



8/29/25

## Dear Wyoming Families,

We are now a little over two weeks into the 2025–2026 school year, and it is wonderful to see everyone settling into routines and finding their rhythm. Our students are adjusting well, engaging fully in their classes, and showing great energy as they return to school life. On Wednesday, we hosted our WHS Clubs and Activities Fair during lunch, and it was exciting to see so many students exploring opportunities to get involved and discovering new ways to connect beyond the classroom.

A special thank you to the families who joined us for Curriculum Night on Thursday. It was such a pleasure to share a glimpse of the experiences our students enjoy each day, and we deeply appreciate your partnership and support. If you were unable to attend, please keep in mind that you are always welcome to reach out directly to your student's teachers with any questions. There will also be plenty of other opportunities throughout the school year for families to connect with what is happening in our building. We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

### **District Update:**

[Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community](#), including:

- Finance Friday: Primary Construction Project Update
- Homecoming Parade open to area youth programs
- Upcoming Events
- PSA Dine & Donate: Cowboy Cones on Monday - September 1
- PSA presents Pizza & Movie Night - September 27
- Wyoming Newcomers Club invite
- JWC Mum Sale
- Heart to Art teen art competition info

### **Apply Now for Free and Reduced School Meals**

Free and reduced meal applications are available online in the [Payschools Parent Portal](#). Additionally, paper applications are available in the school front offices. A new application is required each school year to determine eligibility for free or reduced meals; there is only a 30-day grace period from last school year's approval.

**Instructional Fee Waiver:** Prior to electronically signing and submitting the online application, please make sure to "check" the boxes in the disclosure section if you are also requesting an instructional fee waiver. This is an important step, as fees will not be waived without this authorization.

For families who are directly certified for free or reduced meals due to their eligibility through SNAP, TANF or Medicaid, you will receive a Direct Certification Notification from our Nutrition Services Partner, Milford Exempted Village Schools.

Please note that action is required - you must sign and return the Fee Waiver Permission on the bottom of that form - in order for instructional fees to be waived.

**For questions or assistance, please contact Milford Nutrition Services at 513-576-2290 or [foodservices@milfordschools.org](mailto:foodservices@milfordschools.org).**

### **Below you will find important dates and information for the future:**

**Monday, September 1 - Friday, September 5, 2025**

<b><u>Upcoming Weekly Events:</u></b>	
9/1/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY</b></li></ul>
9/2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Flex Bell Schedule</li></ul>
9/3/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Regular Bell Schedule</li></ul>
9/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Flex Bell Schedule</li></ul>
9/5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Regular Bell Schedule</li></ul>
<b>Quick Reminders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Harvest Fest at WHS Cafeteria - September 13th (4-7 p.m.)</li><li>● Homecoming Game - September 19th</li><li>● Homecoming Dance - September 20th (8-10 p.m.)</li><li>● NO SCHOOL - October 2nd and October 3rd</li><li>● WHS Picture Retake Day - October 9th (7:30-9:30 a.m.)</li><li>● WHS &amp; WMS Choir Concert - October 14th (7:30 p.m.)</li><li>● WHS &amp; WMS Strings Concert - October 16th (7:30 p.m.)</li><li>● WHS &amp; WMS Band Concert- October 22nd (7:30 p.m.)</li><li>● WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction at halftime - October 25th</li></ul>

## **WHS Class of 2029 (Freshmen):**

Your 8th grade class picture has arrived at the high school and is available for pickup in the office.

## **School Pictures:**

School pictures are ready! To order, log in to your account on [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) or create an account using your student's student ID number. All families can also log on and order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card. More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

## **School Hearing & Vision Screenings Information (from Nurse Murphy):**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Starting in September, we will conduct vision and hearing screenings for all 9th and 11th grade students, as well as students new to the district, as required by Ohio law. If you choose not to have your child screened, please complete [this linked waiver](#) and return to your child's school.

You are encouraged to have your child's vision and hearing assessed by their health care provider if you choose to not have your child participate in the school screenings. [A vision and hearing form is linked here](#) for you to take to your child's appointment as you continue routine care for your child through pediatric well-child visits. We request a completed copy of these documents be sent to the school for our records.

### **Why is it important to have your child's vision screened?**

Children with vision problems do not know the way that they see the world is not the way they should be seeing it! Without early detection and treatment, children's vision problems can lead to permanent vision loss and learning difficulties.

### **Why is it important to have your child's hearing screened?**

- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading and learning.
- A hearing screening can detect if your child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if your child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.
- Hearing loss is invisible and your child may appear to be not paying attention.

If you have any questions about the school's vision and hearing screening program, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Nicole Murphy, RN, BSN, NCSN

District Nurse

Wyoming City Schools

## **Counselor's Update:**

Take a peek at the "[Counselor Corner](#)" newsletter content for September 2025—it's packed with helpful events, deadlines, and reminders for both parents and students!

### **COLLEGE COUNSELING/TESTING**

A-K - Cyncie Meis [meisc@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:meisc@wyomingcityschools.org)

L-Z - Kim Lewis [lewisk@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:lewisk@wyomingcityschools.org)

College Admission Officers are coming to WHS! Each fall, over 50 admission officers from institutions all over the country make it a priority to visit WHS. These visits are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors and students must sign up in advance in SCOIR. The schedule - as of August 27th- is linked [HERE](#).

### **SENIORS:**

- We are looking forward to seeing you at the College **Application Process virtual event** for Senior Families on September 4th at 7:30 PM. The link to attend this virtual program is here:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!

When: Sep 4, 2025 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: College Application Information Session

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83893789328>

Phone one-tap:

+16469313860,,83893789328# US

+19292056099,,83893789328# US (New York)

- This week's Weekly Application Update is linked [HERE](#). This information has been shared with seniors via Canvas. Please encourage your Senior to sign up for their **Senior Check-In Meeting!** At this meeting (for students only) we will review their high school transcript. We are unable to send the transcript to colleges without this initial meeting. This meeting can be scheduled [HERE](#).

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING**

A-K - Lucas Osterbur [osterburl@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:osterburl@wyomingcityschools.org)

L-Z - Effie Jansing-Jata [jansingjatae@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:jansingjatae@wyomingcityschools.org)

To request a schedule change, students must [please complete this form](#).

- Class for Study Hall requests are due by August 28th
- The date for class for class requests has passed (August 21st)

An Activity Fair for students was held on August 27th, featuring student reps from over 25 clubs and organizations for all students to explore during both lunches. Check [here](#) for more information about meetings times and contacts for interested students.



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**Below this line are noteworthy reminders that have been previously communicated.**

### **Homecoming T-Shirts:**

Each year, every grade comes together to build a float and join in the exciting Homecoming parade. As part of the tradition, most students opt to partake in the tradition of purchasing and wearing a class t-shirt.

**If your student would like a 2025 class Homecoming shirt, the following two steps must be complete no later than midnight on Sunday, August 31st:**

- 1) Order and pay for the shirt through Payschools ([PaySchools Central](#)). Shirts cost \$12 for all grades.
- 2) Shirt sizes must be selected electronically at this link: [bit.ly/4oLCkiw](https://bit.ly/4oLCkiw)

\*Some students submitted this during Flex Bell at school, but you might want to double check with them on this.

Again, in order to be guaranteed a shirt, you must pay through Payschools\* AND select a size through the provided link no later than midnight on Sunday, August 31st.

Once this deadline has passed, a very small amount of extra shirts will be available for purchase on a first come first serve basis.

Let's show our school spirit and make this Homecoming one to remember!

### **\*Regarding Payschools:**

This is a new system this year. So, families will need to create a new account in Wyoming PaySchools.

\*\*\* Please note that if families already have a MILFORD Payschools Account to add money for a WHS student lunch account - they will need to use a DIFFERENT email address to create a Wyoming PaySchools account for fees.

Additional information can be found on our district website under the [Fees tab](#).

## **Freshmen & New Students:**

Here is the link to the [Orientation Presentation](#) you participated in prior to the start of school.

## **Attendance and District Calendar:**

To report a student absence, a parent or guardian should send the dates and reason for the absence to [whsattendance@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:whsattendance@wyomingcityschools.org) or call 513-206-7062.

### **Non-Medical Absences:**

- Every child is entitled to **five (5)** medical absences without a doctor's note; the parent simply needs to call or email.
- If a student arrives late or leaves early for an appointment, that day counts toward one of their **five (5)** excused (solely by a parent/guardian) absences unless a medical note is provided.

### **Medical Absences:**

- Medical notes must be submitted within **five (5)** days to excuse an absence.
- A maximum of **five (5)** absences due to illness may be excused with a parent note each school year. Beginning with the **sixth (6th)** illness-related absence, a medical note is required for the absence to be excused.
- If a student arrives late or leaves early for an appointment, that day counts toward one of their **five (5)** excused (solely by a parent/guardian) absences unless a medical note is provided.

Below is a link to the school calendar so you know the days Wyoming City Schools are in session. Please make every effort to schedule trips, appointments, etc. outside of the school day. Attendance is a key component to students' academic success! [WCS - School Calendar \(25-26\)](#) and [WCS - Printed School Calendar \(25-26\)](#)

## **Instructional Fees:**

At the beginning of each school year, instructional fees are assessed based on each student's grade level and/or course/class load. Fees are available to be paid online via the [Wyoming PaySchools portal](#) the first week of September. Wyoming City Schools strives for financial stewardship and wants to partner with families to ensure fees are paid in a timely manner. Fees are due by October 31st and school buildings will send fee reminders throughout the year. Instructional fee waivers are processed for those students who qualify for free lunch and complete the paperwork required for fee waivers. Applications for free lunch are available [here](#) through our nutrition services partner, Milford City Schools.

### **Implications for Non-Fee Payment**

If a student is not up-to-date with payment of student fees (or is not current with their payment plan with the Treasurer), the following privileges will be withheld each year:

- 7-12 Dances (e.g. Homecoming, Prom, etc)
- 9-12 Class Shirts
- Junior/Senior Parking Spots
- Senior Class Trip (e.g. Washington D.C.)
- Graduation Tickets
- College Transcripts

For example, if a student, who has not paid their fees, goes to purchase a Homecoming ticket, PaySchools would not allow them to make the purchase.

## Student Handbook:

Here is a link to our [WHS Student & Parent Handbook 2025-2026](#) for your reference throughout the school year. We hope you will find this information helpful and we are always here to help if you have any questions.

## Exam Dates and Schedules:

Please save these dates when planning (i.e., events, activities, appointments, vacations, etc.) around the end of each semester. These are our scheduled exam dates. **No early exams will be administered.** If there are any modifications to these dates and times they will be shared with students and families as early as possible.

### 1st Semester (All Students)

Monday 12/15	Tuesday 12/16	Wednesday 12/17	Thursday 12/18	Friday 12/19
Review day	<b>Bell 1 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 2 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 3 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 4 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)
	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)
	<b>Bell 5 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Bell 6 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Bell 7 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Make Up Exams</b> (10:20-12:20)

### 2nd Semester (Seniors Only)

Thursday 5/14	Monday 5/18	Tuesday 5/19	Wednesday 5/20	Thursday 5/21
Review day	<b>Bell 1 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 3 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 5 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Make Up Exams</b> (8:00-10:00)
	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)
	<b>Bell 2 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Bell 4 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Bell 6 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	
	<b>Bell 7 Exam</b> (1:00-3:00)			

## 2nd Semester (**Grades 9-11**)

Thursday 5/21	Friday 5/22	Tuesday 5/26	Wednesday 5/27	Thursday 5/28
Review day	<b>Bell 1 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 2 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 3 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)	<b>Bell 4 Exam</b> (8:00-10:00)
Regular schedule	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)	Break (10:00-10:20)
	<b>Bell 5 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Bell 6 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Bell 7 Exam</b> (10:20-12:20)	<b>Make Up Exams</b> (10:20-12:20)

### **Student Drivers:**

We appreciate our student drivers and their efforts to arrive at school on time, but safety for them and for our community comes first. Please remind student drivers to follow all traffic laws and drive with care on the way to and from school. Many community members, including young children walking alone or with their families, rely on drivers to be alert and cautious. Students should plan their departure time so they can travel safely and still arrive on time. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Voynovich or Mrs. McMullen.

Thank you and we hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Your Proud Wyoming High School Administrative Team,

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