



# TEXAN NEWS

## Wimberley High School



### Message from Principal Wilkes

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a great year in 2024, as I am sure you are too. The first full week of the spring semester is complete, and as a parent of a senior, I don't like to think about how fast the spring semester flies by. Basketball and Soccer are well into their seasons, and we have had students already competing at the State level in the new year. Congratulations to Texan Band. We had 8 band members compete at the Regional Competition, with Senior Adrian Atkins qualifying for the 2024 ATSSB All-State Band. Texan Cheer finished 10th at the UIL Spirit State Championships this past weekend. The finish is the best ever for WHS. This week, three students from Speech and Debate competed at the UIL State Congress Debate where the finalists debated at the State Capitol. Congrats to Josh Bober, Kathryn McKinney, and Gage Trudeau on their accomplishments.

It will not be long until students register for next year's classes. Several important dates are coming soon about SAT, ACT, and TSI out of the counseling offices, so please stay tuned for that information. Every week will hold something new, and I urge you not to procrastinate. Stay on top of your academics by going to tutorials, turning in your work, and communicating with your teachers. It is also important that you enjoy the moment and do not take it for granted, especially seniors and parents of seniors.

Lastly, Monday the 15th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and we typically make this a day of service where our various student organizations come together for a district-wide campus clean-up. It will be postponed this year due to the extreme cold forecasted for Monday.

Keep up the great work, and stay warm!

Ryan Wilkes  
GO TEXANS  
#WHSTEXANPRIDE

### Dates of Interest

**January 15** - Student Holiday - No School  
**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 **#WHTexanPride**

[@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- htozsgs

10th- Class of 2026- tadrvvw

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, make sure you're ordering both a yearbook and a yearbook senior ad for your student.

## 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](mailto: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

## ATSSB ALL-STATE

The Texan Band was very successful in the ATSSB All-State audition process. Every student that took part in this audition process represented Wimberley High School and the Texan Band very well. We had 30 students audition back in December for the all-region band held at Smithville High School. Out of those students the following students were selected for 3 levels of region band.

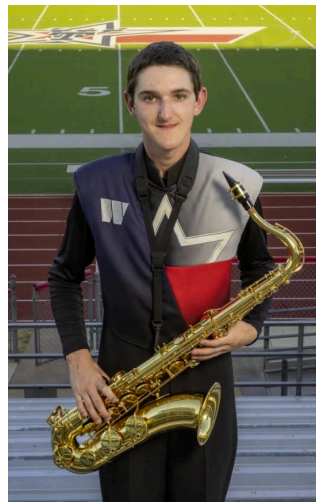
Wind Ensemble- Adrian Atkins, Avery Knight, Juan Lopez, Hyatt Romp, Marco Perez and Isaiah Carrera

Symphonic Band- Zara Facio, Jade Serrato, Amy Juarez, Sebastian Rodriguez, Joel Carrasco, Alex Caldwell and Angelica Young

Concert Band- Brynn Galpin, Shelby Logan, Samson Weaver, Jennifer Lopez, Joshua Stratton, Sydney Cross, Noah Ramirez, Bennet Youns, Desi Cross, Luis Martinez and Pete Myers

The following students placed high enough in their sections to be selected for the Area level of competition which took place this past weekend at Robinson High School. The Area competition takes 4A students from all over central Texas and they audition for 1-2 spots per instrument.

Adrian Atkins, Avery Knight, Juan Lopez, Jade Serrato, Hyatt Romp, Sebastian Rodriguez, Joel Carrasco and Marco Perez.



This year Adrian Atkins was selected for placement in the Texas Small School All-State Band by placing first on his instrument. He is 1 of 5 students in the state to be selected for his instrument. Congratulations Adrian.

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## WHS CHEER - TOP 10 UIL STATE FINALISTS

Our Wimberley High School cheerleaders are **TOP 10 UIL STATE FINALISTS**, placing 10th out of 54 teams (4A D2 division)

This team has been together every day since July 24- cheering for football (all the way to state semifinals), volleyball (all the way to the regional playoffs), cheering at basketball games, pep rallies, been at community events, practicing for UIL state competition, and HOURS of practices together. This is the 2nd time Wimberley cheer has ever made finals (the last time was in 2022, when they placed 18th)

This is the 1st team to ever place top 10 coming out of Wimberley. I am extremely proud of these athletes and I am extremely proud to be a Texan!

Way to go ladies.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

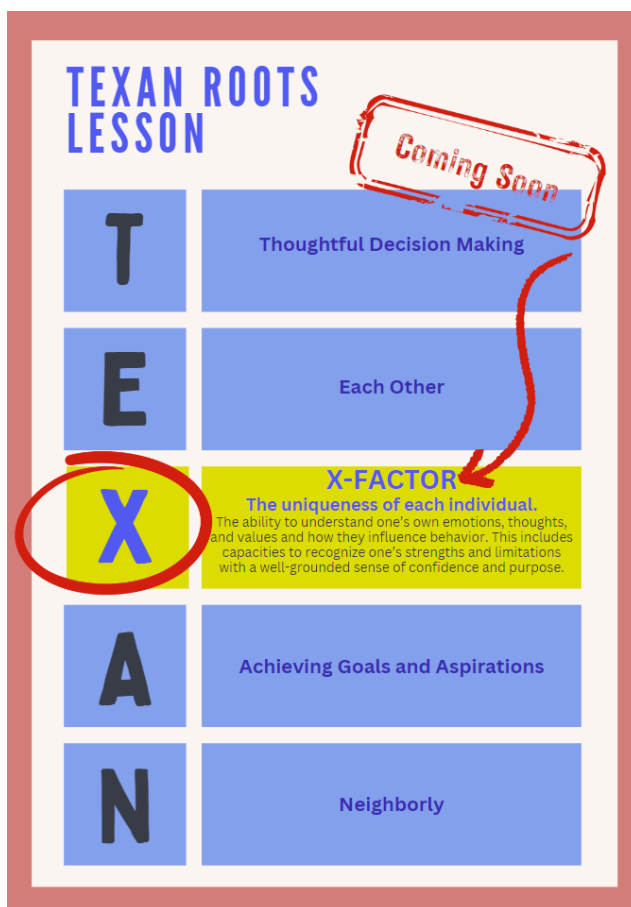
Seniors: Maddie Aylor, Faith Simmons, Paige Merriman, Risa Espinoza & Olivia Wilson

Juniors: Finley White, Sarah Bieter, Avery Tedrick, Madi Hess, Clarabow Rihn, Hadley Strickland, Lydia Krause & Jill Kiowski

Sophomores: Whitlee Leonard, Sophia Veriato, Sadie Osterhues, Camille Chavez, Carolina Manes, Brooklyn Bursiel, Anna Ripp & Addie Calkins

Freshman: Gracie Colyer, Quinn Jennings, Carlisle Carter & Ava Lee

Coaches: Coach K & Mrs. A





## 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 Carner

## 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				

## 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](#).



# GIFT VOUCHER

**VALUE**  
**\$5.00**

As your counselor, I'm here to help you connect your hard work today with your dreams for tomorrow. As 2023 draws to a close and 2024 begins, here's a new year gift from me to you to help you along your journey: a \$5 voucher to use towards registration for any February, April, June, or July 2024 ACT test date. This voucher is available until January 22, 2024 — check out all the details below. Let's make your dreams a reality!

**Voucher Code: FEB-NAT-PVO-FF**

Warm wishes,  
Your High School Counselor

**How do I use the voucher code?**

Enter the voucher code provided during the checkout process on MyACT to receive \$5 off a new ACT registration. This code cannot be combined with any other promotional offers, discounts, or be redeemed for cash or credit.

**What if I've already registered?**

If you have already registered for an ACT test, you can use this code to receive \$5 off an ACT test registration for the February, April, June, or July 2024 test dates.

**How long is the voucher code valid?**

The voucher code must be redeemed by the time the extended February ACT registration closes on January 22 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

**Can the voucher code be used for any ACT test date?**

The voucher code is valid for the February, April, June, or July 2024 ACT test dates.

[act.org/register](https://act.org/register)

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# 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.

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### 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](https://usagapyearfairs.org)



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## 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 [HOB.org](https://HOB.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

## MINI EQUINE 2 U

- 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

## LT CUSTOM FRAMING

Looking for part-time help with putting together frames, cutting mats, cutting glass, and other misc jobs in the workshop in the back area. Also, if you are interested in color design can help customers pick out colors and designs for their pieces. Fun environment if you love the artwork.

Contact Lorrie at [ltcustom@verizon.net](mailto:ltcustom@verizon.net) if interested.