



Parent Newsletter

December 2021

LION PRIDE RUNS DEEP!

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From the Desk of Lisa Saxenian, WHS Principal



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Dear Waco High Lion Family,

Can you believe it is already December? It seems as though the time is flying by! We are on a roll at Waco High finishing up a week of EOC testing, getting ready for finals, and anticipating our holiday break. Hopefully, during this season, you will have the opportunity to rest and spend some quality time with loved ones.

This past week we had a number of social media posts that caused the circulation of rumors that were investigated and found to have no credibility. We want to thank all of our families for their continued support. We also want to thank our staff and our Waco ISD police for working together on communication and ensuring the safety of our students.

The break is approaching and I want to share some reminders for the spring semester. Masks and IDs are required to be worn daily. School starts at 8:30 a.m., and it is important that your child is here every day and in class by 8:30 a.m. each day. When students are not here and are late, they are losing valuable instruction time and risking the possibility of losing credits.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Waco High School. Students will resume classes on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Happy Holidays!!! **Lion Pride Runs Deep!**

Lisa Saxenian,

Waco High School Principal

Counselor's Corner

December 17th is the last day of the semester and we return to school on January 4th. We've had a busy fall semester and are ready to recharge and start the second semester off right!

Holiday break is a great time for our seniors to finish their FAFSA, if they have not already. Juniors can use the time to start researching colleges and do virtual tours via college websites. We hope that everyone has a good holiday.

While are away if student is in crisis please utilize the resource below:

If you or someone you know is in a crisis please text The Crisis Textline @ 741741 or call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255

Cohort 2022/12th grade Counselor Maria Diaz, mariad.diaz@wacoisd.org	Cohort 2023/ 11th grade Counselor Lyssa Davoust, lyssa.davoust@wacoisd.org
Cohort 2024/ 10th grade Counselor Kristeen Williams, kristeen.williams@wacoisd.org	Cohort 2025/ 9th grade Counselor Jessica Burr, jessica.burr@wacoisd.org
Cohort 2024/2025 Counselor LouAnna Arterburn, louanna.arterburn@wacoisd.org	Accelerate/Lead Counselor Cindy Cates, cindy.cates@wacoisd.org
College, Career, Military and Dual Credit Specialist Alfred Freeman, alfred.freeman@wacoisd.org	Student Service Assistant Nina Evans, nina.evans@wacoisd.org

Pictures of Waco High Student Council working with the Marines at Toys for Tots. Also the Student Council and the Interact Club at the KWTX Food For Families. Interact Club volunteering at Caritas with Congressman Pete Sessions.



LION'S HEART IS NOW OPEN!!!



LION'S HEART IS OUR ON-CAMPUS PANTRY THAT IS DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE IN NEED OF FOOD, CLOTHING, AND BLANKETS!!

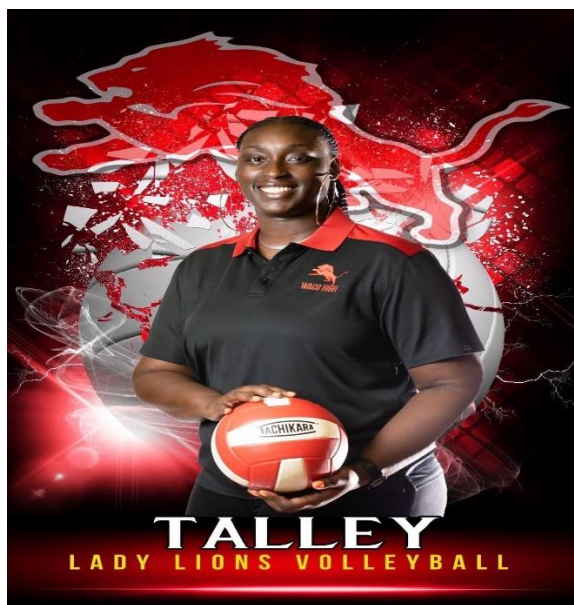
Mobile Food Pantry Was A Huge Success!! Our partnership with Shepherd's Heart to provide our WHS students and families a mobile food pantry was a huge success. We all came together to serve our community in a special way. The Mobile Food Pantry will be here for our school every first Thursday of the month in the Lion's Den Parking Lot from 3:00-4:00p.m



Important Dates to Remember:

- ✓ ***December 15-17- Final Exams***
 - ✓ ***December 17- Early Release***
 - ✓ ***January 3rd- Staff PD/ Workday- Student Holiday***
 - ✓ ***January 4, 2022- Classes Resume***
 - ✓ ***January 8, 2022- Saturday School 9:00-12:00***
 - ✓ ***January 17, 2022- MLK day- Student/ Staff Holiday***
 - ✓ ***January 22, 2022- Saturday School 9:00-12:00***
 - ✓ ***January 27, 2022- Goldbeck Senior Class Pic at 9:45 (One time pic for Seniors)***
 - ✓ ***January 31, 2022- CDMC Meeting at 5:00p.m.***
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WHS CTE December Teacher Spotlight Kaylan Talley **WHS CTE December Student of the Month James Johnson**





The Pride of Waco 2021-2022

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



Date	Opponent	Location	Freshman	JV	Varsity
11/6 – Sat	Bryan (Scrimmage)	Home			11:00
11/12 – Fri	Killeen Shoemaker	Killeen	5:00	5:30	7:00
11/16 – Tues	Aledo	Home	5:00	5:30	7:00
11/19 – Fri	Killeen	Home	5:00	5:30	7:00
11/22 – Mon	Belton	Home	11:00	11:00	12:30
11/23-Tues	University	Home	4:00	5:15	6:30
12/2-4 (Thu-Sat)	Waco ISD Tournament		TBA	TBA	
12/7 – Tues	Del Valle	Home	5:15	5:15	7:00
12/9-11(Thurs- Sat)	FORNEY ISD WINTER CLASSIC				TBA
12/13 – Mon	Copperas cove	Copperas cove	5:00	5:30	7:00
12/17-Fri	Arlington Martin	Home	1:00	1:00	2:30
12/18 – Sat	Bryan Rudder	Home	12:00	1:30	3:00
12/21 – Tues	Mansfield	Home	4:30	6:00	7:30
12/27-30 (Mon-Wed)	M.T. Rice	Midway			TBA
12/27-30 Mon-Wed)	Arlington Bowie Tournament		TBA	TBA	
1/4 – Tues	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/7 – Fri	Desoto	Desoto	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/11 – Tues	Midway	Home	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/14 – Fri	Lake Ridge	Lake Ridge	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/18 – Tues	Waxahachie	Home	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/21 – Fri	Duncanville	Duncanville	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/25 – Tues	Mansfield	Mansfield	4:30	6:00	7:30
1/28 -Fri	Cedar Hill	Home	4:30	6:00	7:30
2/1 – Tues	Desoto	Home	4:30	6:00	7:30
2/4 – Fri	Midway	Midway	4:30	6:00	7:30
2/8 – Tues	Lake ridge	Home	4:30	6:00	7:30
2/11 – Fri	Waxahachie	Waxahachie	4:30	6:00	7:30
2/15 – Tues	Duncanville	Home	4:30	6:00	7:30
Feb 17-18	Bi-District Playoff				TBA
Feb 20-22	Area playoff				TBA
Feb 24-25	Regional quarter finals				TBA
Feb 28-29	Regional quarter				TBA
Mar 5-7	State tournament				TBA
	Junior High Night	Jan 11			
	Booster Club Night	Jan 18			
	Teacher Appreciation Night	Jan 28			
	Senior night	Feb 8			

Earl Farley, Head Coach
 Grant Smith, Varsity Assistant Coach
 Andre LaTouche, JV Coach
 Eric Olivarez, Freshman Coach

Linden Heldt, Campus Coordinator
 Ed Love, Athletic Director
 Dr. Susan Kincannon, WISD Superintendent

Waco High 2021 Girl Basketball Schedule

WACO HIGH LADY LIONS BASKETBALL

2021-2022

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	9TH	JV	VAR
Nov. 2 nd	Richland (Scrimmage)	Richland	5:00	5:00	5:00
Nov. 5 th	Ellison	Ellison	5:00	5:00	6:30
<u>Nov. 8th</u>	<u>Cedar Park</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>5:30</u>	<u>5:30</u>	<u>7:00</u>
Nov. 11 th -13 th	NISD Classic	Eaton			TBA
Nov. 11 th -13 th	Midway Tournament	Midway	TBA	TBA	
Nov. 16 th	Austin High	Austin	5:00	5:00	6:30
<u>Nov. 22nd</u>	<u>Westwood</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>1:45</u>	<u>12:15</u>	<u>2:00</u>
<u>Nov. 23rd</u>	<u>Copperas Cove</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>12:30</u>
Nov. 30 th	Mansfield Legacy	Mansfield	5:00	5:30	6:30
Dec. 2 nd - 4 th	Shoemaker Tournament	Shoemaker			TBA
Dec. 2 nd - 4 th	Waco ISD Tournament	Waco	TBA	TBA	
Dec. 6 th	Mesquite	Mesquite	5:30	5:30	7:00
Dec. 14 th	Waxahachie	Waxahachie	5:00	5:00	6:30
<u>Dec. 17th</u>	<u>Duncanville</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>5:00</u>	<u>5:00</u>	<u>6:30</u>
<u>Dec. 21st</u>	<u>Mansfield</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Dec. 28 th -30 th	MT Rice Tourney	Midway			TBA
Jan. 4 th	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill	7:30	7:30	6:00
Jan. 7 th	Desoto	Desoto	7:30	7:30	6:00
<u>Jan. 11th</u>	<u>+Midway+</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Jan. 14 th	Lake Ridge	Lake Ridge	7:30	7:30	6:00
<u>Jan. 18th</u>	<u><Waxahachie></u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Jan. 21 st	Duncanville	Duncanville	7:30	7:30	6:00
Jan. 25 th	Mansfield	Mansfield	7:30	7:30	6:00
<u>Jan. 28th</u>	<u>*Cedar Hill*</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
<u>Feb. 1st</u>	<u>Desoto</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Feb. 4 th	Midway	Midway	7:45	4:30	6:00
<u>Feb. 8th</u>	<u>**Lake Ridge**</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>

Head Coach: Robert Garcia
Varsity Asst.: Porsha Roberts
J.V. Coach: Jeff Shavers
9th Coach: Savannah Shavers
Athletic Trainer: Jazzlyn Roberson

Superintendent: Susan Kincannon
Athletic Director: Ed Love
Principal: Lisa Saxenian
Campus Coordinator: Linden Heldt

<Booster Club Appreciation>
+Future Waco Lion/Lady Lions+
Faculty/Staff Appreciation
Senior Night

#TOUGHTOGETHER

2021-2022 Fall & Spring Semester Final Exam Schedule

	Wednesday, December 15, 2021			Thursday, December 16, 2021			Friday, December 17, 2021		
	Monday, May 23, 2022			Tuesday, May 24, 2022			Wednesday, May 25, 2022		
8:30 - 9:15	1 Class			Final 3			Final 1		
9:20 - 10:10	2 Class								
10:15 - 11:00	3 Class			Final 4			Final 2		
11:05 - 11:35	A Lunch	4 Class	4 Class	A Lunch	Final 4	Final 4			
11:35 - 12:05	4 Class	B Lunch		Final 4	B Lunch				
12:10 - 12:40		4 Class	4 Class	C Lunch	Final 4	C Lunch	Lunch on Release		
12:45 - 2:20	Final 5			Final 7					
2:25 - 4:00	Final 6			Final 8					

WHS Parents: Please follow us on the different social media platforms listed below. This will keep you informed about what is happening at the school. Also be on the lookout for our Empowering Parent Meetings that will keep you informed and offer community outreach.

“Please join the PTSA”- Now is the time to join the Waco High PTSA! This year there is the option to join online @ www.joinpta.org. You'll select Waco ISD and then Waco High from the drop-down box. The total is \$11.50 (\$10 dues, \$1.50 processing fee). We encourage all to join PTSA to assist our Lions with their annual PTSA scholarship. Last year our PTSA awarded \$7,000 in scholarships!

-Facebook- www.facebook.com/WacoHighSchool

- Twitter- www.twitter.com/wacohighschool or @wacohighschool

-Website- www.wacoisd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=61

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns during these trying times. Please stay safe!!!!

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