

Thursday, 12/19

TEXAN NEWS

Wimberley High School

MESSAGE FROM MR. WILKES

As we wrap up midterms and approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support throughout this semester. Your involvement and partnership have been invaluable in ensuring our students have had the tools and encouragement they need to succeed. We've seen growth, resilience, and hard work from all our students, and it's because of the collaborative efforts between home, community, and school.

I hope you all have a restful, safe, and blessed time with your loved ones. We look forward to seeing everyone back in January, refreshed and ready for the second half of the school year.

Thank you again, and I wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season!

Go Texans!

Ryan Wilkes
GO TEXANS
#WHSTEXANPRIDE

DATES OF INTEREST

December 20 - January 6 - Winter Break

January 14 - FAFSA workshop - Cafeteria - 3:35 - 4: 30

January 23 - Juniors A-K Field Trip - JKR

January 24 - Juniors L-Z Field Trip - JKR

March 29 - WHS Junior/Senior Prom - [See flyer here](#)

April 8 - NACAC College Fair - Palmer Events Center - 6-8:30 pm (more details to come)

To see all dates on the Wimberley High School calendar, click here: [WHS Calendar link](#)

POPULAR LINKS

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SANTA SURPRISE!

Congratulations to Ms. Cheyenne Gold and Mr. Nathan Hopkins, who were voted by the Junior class to dress as Santa for the last day of the semester! Juniors earned the chance to vote by donating the most non-perishable food items for the Holiday Food Drive, an incredible effort led by StuCo and the Leo Club. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped spread holiday cheer while supporting those in need!



FCI (FREEDOM CANINES INTERNATIONAL) NEEDS YOUR HELP

FCI (Freedom Canines International) is looking for two homes to raise puppies asap (can share time between families). Also need foster families for short- term commitments! Contact Becky & Todd Kier at info@freedomcanines.com

SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The WHS Speech and Debate team traveled to Dripping Springs High School on Saturday and competed in the Tiger Tussle. It was most definitely a GREAT day to be a TEXAN! There were a total of 25 teams (mostly 6A & 5A schools) and we placed 4th overall! The following students placed: Urvi & Reagan-5th Duet Acting, Chloe-4th Poetry, Gage-5th Foreign Extemp (He's now qualified for TFA State, in a 2nd event), Johnny-4th Informative, Ashley- 3rd Informative, 2nd Extemp, Gage, Sophia, Maddox & Sebastian- 3rd in Varsity World Schools Debate, Bella, Anna, Piper, Emma W, Jayden-1st Novice World Schools Debate, Emma S-1st Poetry

Our Novice World Schools Debate team was a team of 5 Freshman competing together for the first time and they went 3-0 to take 1st place in their event. The future is looking very bright for them!



Congratulations to the following newest members of the National Speech and Debate Honor Society:

Jonathan Davenport
Urvi Dutta
Reagan Kenley
Emma Whitman

INFORMATION ON SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS

As we prepare to end the first semester of school and spend holiday time with our family and friends, this is just a reminder about the importance of safe firearm storage.

Texas law requires school districts to distribute information to parents and guardians about the safe storage of firearms. The attached information will help you learn about options for, as well as how to talk to your child and others about, the safe storage of firearms.

[Gun Safety Parent Letter](#) | [Carta en Español](#)

For more information about safe firearm storage and talking to your child about firearm safety, please visit our WISD website at: <https://www.wimberleyisd.net/departments1/safety/safe-firearm-storage>

We wish your family a very happy and safe holiday season!

GET INVOLVED BY ATTENDING CLUB MEETINGS

FCA - Texan Gym - Every Friday (except home game Friday's) - Texan Time

StuCo – Library – Every Monday – Texan Time

AMP Mentorship Program - Room 223 - Tuesday/Thursday - Texan Time

Speech and Debate - Room 105 - Every Wednesday - 3:45 - 5:45 pm.

Freedom Canines Dog Training Club - Ag Building - Every Wednesday - 3:35 pm

Press Team - Library - Every Friday - Texan Time. *Please note that on Texan Activity Schedule Fridays, we will meet on Thursdays.*

AP (ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL) UPDATE

ATTENDANCE RECOVERY INFORMATION

Students will have the rest of December to finish their make up hours on campus as well as the final holiday break if serving with a non-profit organization to address Attendance Recovery requirements. We will accept up to 10 hours of community service with a local non-profit group. Students will need to pick up a community service log from the AP office and have your non-profit sign it prior to submitting it to the AP office.

If you have questions about hours or how to complete them, stop by the AP office ASAP to speak with an assistant principal. Please be working on this now, so you do not run out of time. **Semester 1 hours are due no later than January 20th.** Hours can be made up during the following times on campus:

Mr. Bowman's Room #207

Tuesday AM- 7:20-8:10

Wednesday PM- 3:35-4:35

Thursday AM- 7:20-8:10
Friday Night Live 3:35-7:35

Mrs. Loving's Room #205

Monday PM- 3:35-4:35
Tuesday PM- 3:35-4:35
Thursday PM- 3:35-4:35

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Please be aware that attendance, tardies, grades, teacher contact information, etc. can be accessed and monitored at any time by signing into the Skyward Family Access portal. Please contact Rhonda Nolen, WHS Registrar, if you cannot sign in and need help accessing the portal.

IDS ARE REQUIRED FOR LUNCH

We are seeing an increase in students using other students' ID numbers to make purchases in the lunch line. In order to curb this behavior, **starting on 1/7/25, students will be required to have an ID Badge or Temporary badge to purchase lunch or snacks in the cafeteria line.** If a student comes through the line without an ID they will be directed to the AP's office to receive a temporary sticker.

SENIOR SECTION

SAVE THE DATE, SENIORS

FAFSA workshop, JANUARY 14th after school, from 3:35 pm to 4:30 pm in the Cafeteria. AMP and counselors will be here to help get logins and get started with the FAFSA. The priority deadline is February 15th, so come join us to get it done!! Students, bring your Chromebook!!

YEARBOOK: SENIOR AD INFORMATION

Class of 2025 Seniors have the opportunity to be recognized in the 24-25 yearbook. In order to purchase a senior ad, you'll need to log into the Jostens website ([linked here](#)), and click on the "Yearbook Ads" button.

It's important to note that you will need to **build and submit your completed ad before you can pay for it. As the year progresses, these ad prices will increase.

SENIOR BABY PHOTOS FOR GRADUATION

Every year at graduation, we show a slideshow of baby photos next to their cap and gown photos. Seniors and Senior Guardians, please send or bring in your baby photos **ASAP** to Coach Dydalewicz at Greg.Dydalewicz@wimberleyisd.net.

SENIORS AND COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

SENIORS!! College application deadlines are just around the corner!! See your counselor if you have questions or need assistance!! Get those applications submitted!!

COUNSELORS CORNER

FIELD TRIP COMING UP

AMP and the Counselors are taking interested students to the ACC Make-It Center and Highland Campus, Jan 17th!! Sign-up by having a parent/guardian [fill out this Google form](#), where they will have to give their permission for students to attend. Check out this video to learn more about the [ACC MIC!](#)

TSI TESTING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SPRING

The TSIA is a college readiness exam. [Learn more about the TSI here.](#)
WHS will offer the TSI test during the school day on the following days in the Spring.

February 26, 2025
March 26, 2025
April 30, 2025
June 4, 2025 (summer)

Sign-ups will begin via a Google form in January.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Anyone interested in Southern Methodist University (SMU)? They have an excellent opportunity for their Hunt Leadership Scholars Program. [Check out the website here.](#)

Also, make sure you are checking out the [scholarship page on the website](#). We are updating it regularly as scholarships come in. The local scholarships will start coming in once we come back from Christmas break, so keep your eye out! **Scholarship Tip: Make sure you qualify for the scholarships you are applying for by reading the description carefully!!**

FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

We wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and joyful holiday season. Winter break is a wonderful time for students to relax, rest, and rejuvenate for the next semester. But for parents and caregivers, it can sometimes be stressful. Linked here are some helpful tips to de-stress during this holiday season. The first one is our favorite---accept imperfection. We are perfectly imperfect human beings. We must never forget that.

Resources to be aware of:

- Crisis Text Line, a national organization that provides free, 24/7 crisis support via text - text TX to 741741.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - text 988 or chat

Students and families - ENJOY your holiday break!! Relax and enjoy time with family and friends over some hot cocoa!!



Get outside in the sunshine, move your bodies, and limit your screen time!! Rest up for a strong Spring semester in 2025!!



NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS THIS WEEK

[TSTC Discovery Day](#)

[SWE High School Conference](#)

[PAVE Essay Contest](#)

[Fannie Bowzer And Gomillion Byars Scholarship Fund](#)

[Lady Texan Volleyball Post-Season Awards](#)