

Friday, 1/17

TEXAN NEWS

Wimberley High School

MESSAGE FROM MR. WILKES

It has been a beautiful week but it might be the calm before the storm as we receive a varying forecast for next week each day. Thankfully, Texan Cheer left today for their UIL State Spirit competition in Fort Worth. We wish them the best of luck and I can't wait to hear how well they performed. Also, congratulations to Susan Perdue and Sage Hall for their accomplishments in the Best of Texas Photography Contest. Susan won 1st in the portrait category, and Sage received Honorable Mention. Great job!

Due to the projected wind chill for the morning of Monday the 20th, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service campus clean-up has been rescheduled for Presidents Day, February 17th.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Ryan Wilkes

GO TEXANS

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DATES OF INTEREST

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

January 22: Grand Canyon University Senior Presentation - Texan Time

January 22: Freedom Canines Club - Ag Building - 3:35 pm

January 23: Juniors A-K Field Trip - JKR

January 24: Juniors L-Z Field Trip - JKR

February 15: Yearbook Senior Ad Deadline

February 17: Campus Clean Up - Any WISD Campus - 8:30 - 11 am (sign up using link below)

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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Click [on this link](#) for different ways to **help Schoolyard Dogs!**

MLK DAY OF SERVICE - CAMPUS CLEAN UP - RESCHEDULED

The campus clean-up originally scheduled for Monday, January 20th, has been postponed due to weather. It is now rescheduled for **Monday, February 17, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM**. Trash bags and gloves will be provided for all volunteers. Students may select which WISD campus they would like to work at. To sign up, please [click this link](#). For more information, contact Miss Gold, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Vasquez, or Mrs. Owen.

ABC ICE CREAM REWARD

A **big thank you** to the Academic Booster Club (ABC) for treating all A students from the last six weeks to ice cream this Thursday! Special thanks to Van De Walle Family Dentistry for sponsoring the last two reward days. We're looking for sponsors for the next six weeks—**let us know if you're interested in supporting this sweet tradition!**

YEARBOOK DEADLINE APPROACHING

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 share photos of your child participating in sports or school activities, as well as pictures from any travels taken during the school breaks, such as Thanksgiving and winter holidays. These moments help us showcase the vibrant lives 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!

BEST OF TEXAS PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS

Congratulations to Susan Perdue and Sage Hall for their outstanding achievements in the "Best of Texas" photography contest, hosted by the Texas Association of Journalism Educators! The competition received 1,281 entries across 35 categories from schools throughout Texas.

Susan won first place in the Portrait category with [a photo of Laney Hennessee](#) and received an honorable mention for a [group shot](#), both taken during Volleyball Media Day. Sage earned an honorable mention [for a photo captured at a home football game this fall](#).

This was our first time participating, and many of the winners came from much larger ISDs. I am incredibly proud of these students and look forward to seeing their skills continue to grow!

FESTA INVITATION UPDATE FOR FAMILIES

Last semester, parents and staff were invited to complete an interest survey for the FESTA program (Fentanyl Education, Support, Training, and Awareness). **To increase participation, we're looking for 20–30 more individuals to join this grant-funded initiative.**

In response to "Tucker's Law," Texas State University, in collaboration with Wimberley and Dripping Springs ISDs, received a \$1.9 million SAMHSA grant to address substance misuse, with a focus on opioids and fentanyl, in Hays County.

Join us for a virtual "Meet the Team & Walk Through the Process" session on Monday, January 27, at either 9 AM or 6 PM to learn more about the FESTA needs assessment. **Zoom links: [\[9 AM\]](#) | [\[6 PM\]](#)**

Participants who complete the interest survey, consent form, needs assessment, and optional interview will receive an **Amazon gift card**. Stay tuned for FESTA educational materials and events coming soon to WISD!

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.](#)

SENIOR SECTION

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION

Come learn about Grand Canyon University. Check out their website and then join us in the Theater on January 22nd during Texan Time to learn about the school and **the awesome fully paid student visit to go see the campus!!**

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

NORTHWESTERN'S SUMMER FLY-IN PROGRAM

In partnership with the STARS College Network, Northwestern is hosting a fully funded fly-in program for rising high school seniors this summer! The START-UP program, running from June 26–28, offers students the chance to explore innovation and entrepreneurship at Northwestern's hub, The Garage. Participants will engage in hands-on workshops, explore Evanston and Chicago, and attend sessions on college applications and financial aid. [Click this link for more information.](#)

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

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 soon, so keep your eye out! **Scholarship Tip: Make sure you qualify for the scholarships you are applying for by reading the description carefully!!**

Also, fill out the **FAFSA by February 15th**, the priority deadline for many schools. If you have questions let your counselor know. [FAFSA Link](#)

Students, you will need the following information:

- DOB & Social security number
- Your own email address
- You need separate Login from your parent/contributor
- No work or school emails

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](#)

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