



HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

First Quarter Newsletter 2025-2026

A Message From Principal Galgovich

Dear Wilson High School Community,

What an amazing start we've had to the school year! I want to thank our students, families, and the entire Wilson community for making it such a positive and energizing beginning. Your support and flexibility- especially with the new NYS cell phone ban- have been incredible. The transition went smoother than anyone could have expected, and honestly it's been refreshing to have fewer distractions during the school day. I think many of us would agree it's been a nice change!

There's already been so much to celebrate. Homecoming Spirit Week was a huge success- the hallway decorations were some of the best I've seen in years, and the Pep Rally was packed with energy and enthusiasm. Our fall sports teams have been outstanding, and it's been awesome to see our fans filling the stands and bringing so much school spirit to every game.

Inside the classrooms, our teachers have been working hard to make learning fun and engaging, and our students continue to shine- both academically and through their involvement in fundraising and volunteer work. The Drama Club's Halloween One-Acts were a great way to kick off the season, and our Music Department is already preparing for their holiday concerts- I can't wait to see what they have in store.

The High School Shared Decision Making Team has been focusing on improving communication and school culture, and I'm really encouraged by the direction we're heading. The sense of community and teamwork at Wilson is something truly special.

Most importantly, I'm constantly reminded of how kind, caring, and compassionate our students and families are. Of course, we want every student to graduate with a great education- but just as important, we want them to leave here as good people. The world could use more of those, and I'm proud to say Wilson High School has plenty.

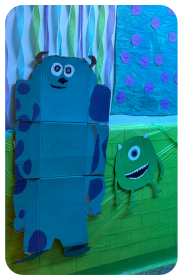
Thank you for helping make the start of the 2025-2026 school year one to remember. Wishing you all continued success and happiness as we move through the year.

To borrow a few words from Josh Allen: Be good, Do good, God Bless, and GO WILSON!

Warmly,
Mr. Galgovich

Homecoming Traditions

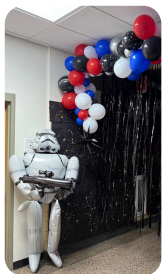
Homecoming week brings out many school traditions, one of the most popular traditions is the decorating of the hallways. Each grade level is assigned a hallway and theme to decorate. On Friday morning of homecoming week the student body and staff walk around and vote on the best one. Students, advisors, staff members, and parents put countless hours to bring each class's themes to life. This year the Freshman class theme was Monsters, Inc. the Sophomore class theme was Marvel, the Junior class theme was Star Wars, and Senior class theme was Avatar. Each class did an outstanding job on their hallways, they really transformed each hallway into a magical scene. The Senior class outnumbered the votes and took the win for this year's competition. We can't wait to see what happens next year.



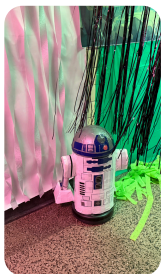
Class of 2029



Class of 2028



Class of 2027



Class of 2026



Forensics Class: Processing Crime Scenes

Ms. Maurer's Forensics class was hard at work this quarter. They set up crime scenes throughout the library, then worked in groups to process the evidence in each scene. Deputy DiMarco stopped by to assist with the class as well. Students enjoyed learning all aspects of crime scenes and what it takes to process them.



It's not about being better than someone else, it's about being better than you were the day before.

Music Department News

Buffalo State University Honor Choir & Band

Every year Buffalo State University invites selected talented students throughout the area to participate in an Honor Choir & Honor Band. The students are nominated by their music teachers for their strong musicianship skills. The following students were selected to participate this year; Benjamin Meyers, Lauren VanderLinden, Wyatt Thomas, Sophie Everest, Cassandra Ranney, Jude Cyphert, Natalie Shackelford, and Peter Kane. Congratulations to all on an outstanding job and performance.

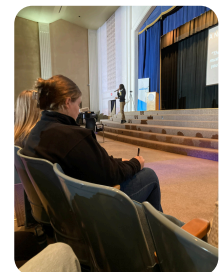


Student Leadership

Unleash Your Greatness Conference

At the end of October a small group of students attended the Unleash Your Greatness Conference at Villa Maria College. It was a two-day celebration of collaboration, empowerment, and advocacy.

Duncan Kirkwood lead the conference as the keynote speaker encouraging students to embrace their potential and lead with courage and character. Students attended workshops focused on leadership, power of student voice, and personal growth. In attendance were Seniors, Ryan Hough, Abbie Faery, and Madelyn Tokarski, Juniors Grace Smith and Bella Muck.



“ If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” - John Quincy Adams

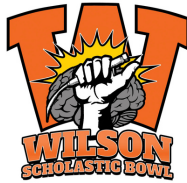
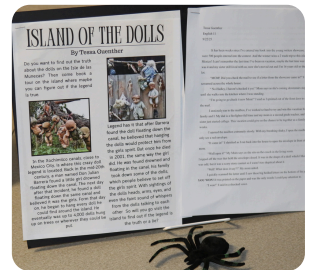
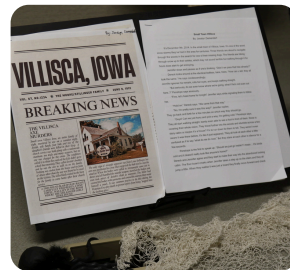
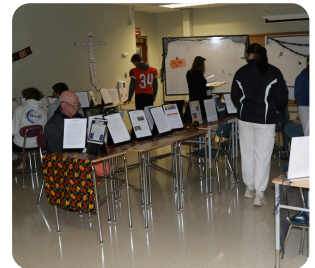
Senior Class & Student Council Volunteered to help the Community

Members of the Senior Class and High School Student Council volunteered their time to help the Exley Methodist Church prepare for their fall bazaar. Members of the church were greatly appreciative of all the students' hard work.



Abandoned Places Gallery Walk

Juniors in Mrs. Gallagher's English classes recently had their work featured in a spooky "Gallery Walk." First, they researched real-life absconded or haunted places and wrote non fiction articles about them. Next, they used their research as inspiration for 'flash fiction' suspense stories. Mrs. Gallagher displayed their work and invited fellow ELA teachers to bring their classes through and read the pieces. Students in grades 9-12 gave feedback and comments on the projects. Both writers and readers are enjoying this continued October tradition.



As Fall Sports wind down, our focus is naturally drawn to...SCHOLASTIC BOWL! Starting around Thanksgiving time, the Trivia Club will be hosting Trivia Tuesdays, tenth period, in Mr. Nevins' room. All students grades 9-12 who know a lot of things that will never make them any money are encouraged to attend. Then, the Scholastic Bowl season begins shortly after Christmas break. The team is looking for a three-peat this season. Who wouldn't want to be a part of history? If you know the answer to the question that begins, "What famous magician...?" then you should join us!

High school is the canvas of your future. Paint it with the colors of hard work and dreams.

High School Plant Club

The High School Plant Club has been off to a busy start. They have placed more than thirty plants in different classrooms and are learning how to take care of and maintain these plants. The Plant Club was able to sell mums that were generously donated by Zehr’s on the Lake to raise funds for some of their projects. They have also planted tulips and daffodils in the school courtyard. Lilly & Emma DiPasquale shared their garlic and expertise with the club so that everyone was able to take some garlic home to plant for next year.



Laker Book Club



The HS Laker Book Club kicked off the year with the mystery/thriller read, *One of US is Lying* by Karen McManus. New and returning book club members enjoyed discussing the book over snacks, coffee, and hot cocoa. November’s book club selection is *Divine Rivals* by Rebecca Ross, a YA Romantasy. New members are always welcome. See Mrs. Gallagher in Rm. 234 to join!

Drama Club

The High School Drama Club did a fantastic job with their fall production of “The Halloween One-Acts.” One-act plays are performed instead of full-length productions due to their simplicity, length and variety. They also come in handy when you have a small group of performers. One-acts also offer a concentrated, intense theatrical experience focused on a single story, action, or theme with a smaller cast and minimal sets, making them both an efficient and impactful choice.

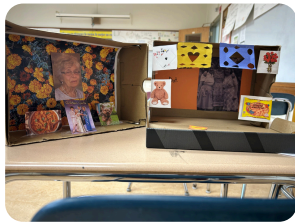
Our drama production this year focused on a Halloween theme with a classical Shakespearean twist. The three short vignettes combined humor, classic Shakespeare and theatrical drama. These choices gave the student actors a variety of challenges and goals. Congratulations to all on an outstanding performance.



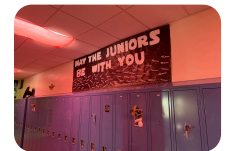
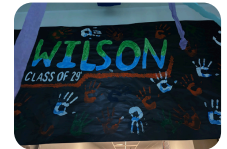
“ The only source of knowledge is experience.”- Albert Einstein

Spanish Class Celebrates Día de los Muertos

Mrs. Boron's Spanish classes celebrates Día de los Muertos, Day of the Dead. It is a time where people celebrate their loved ones who have passed. They create ofrendas to honor them as well as make special foods and hold celebrations throughout homes and cemeteries.



First Quarter Candid



"We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun."



Upcoming Events



- **11/18- MS/HS Clinic Mandated School Physicals for Grades 7 & 11**
- **** If you need a physical for sports or work set up an appointment ****
- **11/19- National Honor Society's Annual Blood Drive through the American Red Cross 9:30am-3:30pm in the Library Media Center**
- **11/26- District Wide ½ Day**
- **11/27-11/28- Thanksgiving Recess**
- **12/3- 41st Annual WTA Senior Citizen's Breakfast**
- **12/10- High School Chorus & Band Concert 7pm**
- **12/22-1/2- Christmas Recess**
- **1/5/26- School Resumes**

