

Friday, 1/10

TEXAN NEWS

Wimberley High School

MESSAGE FROM MR. WILKES

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a fantastic year in 2025. If you are a parent of a senior, I hate to tell you that the spring semester will fly by. Basketball and soccer seasons are well underway, and students are already competing at the state level in the new year. Congratulations to the WHS Speech and Debate Team, particularly to Gage Trudeau for being the STATE Champion in UIL Congress Debate, and to Sophia Viteli for finishing in the top 20.

It won't be long before students begin registering for next year's classes. Several important dates regarding the SAT, ACT, and TSI will be announced soon from the counseling office, so please stay tuned for that information. Each week will bring something new, and I urge you not to procrastinate. Stay on top of your academics by attending tutorials, submitting your work on time, and communicating with your teachers. It's also crucial to enjoy the moment and not take it for granted, especially for seniors and their parents.

Lastly, Monday the 20th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and we typically observe this day with a community service project where our various student organizations come together for a district-wide campus clean-up. Parents are welcome to join us.

Keep up the great work and stay warm!

Ryan Wilkes

GO TEXANS

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DATES OF INTEREST

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

January 14 - NHS Member Meeting - Library - Texan Time

January 17 - Spanish Club Meeting - Mr. Douglas' room - Texan Time

January 20 - MLK Day of Service - Campus Clean Up - 8:30 am - 11 am

January 23 - Juniors A-K Field Trip - JKR

January 24 - Juniors L-Z Field Trip - JKR

February 15 - Yearbook **Senior Ad Deadline**

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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MLK DAY OF SERVICE - CAMPUS CLEAN UP

LEO Club and NHS will host a campus clean-up on Monday, January 20th, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. We will provide trash bags and gloves for all volunteers. Students may choose which WISD campus to work at that day. [Click on this link to sign-up](#). Please contact Miss Gold, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Vasquez, or Mrs. Owen for more information.

11th GRADE FIELD TRIP TO JKR

Guardians of 11th graders – please check your email or follow [THIS LINK](#) to complete the permission slip for your child to attend their TEXAN Roots field trip to John Knox Ranch. We have a very short turn-around time to receive permission slips and transportation plan; **if your student does not have a completed Google Form OR paper permission slip (found at the front office or assistant principal's office) turned in by Wednesday, January 15th, they are not guaranteed a spot on the field trip.**

YEARBOOK DEADLINE APPROACHING

Dear Wimberley Families –This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to purchase your yearbook is quickly approaching. We want to ensure every student has the chance to commemorate this special year, so please make your purchase soon!

Additionally, senior parents, please note that time is also running out to buy your senior ads, with the deadline set for 2/15/25. These personalized ads are a meaningful way to celebrate your child's achievements and include a heartfelt message for your loved one to cherish as they conclude their high school journey. Don't miss the opportunity to create a lasting memory!

We also invite you to send in pictures of your child participating in sports or school activities. These photos help us capture the vibrant life of our students throughout the year, making the yearbook even more special. **Please submit any pictures to amber.wakempoole@wimberleyisd.net** Thank you for your support in making this yearbook a wonderful keepsake for all!

UIL STATE CHAMPION

Gage Trudeau is our newest WHS UIL State Champion in Congressional Debate! He, Sophia Vitela, and Austin Howard competed at state on Tuesday in two 3.5-hour sessions. Gage and Sophia advanced to the 2nd day (Wednesday), where they competed again in two 3.5-hour sessions. So, after two days and 14 hours of debate, Gage Trudeau is the 4A UIL Congressional Debate State Champion! Congratulations, Gage!



FESTA INVITATION UPDATE FOR FAMILIES

Last semester, parents and staff were invited to fill out an interest survey to begin participation with a needs assessment. We are looking to **increase our participation by 20-30 individuals**. **This grant-funded program is called FESTA, which stands for: Fentanyl Education, Support Training, and Awareness.** In response to "Tucker's Law," Texas State University, in collaboration with Wimberley and Dripping Springs ISD, received a \$1.9 million grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to reduce the onset and progression of substance misuse, opioids broadly, and fentanyl specifically, and its related consequences in Hays County, Texas.

Our FESTA leadership is hosting a "Meet the Team & Walk Through the Process" set of zoom virtual meetings on Monday January 27th at 9am and at 6pm. *You do not need to attend both.*

"Meet the Team & Walk through the Process" Zoom: Learn more about the FESTA Needs Assessment: Two times are offered so that you may select the time of day that works best for your schedule. Here is the [Zoom link for 9am](#) or [The Zoom link for 6pm](#)

If you have any questions, concerns, curiosities, or you just want to understand how to participate, please join. *As a reminder, adult participants that complete the interest survey, consent, needs assessment survey, and optional online interview will receive an Amazon Gift card as a token of appreciation.*

Coming soon will be some educational materials and events offered to WISD through the FESTA team and the grant. Watch your email for updates!

VOLUNTEER HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Camp CommUnity

Camp CommUnity (CU) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides enriching programs for students in grades K-8, including after-school classes and summer camps. CU's programs are **free of charge for families facing systemic barriers**. They also host family engagement activities and community events, and believe that community is at the heart of what they do. Located in the Texas Hill Country, Camp CommUnity serves students of WISD. **CU is always looking for student volunteers and encourages students to get involved to help make a difference and build up volunteer hours.**

Student volunteer sign-up link: <https://app.betterimpact.com/Volunteer/Schedule/SignupFromCalendar>

Wimberley Welcome Center

In search of a few local students who might be willing and interested in some volunteer hours at the new Visit Wimberley Welcome Center, operated by the City of Wimberley. Currently, they are staffed Monday through Friday and are **looking to fill the gap on weekends and holidays when the full-time staff are out of the office**. Ideal candidates would be guest service focused, trustworthy, and embody the Wimberley spirit, potentially even a student who is interested in the hospitality or tourism careers.

As a volunteer, they'll play a key role in showcasing the Essence of the Hill Country. Wimberley is a place that thrives on community spirit, and by helping visitors discover the best our town has to offer, you'll be supporting local businesses and making their experience truly unforgettable. This is your chance to share your love for Wimberley with tourists and offer insider recommendations for the best things to see, do, eat, and where to stay while in town.

[See flyer for more information.](#)

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, **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!!

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 NEXT WEEK - SIGN 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!](#)

ACC STUDENTS

Your Spring ACC classes start January 21st!! Please check the important dates below:

Wimberley HS Spring 2025 Course Schedule					
Course Name	Section	Professor	HS Room #	Days	Times
ENGL 1302	140	Beard	225	MW	6:50am - 8:15am
ENGL 1302	246	Beard	225	TTH	6:50am - 8:15am
ECON 2301	040	Bucco	211	TTH	6:50am - 8:15am
HIST 1302	053	Biggers	210	MW	6:50am - 8:15am
HIST 1302	012	Biggers	210	TTH	6:50am - 8:15am
PSYC 2301	045	online	various	TTH	9:55am - 11:20am

Class Start Date	Jan. 21			
Add/Drop	Jan. 21-22			
Last day to withdraw	April 28			
Class End Date	May 18			

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!!**

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS THIS WEEK

[USA Gap Year Fair](#)

[USA Gap Year Fair - En Espanol](#)

[Yearbook Order Flyer](#)

[SWE High School Conference](#)

[PAVE Essay Contest](#)

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

[Letters for Literature Writing Contest](#)

[January Library News](#)