



Parent Newsletter

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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,

Fall is here! WHS has been up and running. The first six weeks has already concluded. We have been busy hosting Open House, Athletic Events, and NHS Induction. It's been fun seeing old faces and meeting new faces.

Don't forget to check the **Important Dates** section for upcoming events.

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

I look forward to coming together and investing in the future as we continue the Waco High traditions. **Lion Pride Runs Deep!**

Lisa Saxenian
Waco High School Principal

Counselor's Corner

Attendance Matters

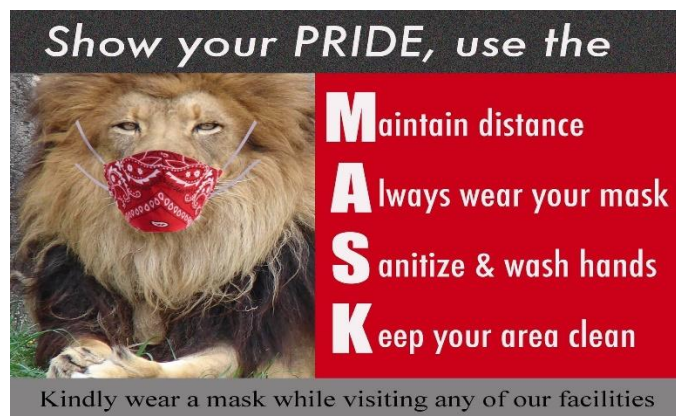
The school year is off to a great start, and we're already at the beginning of the 2nd 6 weeks! It is critical that your students are on time and in class each day. Waco High start time is **8:30**, and there are consequences for those who continually come in late, including lunch and after-school detention. If a student is more than 10 minutes late to any class, they are absent from that class, not just tardy.

This semester a student can have only **7 absences** to receive credit for a passing grade (spring semester it is 9). Please note that in high school, attendance is for each period and each period is its own set of absences. If your student has between 8-19 absences (in a period), they will not earn their credit and they will have to complete attendance recovery to earn that credit back (Saturday School). If your student goes over **20 absences**, the *credit is lost and cannot be earned*. This is state law! Even if your student has a 100% grade in a class, if they have over 19 absences, they will have to retake the course. Attendance is key to being a successful student and there is no remote school option at this time. If you have any questions about your student's attendance, please sign up for Parent Portal @ <https://www.wacoisd.org/Page/4222>. There are instructions on the website for signing up. You can sign up to get alerts on your phone when your student is absent in a class as well as check your student's grades. We encourage all parents and students to sign up!

If your student is out for Covid, or quarantined for close contact, it is the responsibility of the student to contact their teachers to let them know. A student will have the same number of days that they are absent to recover their work upon their return.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's counselor.~

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



MESSAGES FOR WHS SENIORS



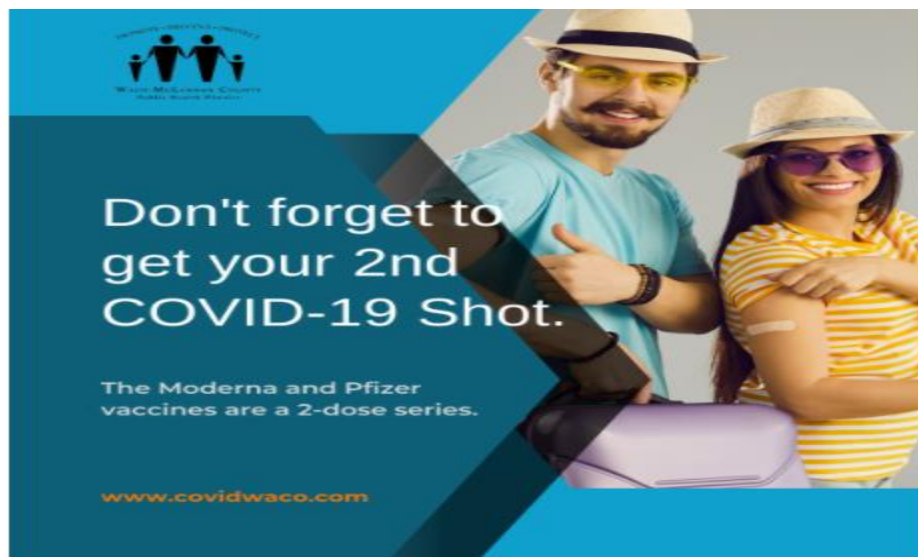
- ❖ Multiple FAFSA Nights will be held from 5:30p.m.-7:00p.m. in the Library/College Lab and Cafeteria on Oct. 7th, Oct. 28th, Nov. 11th, and Dec. 9th

COVID-19: Don't Forget Your Second Dose

The Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines are based on a two-dose regimen. People who receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine should get their second dose 21 days after the first ones. A follow-up Moderna vaccine should be administered 28 days after the initial dose. It's important to get both doses of these vaccines. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is the only one that is a single-dose vaccine.

Why is a second shot needed?

Vaccines are intended to hardwire your immune system's memory so it can create a rapid, targeted and durable response by antibodies and T-cells to an invading virus. The second dose provides the immune system with advanced "training" to make better antibodies.



Important Dates to Remember:

- ✓ ***October 7th - FAFSA Night 5:30-7:00***
- ✓ ***October 11th - Columbus Day (Student & Staff Holiday)***
- ✓ ***October 13th - PSAT for 9th Graders***
- ✓ ***October 13th - National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) for 11th Graders***
- ✓ ***October 19th & 20th – Underclassmen School Pictures***
- ✓ ***October 21st & 22nd - Carter BloodCare Drive sponsored by the Interact Club***
- ✓ ***October 25th - CDMC Meeting @ 5:00 Rm. 111***
- ✓ ***October 28th - FAFSA Night 5:30-7:00***
- ✓ ***October 25th - 29th - Red Ribbon Week***
- ✓ ***October 31st - Happy Halloween!!!***
- ✓ ***November 2nd - Election Day***
- ✓ ***November 11th - Veteran's Day***
- ✓ ***November 15th - National Boss's Day***
- ✓ ***November 22nd - 26th - Thanksgiving Break***

WIN Program- WIN time is well underway, and we are seeing great things from students and teachers alike in Reading Plus! We have ten top students who have completed the most reading lessons. They are: Juan Dominguez with 32 lessons, Camila Jimenez-Perez, Denicia Scott, Luis Delacruz, Audrey Gutierrez, Heaven Ansbeck with 29 lessons, Isabell Prnka with 27 lessons, Rafael Jaimez with 26 lessons, Rachel Garcia Monrial with 25 lessons, and Eliannie Alejandro-Metz with 23 lessons completed. Ms. Ramirez, our librarian, is working on finding some great incentives for these young readers.

We also have some 4th period classes that will be awarded with cupcakes donated by Chip and Joanna from Magnolia because the class as a whole has read the most words on campus. Congratulations to Mr. Schutze for his class reading 74,977 words, Mr. Marks for his class reading 47,243 words, and Mrs. Winter for her class reading 47,217. Although these three won our school contest this 6 weeks, we have many more teachers and students that are doing great and working hard in the Reading Plus program. We are excited to see lots of growth from our students this year!



Waco High School "Start On Time Schedule"



Waco High 2021 Football Schedule

WACO HIGH

2021 FOOTBALL

20 AUG	WACO UNIVERSITY WACO ISD STADIUM 10:00 AM
27 AUG	@ WEST MESQUITE HANDY/MESQUITE MEMORIAL 7:00 PM
03 SEP	HUTTO *TUSA NIGHT WACO ISD STADIUM 7:00 PM
09 SEP	KILLEEN ** YOUTH FOOTBALL NIGHT WACO ISD STADIUM 7:00 PM
17 SEP	MANSFIELD *** HOMECOMING WACO ISD STADIUM 7:30 PM
24 SEP	@ CEDAR HILL LONGHORN STADIUM 7:30 PM
08 OCT	@ DESOTO EAGLE STADIUM 7:00 PM
15 OCT	WACO MIDWAY WACO ISD STADIUM 7:30 PM
22 OCT	@ MANSFIELD LAKE RIDGE VERNON NEWSON/R.L.ANDERSON 7:30 PM
29 OCT	WAXAHACHIE **** SENIOR NIGHT WACO ISD STADIUM 7:30 PM
04 NOV	@ DUNCANVILLE PANTHER STADIUM 7:00 PM

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Waco High 2021 Volleyball Schedule



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2021

Waco High Lady Lion's Schedule

@Crowley 8/6
 9th – 10:00
 JV – 10:00
 Varsity – 10:00

@Copperas Cove 8/7
 9th – TBA
 JV – TBA
 Varsity – TBA

@Temple 8/10
 9th – 5:30
 JV – 5:30
 Varsity – 6:30

@Killeen 8/13
 9th – 5:00
 JV – 6:00
 Varsity – 7:00

Bryan Rudder 8/17
 9th – 5:00
 JV – 5:00
 Varsity – 6:00

@Copperas Cove 8/24
 9th – 5:30
 JV – 5:30
 Varsity – 6:30

University 8/27
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

@Killeen Ellison 8/31
 9th – 5:00
 JV – 5:00
 Varsity – 6:00

@Harker Heights 9/3
 9th – 5:30
 JV – 5:30
 Varsity – 6:30

Round Rock McNeil 9/7
 9th – 5:30
 JV – 5:30
 Varsity – 6:30

@Waxahachie 9/10
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Desoto 9/14
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Mansfield 9/17
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

@Midway 9/21
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

@Cedar Hill 9/24
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Lake Ridge 9/28
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Duncanville 10/01
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Waxahachie 10/05
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

@Desoto 10/08
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

@Mansfield 10/12
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Midway 10/15
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Cedar Hill 10/19
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

@Lake Ridge 10/22
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

@Duncanville 10/26
 9th – 6:30
 JV – 6:30
 Varsity – 5:30

Head Coach: Korae Crain
Assistant Coaches: Kaylan Talley, Brittany Hawkins, Jeff Shavers & Porsha Roberts
WHS Campus Coordinator: Linden Heldt | WHS Athletic Trainer: Jazzlyn Robertson
WHS Principal: Lisa Saxenlan | WISD Athletic Director: Ed Love
WISD Superintendent: Susan Kincannon

Waco High 2021 Tennis Schedule



Waco High JV Tennis Schedule

2021 Fall JV Schedule
District 11-6A

DATE	OPPONENT AND LOCATION	TIME
8/26/21	@ Mansfield	4:00 pm
9/2/21	vs. Cedar Hill, @ Waco Regional	3:30 pm
9/9/21	vs. DeSoto, @ Waco Regional	3:30 pm
9/16/21	vs. Midway, @ Waco Regional	3:30 pm
9/23/21	vs. Lake Ridge, @ Waco Regional	3:30 pm
9/30/21	@ Waxahachie	4:00 pm
10/7/21	vs. Duncanville, @ Waco Regional	3:30 pm



Waco High Lions Varsity Tennis

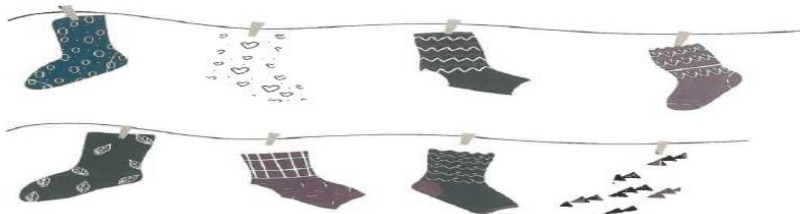
2021 Fall Schedule
District 11-6A

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/11/21	Killeen Ellison	Ellison HS	4:00 pm
8/13/21	Bryan Rudder	Rudder HS	9:00 am
8/13/21	Bryan	Bryan HS	12:00 pm
8/16/21	Temple	Waco Regional	9:00 am
8/16/21	Copperas Cove	Waco Regional	12:00 pm
8/20/21	Killeen	Baylor Hurd Tennis Center	4:00 pm
8/25/21	• Mansfield	Waco Regional	3:30 pm
8/27/21	Harker Heights	Waco Regional	4:00 pm
8/31/21	• Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill HS	4:00 pm
9/3/21	University	Waco Regional	4:00 pm
9/7/21	• DeSoto	Waco Regional	3:30 pm
9/14/21	• Midway	Midway HS	4:00 pm
9/21/21	• Mansfield Lake Ridge	Lake Ridge HS	4:00 pm
9/28/21	• Waxahachie	Waco Regional	3:30 pm
10/5/21	• Duncanville	Duncanville HS	4:00 pm
10/11 - 10/12	Bi-District Playoffs	TBD	TBD

• = District Match

Head Coach: Tim Mason
Assistant Coach: Anna Noland
Athletic Director: Edward Love
Athletic Coordinator: Linden Heldt
Principal: Lisa Saxenian





Socktober is Here !

Ms. Gaines' Family Community Service Class is collecting socks for the homeless for the month of October.

Please bring a pair of socks or a bundle of socks for adults, youth and babies. You can drop them off in Rm 248 .

Thank You in advance.

Donations will be given to Compassion Ministries.

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 PTA to assist our Lions with their annual PTA scholarship. Last year our PTA 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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