)

March

Music in our Schools Month
Youth Art Month
Special Education Diagnosticians Week (1-5)
Read Across America Day (2)
Maintenance Worker Appreciation (4)
School Breakfast Week (7-11)
Daylight Savings (13)
Speech Pathologist Day (18)

April

Autism Awareness Month
Occupational Therapy Month
School Librarian (4)
Paraprofessional Appreciation Day (6)
Earth Day (22)
Administrative Professionals Day (27)

May

Better Hearing and Speech Month
Physical Fitness and Sport Month
School Principal's Day (1)
Teacher Appreciation Week (2-6)
School Lunch Hero Day (6)
School Nurse Day (11)
Speech Pathologist Day (18)

Welcome Back

We've had a great first week back for the new year, and we are so excited to see all the amazing things our students do this semester. Thank you for your continued support. Have a Super Wildkat Day!

Moving on up

As our 5th and 8th grade students prepare to transition from elementary to middle and middle to high, there will be several activities designed to help students make course selections, understand expectations, and tour campuses. Below are the upcoming events:

Current 5th Grade Students Entering 6th Grade in August 2022

Parent Information Nights (parents only preferred)

If student will attend Brabham MS

Tuesday, Jan. 18 and Thurs., Jan. 20
from 5:30-7 pm

If student will attend Lynn Lucas MS

Tuesday, Jan. 18
from 5:30-7 pm

Student-Only School Day Tours

Each 5th-grade campus group will travel by bus to the zoned middle school during the school day to tour the campus. Each campus principal is sending home permission slips.

Parmley to Lynn Lucas Monday, Jan. 10

CC Hardy to Lynn Lucas Tues., Jan. 11

Meador to Brabham: Thur, Jan. 13

Cannan to Lucas Thurs., Jan. 13

Lagway and Turner to Brabham Fri., Jan. 14

Current 8th Grade Students Entering 9th Grade in August 2022

Parent Information Night (parents only preferred)

Tuesday, Jan. 11
from 5:30-7 pm
Willis High School Cafeteria

Student-Only School Day Tours

Brabham and Lucas 8th grade students will travel by bus to Willis High School during the school day to tour the campus.

Each campus principal is sending home permission slips.

Brabham to WHS Tuesday, Jan. 11
Lynn Lucas to WHS Wednesday, Jan. 12

Course Selections

WHS Counselors will go to both Brabham and Lucas to meet with 8th-grade students for course selections.

Counselors at Brabham Jan. 19 & 20
Counselors at Lynn Lucas 19 & 20

More details regarding course selection will be sent home by Principals.

Campus Highlights



Turner Elementary Student Council recently conducted a toiletry drive and donated the items to the Wildkat Resource Center. The students were so proud to do something to give back to their community. Student Council sponsors are Paula Snow and Lauren Posey.



WHS Agriculture Teacher Tanis Price began bringing her Dappled Dachsund Wyatt to school four years ago when the CTE Center first opened. Mrs. Traylor's senior class started out their Freshman year with Mrs. Price and Wyatt. In August 2021, the second week of school, Wyatt became paralyzed in both back legs - a common occurrence in dachshunds due to their long backs. The morning after deciding to put him down because he had made no improvements in his abilities to move his legs, Wyatt stood up! After many hours of therapy and lots of vet visits, Wyatt can now hobble around. Wyatt was still unable to return to school, however, and the students missed him dearly.

The Friday before Christmas break, a Senior student named Brook Brenham went to Mrs. Traylor with an idea. She told her she wanted to purchase a wheelchair for Wyatt so he could return to school, but that she could not afford it herself. Before school let out on Friday the senior class had collected enough donations to purchase a wheelchair for Wyatt. The students did not tell Mrs. Price what they had done. When the wheels were delivered to her house during Christmas Break she was shocked and cried in disbelief. Price worked with Wyatt for two solid weeks, and he has now been able to return to his spot at school.



Come join us on January 29, 2022 for great chili, a fabulous cake walk, and an exciting raffle! The doors will open at 9 a.m. and the raffle will be drawn about 1:00 p.m. (you do not need to be present to win!)

**FOR DONATIONS OR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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936-856-1222

Christie Strahan
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936-856-1222

In January, you can sign up for a chili and/or bean team, by contacting the American Legion Hall at 936-856-5224 or stop by the hall at 13054 E. FM 1097 in Willis!



Come see what instrument you're going to play in the Willis Band next year! We will have individual interviews with each student to see their best fit and what they're interested in.

JOIN THE BAND

**JANUARY
24 & 25
2022**

**5:30PM-
8:30PM**

WILLIS HS BAND HALL

10005 TX-75,
Willis, TX 77378

BRABHAM MS

Elizabeth Allison
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LYNN LUCAS MS

Heather Cicchillo
hcicchillo@willisisd.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE BAND DIRECTORS VIA EMAIL

Questions? Email the middle school Band Directors:

Brabham - Elizabeth Allison: eallison@willisisd.org

Lucas - Heather Cicchillo: hcicchillo@willisisd.org



REGIONAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION

hosted by **WILLIS ISD**
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We need referees, judges, concessions, and more.
No experience necessary; training provided.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022
9 am – 3 pm
Brabham Middle School

SIGN UP TODAY!

Send an email to Lieschen Johnson at:
ljohnson@willisid.org

The Willis ISD Robotics group needs your help to successfully host an upcoming regional contest.

Please review information at left, and email Lieschen Johnson if you can help!

ljohnson@willisid.org

volunteers needed



**FIRST
LEGO
LEAGUE**

The WHS Basketball Booster Club is selling merchandise to help with meals and other items. The ordering link is:
<https://www.peachescloset.com/willis-basketball>

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Willis High School
PRESENTS

GREASE

at the
WISD Performing Arts Center

January 28th at 7:00p.m.

January 29th at 2:00 p.m. and 7p.m.

*Tickets available at the door and at
Eventbrite.com*



GREASE: SCHOOL VERSION

Is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company. www.concordtheatricals.com Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

[Tickets \\$10 on Eventbrite- Click HERE](#)

Peachjar

Follow us on Peachjar to make sure you don't miss out on important notices from our school, PTO, and other organizations such as sports and Boy and Girl Scouts. We also post our breakfast and lunch menus!

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