

Friday, 1/24

## TEXAN NEWS

Wimberley High School

### MESSAGE FROM MR. WILKES

As we wrap up this short week, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the events of Wednesday and express my gratitude to our entire school community for their resilience and support.

As we returned from a bad weather day, we were faced with an unexpected school closure due to a power outage and a gas leak that made for a challenging day. I want to sincerely thank our teachers and staff for their calm demeanor and dedication during this time. They stepped up to help manage the students and ensure a smooth pick-up process. I am also proud of how our kids demonstrated patience and good behavior throughout the day. Finally, parents, thank you for your understanding and graciousness as we navigated this unexpected event. Your support meant a great deal, and we deeply appreciate your flexibility. All of us working together made the situation much more manageable.

Following Wednesday's event, we've been collecting feedback to learn what went well and how we can improve. Our team is in the process of developing an after-action plan for the WHS campus and the District. We will be reviewing the results of the survey and discussing the plan during our upcoming faculty meeting to ensure we take advantage of this opportunity to learn and grow.

Lastly, I want to congratulate our students who participated in the Hays County Livestock Show. We saw many students bring home blue ribbons and belt buckles, and I look forward to sharing the full results with you as they become available.

Have a great weekend!

Ryan Wilkes

**GO TEXANS**

#WHSTEXANPRIDE

### DATES OF INTEREST

**February 14:** No School

**February 15:** Yearbook Senior Ad Deadline

**February 17:** No School

**February 17:** Campus Clean Up - Any WISD Campus - 8:30 - 11 am (sign up using [this link](#))

**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!**

## **SOPHOMORES: NHS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

To ALL Sophomore Students and Parents – National Honor Society applications are being distributed this week to all eligible Sophomore students with a current GPA of 3.5 or higher and with no discipline/attendance infractions. Please encourage your child to complete the application and return to Mrs. Owen (Room 217) by February 7th to be considered for the National Honor Society. Once the applications are reviewed and selections are made, students will be **invited to become a members by February 13th**. A formal Induction Ceremony for the families will be held at WHS auditorium March 5th at 7pm. Any questions please contact Mrs. Owen at [jana.owen@wimberleyisd.net](mailto:jana.owen@wimberleyisd.net)

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS NEEDED - ABC LUNCHEON**

The Academic Booster Club is organizing a soup-themed luncheon on **Wednesday, Feb 5th**. Help us warm their insides and hearts by providing food items for the luncheon, set-up, serving, or clean-up, or a monetary donation to help purchase items. Read more about it and sign up to help using [this link](#)

## **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](mailto:amber.wakempoole@wimberleyisd.net)**. Thank you for your support in making this yearbook a wonderful keepsake for all!

## **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>

## **AP CORNER**

### **ATTENDANCE RECOVERY INFORMATION**

Attendance Recovery Summary Letters were mailed home last week. Students that have been assigned Attendance Recovery hours must complete their hours as soon as possible. See your assistant principal if you are interested in using community service hours to count towards your hours/pending approval.

Students, if you have questions about how many hours you still have, how to complete them, need help with community service ideas, or need to request an extension, stop by the AP office ASAP to speak with your assistant principal or have a parent/guardian contact your assistant principal. **Semester 1 hours for .5 credit courses are due as soon as possible.** 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

#### **Ms. Yuracka's Room #226**

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 are unable to sign in and need help accessing the portal.

### **MANDATORY STAAR TUTORIALS DURING TEXAN TIME: UPDATE**

Students who took December STAAR EOCs will be able to check their scores in the TEA Parent Portal starting January 22nd. Any schedule changes or dismissals for STAAR Tutorials will be communicated to students during the week of January 21st–24th. Semester 2 STAAR Tutorial Groups will begin on Monday, January 27th. If you have any questions, please stop by the AP office or email your counselor.

## **SENIOR SECTION**

### **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](mailto: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.](#)

### TSI TESTING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SPRING

The TSIA is a college readiness exam. [Learn more about the TSI here.](#) Students can take the TSI test FOR FREE at an ACC campus. Please go to [this link](#) to get all the information on testing at ACC.

The TSI Test will be given at WHS and will be able to accommodate a limited number of students at each testing session. You will receive an email if it gets full and you need to choose a new date. The cost of the test this year is; Full TSI Test (reading, writing, math) - \$20 and each individual part - \$7.

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

You will only be registered to take the test if you do **BOTH** steps above. **Students will receive an email within a week of the scheduled testing date with details and confirmation. Sign-up by doing two things:**

1. Pay through the webstore at [this link](#).
2. Fill out this [Google form](#).

## 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

## 9th - 11th GRADERS

Course Selection is coming soon!! Students will receive course selection sheets the week of **February 5th**.

**NEW THIS YEAR** - there will also be video talking about changes, updates, and what to do!! Be on the lookout at the beginning of February!

## **NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS THIS WEEK**

[USA Gap Year Fair](#)

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

[Yearbook Order Flyer](#)

[Letters for Literature Writing Contest](#)

[January Library News](#)

[BeChill Exams Flyer](#)

[STB Student Training Announcement](#)