

Friday, 1/31
TEXAN NEWS
Wimberley High School

MESSAGE FROM MR. WILKES

This week, the word "heavy" has come up in many conversations, and for good reason, but there are truly no words to adequately describe the emotions we are all feeling as we extend our deepest condolences to the Duggar family. Over the years, the words "community," "family," and "support" have been used to describe our school district, and I can tell you these were on full display at Wimberley High School. I've been deeply moved by the outpouring of love from our community, with volunteers offering counseling and comfort to our students. I was also impressed by the strength of our district leadership, and staff, who have worked tirelessly to create a safe and supportive space for our students to grieve and heal.

Many students chose to come to school this week, drawn by the support and solidarity that was so evident. This speaks to the power of community—of being there for one another in times of need. Thank you to everyone who has played a part in this process, whether through volunteer work, emotional support, or simply offering a kind word. Your contributions make a difference, and together, we will continue to walk alongside our students and staff through this journey of healing.

While this week has been filled with grief, it is important to also recognize the many accomplishments and moments of joy in our school community. We are incredibly proud of our Texan Swim team, who had 10 athletes qualify for regionals. A special congratulations to Coach Johnson for being named Girls Coach of the Year! We wish all our swimmers the best of luck as they compete at the regional meet today. Additionally, Coach Remmers and Coach Warren were named THSCA Region 8 Coaches of the Year, and Coach Wes Lambert was honored as Assistant Coach of the Year. This is a reflection of their hard work and dedication to our students.

Finally, good luck to our WHS Speech and Debate team, who are hosting and competing in the District CX Debate competition today. We know they will know they will make us proud!

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 6: Texan Stars Tryouts Parent Meeting—Wimberley Dance Elite – 6:30 – 7:30 pm ([See Flyer](#))

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

[Bell Schedule](#)

[Gradebook](#)

[Sports Schedules](#)

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DISTRICT SWIM RESULTS

Last Friday, Texan Swim had their district meet and had 10 swimmers qualify for the regional meet this Friday & Saturday. Congratulations to Coach Johnson, who was also named Coach of the Year! Thank you for all you do, Coach Johnson and Go Texans!

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**. Thank you for your support in making this yearbook a wonderful keepsake for all!

FESTA NARCAN/NALOXONE TRAINING: STUDENTS, FAMILY, AND STAFF

WISD Parent/Guardians and WISD Employees: FESTA will host a NARCAN/Naloxone training on *March 12, 2025, from 5:30-7 pm in the WISD Boardroom* for WISD Parents/guardians and WISD employees. [Please complete this form only if you can attend](#). All who attend the full training will receive a Naloxone/Narcan Kit upon completion. Naloxone/Narcan is a medication used to treat an overdose in an emergency—*limited seating: 60 participants*.

WISD Students ages 14 years and older: FESTA will host a TEEN NARCAN/Naloxone Training on *Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 4-5:30 pm in the WISD Boardroom* for WISD students ages 14 years and older. [Please complete this form only if you can attend](#). All who attend the full training will receive a Naloxone/Narcan Kit upon completion. Naloxone/Narcan is a medication used to treat an overdose in an emergency—*limited seating: 60 participants*.

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

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.

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 #216

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 are **now able to check their scores** in the [TEA Parent Portal](#). Any schedule changes or dismissals for STAAR Tutorials were communicated to students, and a copy was sent home to parents/guardians. Semester 2 STAAR Tutorial Groups began on Monday, January 27th.

If any student has questions about Mandatory STAAR Tutorials, please stop by the AP office, email your counselor, or have your parent/guardian call the front office.

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.

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](#)

[Texan Stars Tryouts](#)