



TEXAN NEWS

Wimberley High School



Message from Principal Wilkes

Despite the rainy week, we had many exciting activities happening at school. Texan swim team performed well at the district meet and sent ten athletes to the regional meet, won 2nd as a team, and **Coach Johnson was awarded girls swim team District Coach of the Year.** Additionally, our UIL Academic/Speech and Debate teams hosted a successful invitational meet, and we would like to thank all the students, teachers, and parent volunteers who made it possible. The UIL CX Debate team then competed on Wednesday to win District and advancing two students to State. Congrats, Josh Bober and Kathryn McKinney. Lastly, FFA is presenting their projects at the Hays County Livestock Show as we speak, and I look forward to hearing about their success. Good luck!

You might be wondering where we are in the schedule revision process and so I would like to provide you with an update. The Schedule Committee has been working hard to review and analyze the current schedule and has begun working through different schedule options. Earlier this week, Dr. Bonewald and I met with the Student Council and Class Officers to discuss why we are revising our current schedule and where we are in the process. We also asked how we might gather feedback from students. In light of that conversation, the tentative plan is to hold class meetings next Friday, February 2nd, and then push out a survey to the students. Additionally, we will likely hold a parent meeting soon and share those details as soon as we have them finalized.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Have a great weekend!

Ryan Wilkes
GO TEXANS
#WHSTEXANPRIDE

Dates of Interest

February 19 - No School
March 11-15 Spring Break
March 29 -- Student Holiday - No School
April 1 - Student Holiday - No School
April 6 - WHS Prom - The Videre Estate at 7:30 pm

Links to Know

[Bell Schedule](#)
[Gradebook](#)
[Sports Schedules](#)
[School Calendar](#)
[A/B Calendar](#)
[Morning Announcements](#)
[Family Portal](#)
[Buy a Yearbook](#)

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

CLASS-WIDE GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES

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

9th- Class of 2027- htozsrgs

10th- Class of 2026- tadvrww

11th- Class of 2025- bzxemwh

12th- Senior 2024- rjzlye4

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK YET?

Order through Jostens.com using the link [here](#).

Senior parents, ensure you're ordering both a yearbook and a yearbook senior ad; they're separate additions to your cart.

SENIOR PARENTS

Don't forget to BUY AND BUILD your Senior ad. We'll start FINALIZING THOSE PAGES for print in February. Directions are located [here](#).

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

CONGRATS TO COLOR GUARD

Our super-talented Color Guard got 3rd place at their first competition this past weekend at the Medina Valley/ Texas Educational Color Guard Association Winter Invitational. Way to go!



TEXAN ROOTS LESSON

Coming Soon

T	Thoughtful Decision Making
E	Each Other
X	X-FACTOR The uniqueness of each individual. The ability to understand one's own emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behavior. This includes capacities to recognize one's strengths and limitations with a well-grounded sense of confidence and purpose.
A	Achieving Goals and Aspirations
N	Neighborly

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS

DESIGN BEFORE YOU BUY.

Senior parent/guardians. The time has arrived, and graduation is right around the corner. Recognize your student with a “student recognition ad” (a SENIOR AD).

[USE THIS LINK TO BUY YOUR AD.](#)

How to Design Perfect Yearbook Ads for Seniors

Designing yearbook ads for seniors is an exciting and creative process. But at the same time, you may be having a tough time coming up with ideas for yearbook ads that express the message and emotions you want them to convey.

Luckily, Josten’s website gives you plenty of ways you could put together memorable senior yearbook ads, and there’s really no wrong way of showcasing your appreciation for the senior in your life on a yearbook dedication page.

[Click here to view our quick start guide.](#)

FAQ’s

CAN I SAVE MY PHOTOS AND TEXT AND RETURN TO COMPLETE THE AD AT A LATER DATE?

Yes, but you may not purchase your ad until it’s complete and your ad needs to be purchased before your school’s deadline which is posted on the ad designer toolbar. To access any saved work, sign into your account > click on cart > click edit

WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR UPLOADING PHOTOS?

- Must be JPEG or PNG image format (.jpg, .jpeg or .png). JPEG is recommended.
- No TIFF files, HEIC format files (iPhone only format), social media images or screenshots (they are low resolution) or watermarked images
- If uploading an image from a mobile device, please use actual image size.

- The designer will reject low-resolution images to ensure the best quality images.
- Minimum of 107 DPI (dots per inch), we recommend 300 DPI to size.
- Maximum image size 20MB
- Must be RGB or Grayscale
- If an image appears blurry or pixelated on your screen, please be aware it will print that way in the book.

WHAT IF I ONLY HAVE HEIC (IPHONE-ONLY FORMAT) IMAGES?

If you would like to use a HEIC photo, we recommend doing a web search for a "HEIC to JPEG converter" before uploading images to the designer. Once your image is converted to a JPEG, you will be able to upload this image.

I GOT AN ERROR MESSAGE STATING I EXCEEDED THE TEXT LIMIT OF THE TEXT BOX. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

The Ad Designer reduces the font size as you type to allow the maximum amount of text to fit in the allotted area. If you get a text limit message, you must use the delete or backspace key to delete some text since the font size has already been reduced as much as possible. Different fonts allow for a different number of characters so you can also try using a different font.

CAN I CHANGE MY AD SIZE AND/OR LAYOUT WITHOUT LOSING MY PHOTOS AND TEXT?

Yes. If you choose a different size and layout during your design session, your text and photos will fit into the newly selected layout without losing your work. Please be aware the photos may need to be re-positioned and cropped. **To save your ad, click the Save Draft button on the toolbar of the Ad Designer. Be sure to submit your ad before the stated deadline, after this date, your ad will be removed from our system.**

COUNSELORS Corner

DUAL CREDIT - ACC UPDATE

Wimberley HS Spring 2024 Course Schedule					
Course Name	Section	Professor	HS Room #	Days	Times
ECON 2301	026	Bucco	211	TTH	6:50am - 8:15am
ENGL 1302	140	Caton	228	MW	6:50am - 8:15am
ENGL 1302	144	Caton	228	TTH	6:50am - 8:15am
ENGL 1302	110	Beard	225	MW	6:50am - 8:15am
ENGL 1302	246	Beard	225	TTH	6:50am - 8:15am
HIST 1302	012	Biggers	210	TTH	6:50am - 8:15am
HIST 1302	053	Biggers	210	MW	6:50am - 8:15am
ONLINE - ASYN.		Pharis	403	TTH	9:50am - 11:20am
Class Start Date	Jan. 16				
Add/Drop	Jan. 16-17				
Last day to withdraw	April 22				
Class End Date	May 12				

NOTICE FOR ACT TEST - FEB.10.

ACT consolidated our testing location due to low enrollment. Check your email if you signed up for the ACT on Saturday, February 10 at Wimberley High School. You were relocated to another nearby testing center.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR FOR RISING JUNIORS

HOBY seminars bring students together across different backgrounds, cultures, and communities and help students discover a newfound sense of awareness, confidence, connection, and purpose.

HOBY seminars are proven to cultivate personal growth and inspire action. Students leave HOBY with the knowledge and passion needed to impact the world around them positively. Being a part of the HOBY community unlocks a world of opportunities and connections beyond our seminars.

See the flyer (added to the bottom of the newsletter) for more information, or [click here](#).



TEXAN NEWS YOUR *future*

SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW Scholarships Added WEEKLY!

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

BIGFUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

Enter to Win \$40,000 and \$500 Scholarships


Take steps on your dashboard to qualify for scholarships through your senior year.

[Qualify Now](#)

AUSTIN AREA GAP YEAR FAIR - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

The event will begin with a Gap Year presentation from 1-1:45 p.m. in our Chapel at St. Andrew's Episcopal School - Upper School Campus (5901 Southwest Parkway).

The fair will run from 1:45-4:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about planning a gap year and individual programs.



STUDENTS • PARENTS • EDUCATORS
ARE YOU CONSIDERING A GAP YEAR?

Gap Year Scholarships
Learn about our newest scholarships & tips for funding your gap year. Plus, connect with gap year experts, programs, & alumni.

Gain Bonus Points
Seniors attending a fair can earn a bonus point towards a \$5,000 gap year scholarship entry!

AUSTIN USA GAP YEAR FAIR
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CT
Public event hosted by:
St. Andrew's Episcopal School
5901 Southwest Parkway
Austin, TX 78735



Register today!

Don't wait to reserve your spot, as space is limited at the event.
Learn more at usagapyearfairs.org





LEADERS BUILT HERE

2024 Seminar Details

Date: June 7-9, 2024

Location: The University of Texas at Austin

Registration Fee: \$425/student

Payment Deadline: May 1, 2024

HOW TO REGISTER

1. PROMOTE THE PROGRAM

Encourage faculty and staff to recommend 10th grade students for the HOBY TXCA State Leadership seminar. If your school has sent students to HOBY in the past, consider asking them to share their experience with current sophomores. Students and faculty can learn more by visiting HOBY.org.

2. ENCOURAGE SOPHOMORES TO APPLY

Refer all interested candidates to one school contact who will orchestrate the selection process. Some suggestions for selection processes include:

- In-person interview
- Essay contest

3. SELECT YOUR SCHOOL'S AMBASSADOR(S)

Keep in mind that your selection process should not be based on students' leadership potential - not their gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or GPA. School may register up to five students, not including alternates.

4. NOMINATE SELECTED STUDENTS

Collect the student's basic information using the attached form. Then, use your HOBY school ID to access our [secure online portal](#). To nominate students, you'll only need to provide basic contact information for the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

*Tip: Messages to students' school email addresses often go to spam folder. Ask students for a personal email address that they check regularly.

5. STUDENT COMPLETES REGISTRATION

Once your school's nomination has been submitted, the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will receive a notification of the nomination and instructions for completing their registration. The student can complete the registration with their parent(s)/guardian(s); alternatively, you can complete the registration for them by clicking on the link provided.

6. PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE

Registration is finalized when payment is received. Fees can be paid by the school or by parent(s)/guardian(s).

- Pay online via ACH (preferred method)
 - [Click here](#) to pay via ACH
 - In the "What is the payment for?" field, enter the student's name and school name
- Pay online with a credit card via the link provided in the registration confirmation email
 - Pay by check. Make payable to:
Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership
PO Box 8478
Pasadena, CA 91109



ELIGIBILITY AND ATTENDANCE

Only current high school sophomores are eligible to attend. Students must be present for the entire seminar, including overnight.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Housing and meals for the duration of the seminar are included in the price of the registration fee. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the seminar.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Schools with eligible students may apply for a full or partial fee waiver on behalf of their student. Details about the scholarship application process will be available in November.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM

HOBY's Leadership Seminar curriculum follows the Social Change Model of leadership and integrates the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Throughout the weekend, ambassadors will attend presentations by motivational speakers, distinguished panelists, and community leaders. In addition, they will participate in activities and service projects designed to help them develop their personal, group, and societal leadership abilities.

OUTCOMES

HOBY ambassadors leave the seminar educated, motivated, and empowered to take action in their communities. Alumni/ae report feeling more confident in themselves, their leadership knowledge, and their leadership abilities.

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

"After countless interactive activities, panels, and creative problem solving brainstorm sessions that took place over the span of a fun filled 2 days, I emerged an even more outstanding and focused leader than ever before. HOBY instilled in me that confidence that I needed all along, it taught me how to think and motivate myself and reminded me that I can make the world a better place however and wherever I want, I can even start now! I am utterly grateful for HOBY and the mindset and opportunities it has given me."

-Devanshi K., 2020 HOBY TXCA Alumna

"Not only did I learn to become a better leader, I also learned to become a better person. This had a lasting impact on my life and I changed as a person. I didn't notice it at first but everyone I know noticed the change immediately. Instead of choosing to sit in the back, I would sit in the first row. Instead of shying away from questions, I began to be the first to raise a hand. I now look forward to charity events or my volunteering hours. I owe it all to HOBY. And it's not just me. I had a couple of close friends at my school who were ambassadors as well. Each one of them said it changed their lives and that they would love to do it all over again."

-Chris T., 2019 HOBY TXCA Alumnus

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

WIMBERLEY CIVIC CLUB

- December 16th 8:30-11:30: Breakfast with Santa Volunteers Needed
- Teen or Adult Opportunity
- Contact: mrsfrench3@gmail.com

HILL COUNTRY WOMENS HEALTH COLLECTIVE

- January 20th, 2024 9-2pm: Community Baby Shower + Womens Health Fair Volunteers Needed
- Teen or Adult Opportunity
- Contact: admin@hcwhc.org

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

WIMBERLEY VALLEY ART LEAGUE

- December 11th 5:30-8pm: Holiday Party Volunteers Needed
- Teen, Family, or Adult Opportunity
- Contact: Jan.Fitzhugh@outlook.com

WIMBERLEY PLAYERS

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

BARNABAS GIVING TUESDAY WORKDAY

- 9-4 on November 28, 2023 at Barnabas office (101 W. Spoke Hollow Drive)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- Starting house #23

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!

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
150 Dry Cypress Ranch Rd, Wimberley, Tx, 78676
408-781-6288
dirtcandyfarmtx@gmail.com
www.dirtcandyfarm.com