



TEXAN NEWS

Wimberley High School



Message from Principal Wilkes

Seniors, take a deep breath. You have 5 weeks until graduation on May 19, 2023, in Strahan Coliseum at 7:00 pm. Please make sure you are coming to school and being successful in the classroom so you have the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive your diploma. Also, I have heard rumors of "Senior Skip Day". This is not a WHS-approved event, and your absence will be unexcused. Participating in this may result in assigned attendance recovery hours, and some with too many absences may lose credit for courses per state attendance laws. During the last week of school, we have arranged a schedule that gives you time together that includes a Senior Trip, but any senior requiring attendance recovery will be in class instead of enjoying the last week with their classmates. Please make choices that maximize your opportunity to graduate on May 17th!

Prom was a big success this weekend. It was such a pleasure to see our students having fun and enjoying the evening. Thank you to all the staff that worked so hard to make this year's prom a safe and memorable event for students

Finally, congrats to all of our students who have been competing and advancing in their respective UIL events. The Academic Team dominated District with 678 points, advancing 31 students to Regionals. Texan Track performed excellently at the Area meet with many of our athletes advancing to Regionals. As you can see a lot is happening at WHS every week including STAAR Testing. Make sure you stay on top of your studies by attending tutorials and communicating with your teachers so you can finish the year strong!

Have a great weekend!

Ryan Wilkes

GO TEXANS

#WHSTEXANPRIDE

Dates of Interest

April 13 - STEAM FAIR (10 am - 2 pm)

April 16 - STAAR - Bio

April 17 - STAAR - US History

April 23 - STAAR Algebra

April 24 - Academic Awards Ceremony

Links to Know

[Bell Schedule](#)

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CLASS-WIDE GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES

Hey WHS! Make sure you've joined your classwide Google Classroom to receive important updates.

9th- Class of 2027- htozsgs

10th- Class of 2026- tadrvvw

11th- Class of 2025- bzxemwh

12th- Senior 2024- rjzlye4

TEXAN NEWS STUDENT *life*

Follow Wimberley High School on X (Twitter)

Wimberley High School is on Twitter! Follow us to receive updates and announcements about happenings at WHS. We will post photos occasionally but not use student names or tag them in pictures. You can also use this hashtag **#WHSTexanPride**

[@WimberleyHS](#) - Official announcements and updates from WHS

[@Wimberley_FFA](#) - Wimberley FFA

[@WHS_PTO_ABC](#) - WHS Academic Booster Club (Parent-Teacher Organization)

[@WimberleyHSUIL](#) - WHS UIL Academic Team

[@Wimberleydebate](#) - WHS Speech and Debate Team

[@whspracticums](#) - Practicums

[@lone_theatre](#) - Wimberley Lone Star Theatre

KWVH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

KWVH is having a Kentucky Derby fundraiser on Saturday, May 4 from 2 PM – 6 PM. It will be held at Videre Estates off Burnet Ranch Road. They are in need of 4 student volunteers to help serve food (passing appetizers). Email volunteer@kwvh.org if you're interested in helping out.

~SENIOR NEWS~

GroupMe

There are currently two GroupMe accounts set up by and for senior parents to help us share info and communicate more easily with each other. One group is for general Class of 2024 information and one is specific to Project Graduation (planning, fundraising, etc).

If you would like to be added to either group, please email 2024whsprojectgraduation@gmail.com and specify which group(s) you would like to join.

Graduation Baby Pictures

PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STUDENTS: We need **all seniors** to send in a baby picture that will be used during graduation as they walk the stage. Email the pictures to gradbabypics@wimberleyisd.net

OR, bring the physical photos to Coach Dydalewicz or Jordan Wenk to be scanned.

Got questions? See either Coach Dydalewicz or Jordan Wenk

WISD STEAM Fair 2024

WHS 10 AM - 2 PM

This year's STEAM Fair is on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at WHS's Bridges Gym and is free and open to the public. The purpose of the fair is to provide hands-on opportunities for students to see the various aspects and real-world applications of STEAM-related industries companies.

TEXAS SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER'S SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Calling All Texas Youth! We're Looking for Passionate Young People to Become Top Youth Leaders in School Safety

Do you know a young person who is passionate about creating safe and healthy schools and communities? Do they have what it takes to be a leader for their school, community, and state? Then we want them to apply to the Texas School Safety Center's Safe School Ambassadors Youth Advisory Board!

We're looking for passionate, creative youth who are dedicated to creating a positive school climate, educating their peers about the importance of living a happy, healthy lifestyle, and interested in serving as the youth voice for engaging students in school safety initiatives.

What the Ambassadors Will Do:

- Host educational events on substance use prevention, teen mental health, and violence prevention.
- Educate youth and adults on how to engage students in creating a positive school climate.
- Serve as local teen experts regarding substance use prevention, teen mental health, and violence prevention.
- Influence their peers to promote positive actions through social media.
- Meet and work with like-minded youth at the state and national levels.
- Collaborate with the Texas School Safety Center staff to identify school safety trainings and activities for youth to participate in.

Students entering 9th-12th grade for the 2024-25 school year are eligible to apply. To find out more about the application requirements, visit the [Safe School Ambassador program](#) webpage or [download the application.](#)]

Applications are due Friday, May 31.

MRS. PARKER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

WHS Students & Parents,

I am excited to announce that I will be retiring after thirty years of service in education at the end of this school year. My husband, retired WHS coach/teacher Coach Parker, and I are ready to begin a new chapter. I would like to thank the entire WISD school community for welcoming me as part of the team in 2012. I had the privilege of serving our campus as an English teacher, UIL academic coordinator, and most recently as campus assistant principal. I will always treasure my time as a Wimberley Texan and will most definitely miss our students, parents, and staff!

My sincerest gratitude,

-Mrs. Parker, AP

STUDENT PROM PHOTOS DOWNLOAD

Prom photos are ready to be downloaded! Click on this link for access.

>> [PROM PHOTOS](#) <<

NURSE CLINIC UPDATES

When it is necessary for a student to receive medication during the school day (please see WISD Student Handbook for guidelines), the following procedures must be followed:

- All medication(s) must be supplied by the parent/guardian along with written authorization/permission to administer the medication(s) during the school day. WISD does not stock over the counter medications to administer to students.
- All medication must be in the original container & clearly labeled with the student's name, dosage & directions for administration. All controlled substances must be hand-delivered to the school nurse by the parent/guardian or their representative age 18+.
- All medication must be kept in the nurse's office and administered by the nurse or other authorized district employee, unless the student is authorized to possess his/her own medication because of asthma, life-threatening allergies, and/or diabetes.
- A US-licensed physician signature is required for: all prescription medications and for any medication prescribed differently than manufacturer's directions.
- It is the student's responsibility to come to the nurse's office for the medication unless he/she is physically unable to do so.
- Medications cannot be sent home with a student. Unclaimed medications will be disposed of on the last day of school as required by law. The school nurse will send a general reminder to pick up medications before the end of the school year but will not contact individual parents. Please remember to pick up your student's medications before the end of the year!
- Expired medications will not be administered. Parents are expected to replace medications before they expire.

UIL ACADEMIC DISTRICT MEET RESULTS

We had our UIL Academic District Meet on Friday and Saturday and I'm very proud to say that Wimberley High School is once again the UIL 4A District Champions!! Just for giggles I'm including ALL the school sweepstakes points. ;) Our students are AMAZING!! Below are the results:

| School | Points |
|----------------------|--------|
| Wimberley | 678 |
| Bandera | 240 |
| Fredericksburg | 192 |
| Boerne | 184 |
| Geronimo Navarro | 169 |
| Comal Canyon Lake | 134 |
| Judson Early College | 40 |
| Comal Davenport | 32 |

Accounting:

1st Place Team- RQ
Madeline Plant- 2nd- RQ
Nate Riser- 3rd-RQ
Sebastian Rodriguez- 5th- RQ
Maaral Charyyeva- 8th

Calculator:

2nd Place Team
Shepherd Carter- 3rd- RQ
August Ginn- 4th
Maddox Gonzales- 6th

Computer Science

2nd Place Team
Shepherd Carter- 2nd- RQ
Brodie Kimball Jack- 5th
Marco Perez- 6th

Copy Editing

Raine Marinos- 3rd- RQ
Gage Trudeau- 5th

Current Issues and Events

1st Place Team- Top 4 RQ
Hyatt Romp-1st RQ
Alex Caldwell- 2nd- RQ

Josh Bober- 4th
Sammy Shelor-5th
Alexis Marinos-6th

Editorial Writing

Gage Trudeau- 3rd- RQ
Nathan Valley- 5th

Feature Writing

Chloe Swindle-3rd- RQ
Peyton Shaw- 4th

Headline Writing

Elizabeth Gonzales- 2nd-RQ
Carys Bowling- 3rd- RQ
Peyton Shaw-4th

Informative Speaking

Josh Bober- 1st- RQ
Sophia Vitela- 2nd -RQ
Chloe Swindle- 4th

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Sophia Vitela- 3rd- RQ
Kathryn Kinser-5th and Top Speaker

Mathematics

1st Place Team (Top 4 RQ)
Jacob Mantsch- 2nd- RQ
Wolf Hill- 5th
Alex Chio- 6th
Ian Craig- 8th

News Writing

Peyton Shaw-2nd- RQ

Number Sense

1st Place Team (Top 4 RQ)
Tison Sames- 1st- RQ
Maddox Gonzales- 2nd- RQ
Wolf Hill- 5th
Urvi Dutta-8th

Persuasive Speaking

Kathryn McKinney-1st- RQ

Gage Trudeau-2nd - RQ
Carys Bowling-4th

Poetry

Emma Schmidt- 2nd - RQ

Prose

Carys Bowling-4th
Adan Garcia-5th
Walker Williams-6th

Ready Writing

Gage Trudeau- 3rd- RQ
Kathryn McKinney-4th

Science

1st Place Team (Top 4 RQ)
Jacob Mantsch-1st-RQ, 1st Chemistry, 1st Physics
Tyler Youens- 2nd RQ
Olivia Wilson-3rd RQ
Brodie Kimball Jack-4th
Raine Marinos-5th

Social Studies

1st Place Team (Top 4 RQ)
Chloe Thompson-1st- RQ
Rachel Caldwell-2nd- RQ
Hyatt Romp-3rd- RQ
Josh Bober- 4th
Alex Caldwell-5th

Spelling

2nd Place Team
Iris Kawas- 3rd- RQ
Lydia Krause- 4th
Risa Espinoza-5th

Journalism- 2nd Place Team

Speech and Debate- 1st Place Team



PHOTOVOICE CONTEST

Youth Voices:

Preparing Today for a Safer Tomorrow

USE YOUR VOICE TO HELP CREATE SAFER SCHOOLS!

Photovoice is a process where people take photos to capture aspects of their environment or experiences to shine a light on sensitive topics and help create change. The Texas School Safety Center wants to hear from Texas youth about their experiences and opinions on how students can help create safer schools.

All submissions will be entered for a chance to be featured at the 2024 Texas School Safety Conference where thousands of teachers, administrators, school resource officers, and school safety professionals will gather to work together towards creating a safe learning environment. The top 25 entries from each prompt to be showcased at the conference and posted on the Safe School Ambassadors website.

★ **SAFE SCHOOL** ★
AMBASSADORS

Contest Prompts

1. What does a safe school look like to you?
2. What needs to be done to make your school safer?
3. If given all the resources needed to create a safe school environment, what would these resources look like and what would you do with them?

Contest Rules

- Contestants must be in 6th – 12th grade.
- A signed parent/guardian consent form must be uploaded with the entry.
- Only 1 photo and description per entry is allowed.
- Photos cannot contain people.
- Photo must be taken by the contestant.
- Contestants can submit an entry for one, two, or all three prompts.

Submissions

All photos and descriptions submitted will remain anonymous. Submissions selected for the exhibit will show first name, grade, city, and title of artwork. Contestants will be notified if their artwork is selected.

Contest ends Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Questions? Contact staff at txssc_yi@txstate.edu
<https://txssc.txstate.edu/about/programs/ssa/photovoice-contest>



Interested in the Texan Color Guard? Want to know more?

Mandatory Parent/ student information meeting on April 24th at 6:30 in the High School Band Hall (double doors at the very back of the building, behind the portable classroom, closest to Mary Stephenson Ln)

Open to ALL students 8th-12th grade 2024-25 school year

If you have any questions please contact

Shannon Atkins (Color Guard Director) at shannon.atkins@wimberleyisd.net
John Winebrenner (Director of Bands) at John.winebrenner@wimberleyisd.net



PROJECT GRADUATION

SENIORS



It's FREE

Climbing Walls
Laser Tag
Multi-Sports
Suite



@EpicFunatx

Cash Prizes

**Scan
to
Register**



Graduation Night

May 17

10pm - 2am

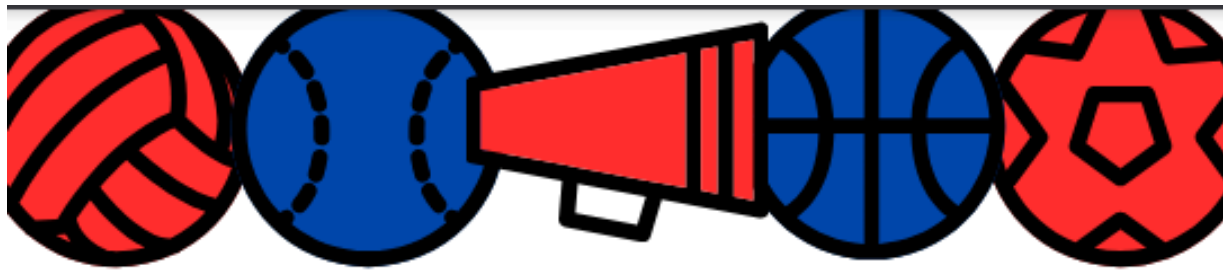
Transportation by bus
immediately following
graduation ceremony.
A night of EPIC FUN!

Bumper Cars
Mini-Bowling
High Ropes Course
Free Play Arcade

Need to Know

This is a **FREE** event!
Food and drinks are provided.
Buses leave from Strahan after
graduation and bring you back to
Wimberley HS at the end of the night.
Bring a change of clothes.
WHS Seniors ONLY! No outside guests.





LOGAN'S DUGOUT NEW EQUIPMENT COLLECTION

APRIL 8-19, 2024

ALL WISD CAMPUSES WILL BE COLLECTING NEW ITEMS FOR LOGAN'S DUGOUT
APRIL 8-19. COLLECTION BINS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH CAMPUS LIBRARY.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- ATHLETIC SOCKS - ANY COLOR
 - BASEBALL
 - BASKETBALL
 - SOFTBALL
 - SOCCER
- BASEBALL & SOFTBALL BELTS - ANY COLOR
- SOCCER BALLS, BASKETBALLS, & VOLLEYBALLS
- BAT WRAP
- SHIN GUARDS
- KNEE PADS
- SOFTBALL PANTS
- SOCCER, SOFTBALL, & BASEBALL CLEATS
- FOOTBALL GLOVES & BATTING GLOVES
- ACADEMY & AMAZON GIFTCARDS

LEARN MORE ABOUT LOGAN'S DUGOUT:
[HTTPS://WWW.BARNABASCONNECTS.
ORG/LOGANS-DUGOUT/](https://www.barnabasconnects.org/logans-dugout/)

DONATE ONLINE:



ONLINE GIFTCARDS CAN BE SENT
DIRECTLY TO BARNABAS CONNECTION
AT
DIRECTOR@BARNABASCONNECTS.ORG

PLEASE, ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW



Senior Dates to Remember 2024

Senior Motto "Only 47 more years until we are seniors again"

Senior Song "Where'd all the Time Go?" Dr. Dog

****As of March 3rd, Subject to Change****

Prom Saturday, April 6
7:30 - 11:30
The Videre Estate, Wimberley

Baccalaureate (student-led community event, not required) TBD

Academic Awards Wednesday, April 24
9:40 - 10:40
Gym - Only recipients and parents attend, student audience will livestream
during 2nd Period

Scholarships Thursday, May 2
7:00 pm
JGW/LMW Lone Star Theater

Finals Friday, May 10 & Monday, May 13

Senior Walk (Mandatory Attendance Day). Tuesday, May 14
7:30 Pick up Cap and gown outside Texan Field House
8:30 @Danforth JH
9:00 @Blue Hole Primary
9:30 @Jacobs Well Elementary

Check Out Wednesday, May 15
9:00 am (first come/first serve) High School Gym

Senior Trip Thursday, May 16
8:00 am - 5:00 pm @ Six Flags Fiesta Texas

Graduation Friday, May 17
10:30 Practice at Strahan Coliseum (bring cap, gown and tassel)
11:15 Group pics in cap and gown (Bleachers)
6:00 Arrive and gather in Auxiliary Gym
7:00 Graduation Ceremony

COUNSELORS Carner

TSI TESTING

The TSI Test is a college readiness exam, designed to help colleges determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics.

If you plan to take ACC Dual Credit through WHS, you will need to take the TSI Test. This is open to anyone who wants to take it.

WHS is offering the TSI on several dates throughout this semester. This will be offered during the school day, starting at 8:15am on the following dates:

4/30, 5/21, 6/11.

Students are responsible for all work missed from class and should communicate ahead of time with their teacher!!

The TSI Test will be given at the Scudder campus and will be able to accommodate up to 25 students at each testing session. The cost of the test this year is; Full TSI Test (reading, writing, math) - \$20 and each individual part - \$7.

Sign-up by doing 2 things:

- 1 - Pay through the webstore at this [link](#).
- 2 - Fill out this [Google form](#).

You will only be registered to take the test if you do BOTH steps above.

SENIORS

Once you know what you are doing after high school, please fill out this [google form!!](#). We want to add you to our map in the front office!!

*QUESTIONS - contact Adriana Phillips
*QUESTIONS - contact Kris Varney

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| APRIL 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | MAY 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |

WHS TESTING SEASON 2024 - The Most Wonderful Time of the Year 🥰

TEXAN NEWS LIBRARY & *Technology*

Are you fully utilizing the

WHS Library Webpage 

If not, you're missing out on:

- School District Library Catalog
- Wimberley Village Library Catalog
- Research Sites:
 - GALE Resources
 - ProQuest
 - Encyclopedia Britannica
- Study Resources:
 - EBSCO LearningExpressing
 - LEARN360
 - Khan Academy + CollegeBoard

[APRIL] LIBRARY RESEARCH TIPS

Understanding Sources

Understanding the difference between credible and unreliable sources is crucial. Get into the habit of using peer-reviewed journals, scholarly books, reputable websites, and other academic sources for their research. The following databases will help you find credible sources for your research.

GALE Resources: GALE resources offer a comprehensive range of scholarly materials, including academic journals, eBooks, and reference sources, to support research across various disciplines. WHS has a login and password for this database, but you must be logged in with your student email to access it. [Visit this link for the username and password.](#)

Britannica School: The Britannica School database provides students with access to reliable and authoritative information through its extensive collection of articles, multimedia resources, and interactive learning tools, facilitating academic exploration and research. [Visit this link for the username and password.](#)

Google Scholar: The Google Scholar database provides access to a vast collection of scholarly articles, theses, books, conference papers, and court opinions, making it a valuable tool for academic research across diverse fields.

[APRIL] WEBSITE TO KNOW

Navigate Your College Application Journey

[The Common App](#) simplifies the college application process for students by providing a single platform to apply to multiple schools, while also offering colleges and universities a streamlined way to review and process applications.

[VIEW THE COMMON APP READY TOOLKIT HERE](#)

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Lesson of the Week

Fear of missing out can make social media-using teens feel stressed. Here's how you can help.

[Practical Tips for Easing Kids' Social Media Anxiety](#)

TEXAN NEWS YOUR *future*

SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW Scholarships Added WEEKLY!

Click this [LINK](#) to view scholarships!

[2024 Academic Booster Club Scholarship Application](#)

FIDELITY OFFERS FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE

Women Talk Money: Teen Girl Learning Series

Women report less confidence with investing and money—something that starts in their teen years. This free interactive learning series from Fidelity and Invest in Girls can help give you a different story.

What's included:

- ✓ Short videos that break down financial topics with relatable examples and stories
- ✓ Downloadable activities to practice building important skills
- ✓ Conversation starters designed to deepen learning at home
- ✓ Self-paced lessons to learn at your own speed

[Register Here.](#)



TEXAN NEWS VOLUNTEER *to help*

LIONS CLUB

- In need of teen volunteers to help with Market Day on 1st Saturday of the month.
- Teen or Adult Opportunity
- Contact: dmclean59@gmail.com

FREEDOM CANINE

- Puppy Raisers and Foster homes
- Teen, Family, or Adult Opportunity
- Contact: info@freedomcanines.com

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- 3rd Saturday 9:30-11:30am: Animal Interaction Volunteers Needed
- Teen, Family, or Adult Opportunity
- Contact dmclean59@gmail.com

WIMBERLEY PLAYERS

- Weekday and Saturday Volunteer Needing
- Teen or Adult Opportunity
- Contact: Melinda mellisor@gmail.com

CAMP COMMUNITY

- Flexible times based on your availability
 - Teen or Adult Opportunities
- Contact: amber@campcommunity.org, 512.574.5304

WHS TEXAN JOB *board*

Are you hiring students? Let us know and we'll place the opening on this job board and remove it when you hire someone!

REMINGTON SOLAR

Remington Solar is modeling a house in Wimberley and needs a couple of high school students to work in the afternoon. Students will be working with a contractor.

Call (214) 542-7711 if interested.

DIRT CANDY FARM

Dirt Candy Farm is located in Wimberley and we would love to offer those interested the opportunity to experience life on a working farm. Currently, we are looking for part-time workers/harvesters.

Contact: Sky Cutler, Owner
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408-781-6288
dirtcandyfarmtx@gmail.com
www.dirtcandyfarm.com