



# Parent Newsletter

November  
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,

November is a time for us to be thankful for our blessings. This special time of year also gives us the opportunity to give back to our community. Waco High is participating in the KWTX Food for Families Food Drive starting today through November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Waco High School's annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming parents to eat with their student.

Please make sure you are contacting teachers and counselors with questions about your student's academics.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Waco High School. **Lion Pride Runs Deep!**

Lisa Saxenian  
Waco High School Principal

## *Counselor's Corner*

### Attendance Matters

The 2nd 6 weeks is almost complete and all grades due on Friday, November 5th. Report cards will be available for viewing in the Parent Portal the week of November 8th. If you do not have access to Parent Portal, you can call/email our registrar for access at: 254-776-1150 ext. 7577/7595. Parent Portal is a great resource for all parents, and we encourage you to sign up and log in weekly to view your student's grades/attendance/information. You can visit the district website for more information @ <https://www.wacoisd.org/parentportal>. Report cards will be mailed home the week of November 8th as well.

It is important to understand that for students to receive credit for their classes they must pass each class with a 70% or higher for the semester (1st, 2nd, 3rd 6 weeks plus final exam averaged) **AND** meet attendance requirements set forth by the TEA. Grades and Attendance matter for graduation and students must have the required number of credits in order to be eligible for the next grade level and graduation. Each WISD semester class is worth 0.5 credit and a full year of passing grades/attendance equals 1.0 credit. Below is the requirement for grade level placement:

10th- 6 credits

11th- 12 credits

12th- 18 credits

**Texas High School Graduate- 26 credits and 5 STAAR EOCs passed**

The WHS counseling team has enjoyed working with many students and parents this semester. We are available to meet with students by request via the "2022 Request to see your WHS School Counselor" button on the home screen of WHS computers. We are also in the cafeteria for all lunches each Friday. Each cohort also has a class in Canvas and school announcements are posted in that class. This is especially important for **SENIORS**, as all scholarship and college information is posted on the 2021 cohort Canvas page. If a student needs to be added to their cohort Canvas class, they should email their counselor as soon as possible. Please follow our announcements on Instagram #wacohscounselors.

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

## MESSAGES FOR WHS SENIORS



- ❖ Our next FAFSA Nights will be held from 5:30p.m.-7:00p.m. in the Library/College Lab and Cafeteria on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ ASVAB Testing- November 2<sup>nd</sup>- 9:00 AM- PAC  
(ASVAB is a multiple battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occasional success in the military).

***Attention To All of Our Families!! This is for YOU!!!***

**Shepherd's  
Heart Mobile  
Pantry**

Harrison Center Parking Lot  
(Next to Lion's Den)  
1718 N 42nd St  
Waco, Texas 76710

Thursday, November 4th  
3:00 PM-4:00 PM



Partnered with Waco High

The image features a green Volkswagen Beetle car on the left and a cardboard box on the right. The box is filled with various items including a red apple, a blue container of Quaker Oats, an orange, and a purple bag. The words "ALL WELCOME" are printed on the side of the box.

## ***Important Dates to Remember:***

- ✓ ***November 2<sup>nd</sup>- Election Day***
- ✓ ***November 4<sup>th</sup> – Shepherd’s Heart Mobile Pantry***
- ✓ ***November 4-6 & Nov. 7- Shrek Musical (Flyer attached)***
- ✓ ***November 6- Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)***
- ✓ ***November 10<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Lunch during all lunch periods- Parents are invited to eat lunch with their child.***
- ✓ ***November 10<sup>th</sup>- Herff Jones-Junior Class Ring Presentation (3<sup>rd</sup> period)***
- ✓ ***November 10<sup>th</sup>-FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)- Fields of Faith in the gym from 6:30-8:00***
- ✓ ***November 11<sup>th</sup>- Veteran’s Day***
- ✓ ***November 11<sup>th</sup>-Smart Choices Presentation will be held in PAC for freshmen only.***
- ✓ ***November 11<sup>th</sup>- FAFSA Night 5:30-7:00***
- ✓ ***November 16<sup>th</sup>- Herff Jones Parent Night- order class rings from 4:00-6:00 in the Front Foyer.***
- ✓ ***November 17<sup>th</sup>- Herff Jones will take orders for class rings from 11:00-12:30 in the Front Foyer.***
- ✓ ***November 19<sup>th</sup>- Early Release***
- ✓ ***November 22<sup>nd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Break***

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## **WIN Program-**

### **Saturday School STAAR Tutoring + Credit Recovery**

**Retesting for:**  
English I, English II  
Biology  
Algebra I  
US History

**9th grade RTI tutorials -**  
English I, Biology, SS,  
Algebra I


**Nov 6 & Dec 4 - 9-12pm**

## WHS Band News

Congratulations to the Waco High Band for their performance at the UIL contest. They received a 1, the highest possible rating, and will advance to Area.



## WHS Theater News -Come Join Our Theater Department!!!!


  
**SHREK**  
 THE  
**MUSICAL**  
Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

**Book and Lyrics by**                      **Music by**  
**David Lindsay-Abaire**                      **Jeanine Tesori**

Originally produced on Broadway by  
 DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street  
 Productions

**November 4th – 6th at 7 pm**  
**November 7th at 2:30 pm**  
 Waco High School  
 Richfield Performance Arts Center

Tickets exclusively  
 online



\$10 Students, Teachers,  
 Military, Seniors  
 \$15 General Admission



2021-2022

The Pride of Waco



## 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 <sup>nd</sup>	Richland (Scrimmage)	Richland	5:00	5:00	5:00
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ellison	Ellison	5:00	5:00	6:30
<u>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Cedar Park</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>5:30</u>	<u>5:30</u>	<u>7:00</u>
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	NISD Classic	Eaton			TBA
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Midway Tournament	Midway	TBA	TBA	
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Austin High	Austin	5:00	5:00	6:30
<u>Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Westwood</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>1:45</u>	<u>12:15</u>	<u>2:00</u>
<u>Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>Copperas Cove</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>12:30</u>
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield Legacy	Mansfield	5:00	5:30	6:30
Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Shoemaker Tournament	Shoemaker			TBA
Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Waco ISD Tournament	Waco	TBA	TBA	
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mesquite	Mesquite	5:30	5:30	7:00
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Waxahachie</b>	<b>Waxahachie</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>6:30</b>
<u>Dec. 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Duncanville</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>5:00</u>	<u>5:00</u>	<u>6:30</u>
<u>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Mansfield</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	MT Rice Tourney	Midway			TBA
Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cedar Hill</b>	<b>Cedar Hill</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>6:00</b>
Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Desoto</b>	<b>Desoto</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<u>Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>+Midway+</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lake Ridge</b>	<b>Lake Ridge</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<u>Jan. 18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>&lt;Waxahachie&gt;</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Duncanville</b>	<b>Duncanville</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>6:00</b>
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<u>Jan. 28<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>*Cedar Hill*</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
<u>Feb. 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Desoto</u>	<u>Waco</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>7:30</u>	<u>6:00</u>
Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Midway</b>	<b>Midway</b>	<b>7:45</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>6:00</b>
<u>Feb. 8<sup>th</sup></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  
9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/WacoHighSchool)

- Twitter- [www.twitter.com/wacohighschool](http://www.twitter.com/wacohighschool) or @wacohighschool

-Website- [www.wacoisd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=61](http://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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