Welcome back, Wildcats!

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THE WRIGHT CITY CONNECTION

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A New Year of Teamwork and Partnership from Superintendent Dr. Amy Salvo



Dear Wright City R-II School District Families, Staff and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Every year at Wright City we are continuing to improve in multiple outlets of our district.

"[Our top priorities for the district this year] are academics, climate and culture, retention of staff, and safety." Superintendent Dr. Amy Salvo said.

This year, Salvo is building on our #TogetherWeCan mindset by emphasizing the power of teamwork and reminding us that when we work together, every member of #TeamWC plays an important role in our collective success.

"[Team WC] is recognizing that we all have a role to play, and if we keep the students at the center of everything we do, we will come out ahead and be much stronger. When we all work together, it's stronger than anything we could create alone," Salvo said.

#TeamWC is not only a mission to unite staff and partners of the district, but it involves the community alike.

"We all want the same thing which is every student reaching their full potential, and we need [the community's] support to do that, we're on the same team." Salvo said.

The district encourages everyone in the community to be involved, and the best way to do so is communication.

"We can't fix what we don't know, so please collaborate and partner with us. We're going to have a fantastic school year," Salvo said.

Not only will collaboration with the schools benefit the district as a whole, but also the community itself.

"We're stronger when schools, families, staff, and the community all come together as one team because we can create something much stronger than any of us could create alone," Salvo said.

Taking the forefront of this initiative, the district acknowledges the standpoint is already holds in the community.

"Schools are the hub and heart of a community. Truly, they're the heartbeat of a community and the schools have a way of connecting all of the pieces together. We're stronger when we're all together." Salvo said.

Everyone in the community, no matter the previous connection to the district or a new member of our community, there is a place for you.

Salvo encourages members of the community to get involved.

"Come join the events and watch our amazing students. We share a lot on our social media platforms, and we want to welcome the community at everything. They are a part of our community and a part of who we are as Wright City," Salvo said.

Wright City is a community that flourishes due to the relationships it has within.

"Wright City has so much to be proud of and we appreciate all of our community partners. We want to continue building upon that."

Salvo encourages everyone in the community to take the first step in partnering with the district.

"The truth is, we are all on the same team. Just like any great team, success requires everyone to be willing to step up, carry the ball, make the assist, and do whatever it takes to move us forward," Salvo said. "Evey parent, student, educator, staff member, and caring person in a student's life has an important role to play and every role matters."

Looking with the larger picture in mind, Salvo leaves us with inspiration for the year to come.

"We have an amazing community. It's unlike any other," Salvo said. "Let's show others what it means to be true partners. Let Wright City be the model for others across the state and nation."

Salvo leaves us with one last message of encouragement.

"As we begin another school year, let's keep showing up for one another, celebrating our successes, supporting our students, and remembering when we work together, there is no limit to what #TeamWC can accomplish."

"LET US BE THE MODEL FOR OTHERS ACROSS THE STATE AND NATION."

#WILDCATSTRONG

THEO'S WILDCAT PULSE

One of the things I have learned quickly about Wright City is that this community stays with its people, and its people stay with Wright City.

Recently, I had the priviledge of walking members of the Class of 1966 around our new high school. Think about that for a moment. Sixty years after they walked the halls as Wright City students, they came back together to see what their school has become. I even had the opportunity to meet Mr. Rex Barnes, their principal at the time! As the current principal of Wright City High School, getting to shake his hand, visit with him, and hear some of the stories from that time was a pretty special experience.

It was also a great reminder that a school is so much more than a building.

Our current students are part of something that started long before any of us arrived and will continue long after we are gone. Generations of families here, supported our teams and activites, and continued to show up for our kids. I see that same pride throughout our community today. Whether it is a packed stadium, people supporting a fundraiser, alumni coming back to an event, or someone simply asking how our kids are doing. Wright City cares about Wright City.

Someday, the students walking our halls right now will be the alumni coming back to visit. My hope is that when they do, they will remember more than classes and grades. I hope they remember the people, the relationships, the Friday nights, the laughter, and what it felt like to be a Wildcat.

The building may change. The faces certainly will. But there is something about Wright City that stays with you.

And I think that is pretty awesome.

Let's Go!
Theo

Our mission: **Champion the Success of each Student.**

Have a piece of Wildcat history to share? I'd love to hear it. Email me at jason.theodorakos@wrightcity.k12.mo.us. Help us continue telling the story of WCHS!

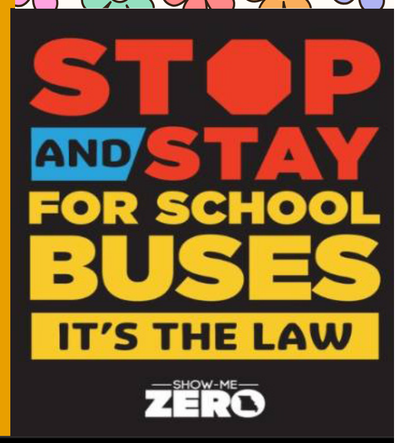




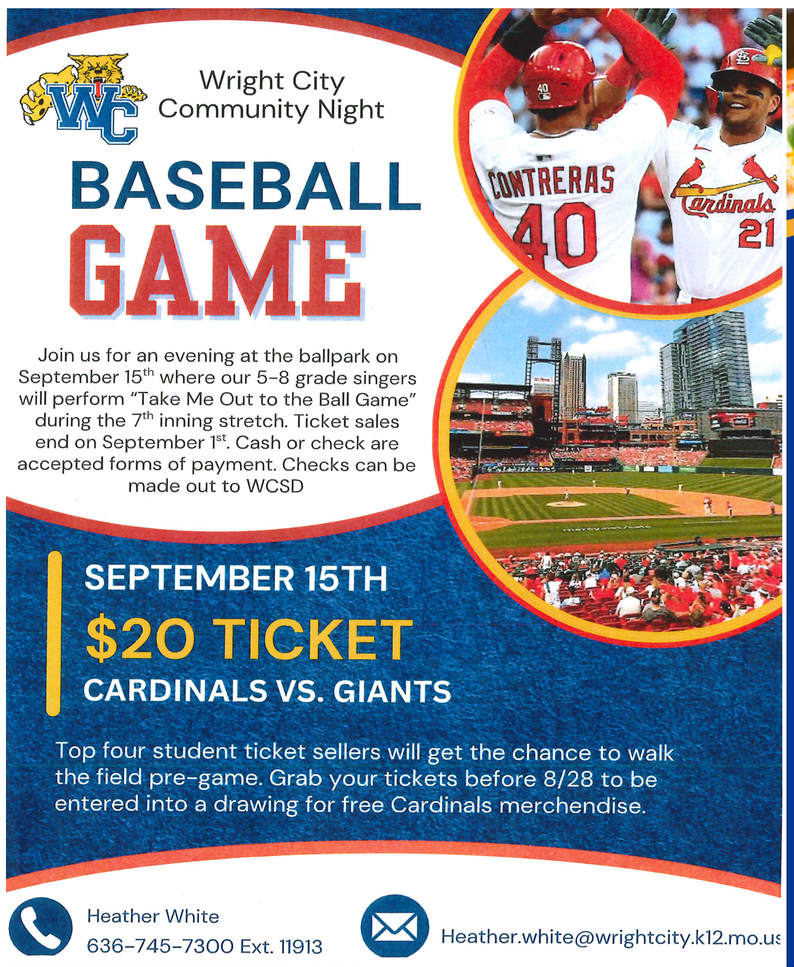


Wright City High School Principal, Dr. Jason Theodorakos with 1966 Wright City High School Principal, Mr. Rex Barnes.

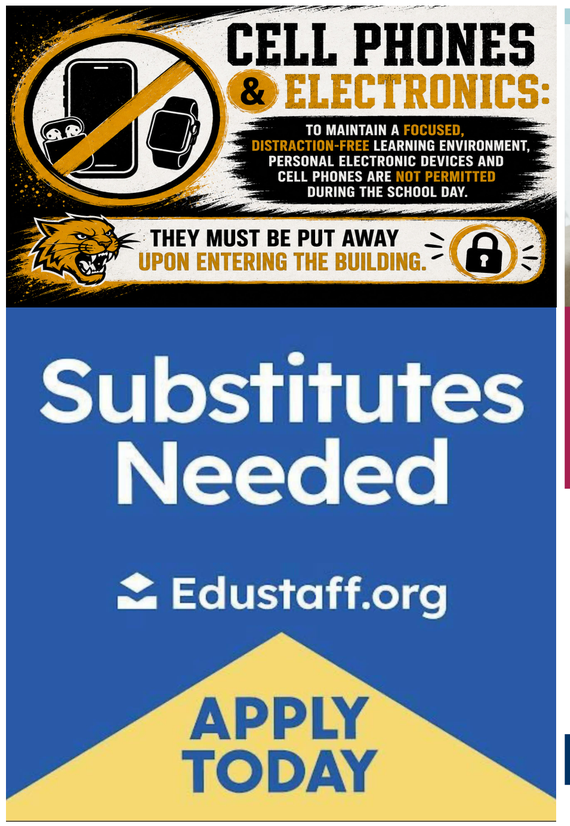














WRIGHT CITY HIGH SCHOOL

2026 VARSITY FOOTBALL

WRIGHT CITY WILDCATS



THE WRIGHT WAY

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
FRIDAY	AUG. 21	WINFIELD KICK-OFF CLASSIC (JAMBOREE)	NEUTRAL	TBA
FRIDAY	AUG. 28	@ WARRENTON	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	SEPT. 4	WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	SEPT. 11	@ BOWLING GREEN	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	SEPT. 18	@ LOUISIANA	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	SEPT. 25	MARK TWAIN	HOME	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	OCT. 2	SOUTH SHELBY	HOME	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	OCT. 9	VAN-FAR	HOME	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	OCT. 16	@ MONTGOMERY COUNTY	AWAY	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	OCT. 23	NORTH CALLAWAY	HOME	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	OCT. 30	MSHSAA DISTRICTS	TBA	TBA

HOME AWAY NEUTRAL

#TEAM WC SPORTS SCHEDULES

STAY UP TO DATE. SUPPORT OUR WILDCATS!

VOLLEYBALL • SOFTBALL • GOLF • SOCCER • CROSS COUNTRY • FOOTBALL

WRIGHT CITY 2026 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY, FRESHMAN

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
8/24	Winfield Volleyball Jamboree (Winfield, MO)	Neutral	V	
8/31	Winfield (Winfield, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:15 PM
9/1	Chamois (Chamois, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
9/3	Bowling Green	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/8	St. Louis Ignite (Chesterfield, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/10	St. Louis Christian Sr.	Home	V, JV	6:00 PM
9/12	MCHS JV Volleyball Tournament (Montgomery City, MO)	Neutral	JV	
9/14	Montgomery County	Home	V, JV, Fr	4:30 PM
9/15	Centralia (Centralia, MO)	Away	V, JV, Fr	5:00 PM
9/16	North Callaway	Home	V, JV, Fr	4:30 PM
9/19	Orchard Farm Varsity Tournament (St. Charles, MO)	Neutral	V	
9/21	St. Charles West	Home	V, JV, Fr	4:30 PM
9/22	Liberty Christian Sr. (Wright City, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/24	Montgomery County (Montgomery City, MO)	Away	V, JV, Fr	5:00 PM
9/26	Megan Gross Invitational (Warrenton, MO)	Neutral	V	
9/28	Centralia	Home	V, JV, Fr	4:30 PM
9/30	Veritas Christian Academy	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/1	Ft. Zumwalt East	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/5	Christian Fellowship Sr. (Columbia, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/8	Warrenton	Home	V, JV	6:00 PM
10/14	North Callaway (Kingdom City, MO)	Away	V, JV, Fr	5:00 PM
10/15	Bowling Green (Bowling Green, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/29-11/7	Class 3 State Tournament (TBD, MO)	Neutral	V	

WRIGHT CITY 2026 FALL SEASON SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
8/25	New Bloomfield Jamboree (Mokane, MO)	Neutral	V	
8/29	Lady Pirate Lead Off Classic (Boonville, MO)	Neutral	V	
» 8/29	» Clinton	Neutral	V	
» 8/29	» Boonville	Neutral	V	
» 8/29	» Eugene	Neutral	V	
9/1	St. Clair (St. Clair, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/3	Elsberry	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/4	Warrenton	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/8	North Callaway (Kingdom City, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/10	Montgomery County	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/11	Warrenton (Warrenton, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/14	St. Charles West	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/15	Louisiana (Louisiana, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/17-19	FZE Tournament (St. Peters, MO)	Neutral	V	
» 9/17-19	» Lutheran St. Charles	Neutral	V	
9/21	Silex	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/22	Mark Twain (Center, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/25-26	UCM Tournament (Warrensburg, MO)	Away	V	
9/29	Bowling Green (Bowling Green, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/1	Clopton (Clarksville, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/3	Centralia Invitational (Centralia, MO)	Neutral	V	
10/5	Hermann	Home	V	4:30 PM
10/6	Van-Far (Vandalia, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/8	Wellsville-Middletown	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/12	Owensville	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/24-31	Class 3 State Tournament (TBD, MO)	Neutral	V	

HOME AWAY NEUTRAL

ONE TEAM. ONE TOWN. WILDCAT STRONG!

WRIGHT CITY 2026 CROSS COUNTRY

VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
9/8	Van-Far Invitational (Vandalia, MO)	Away	V	5:00 pm
9/12	Forest Park CC Festival (St. Louis, MO)	Away	V	8:00 am
9/19	Fulton Invitational (Fulton, MO)	Neutral	V	—
9/26	Gans Creek Classic (Columbia, MO)	Away	V	—
10/2	Warrenton Invitational (Warrenton, MO)	Away	V	4:00 pm
10/2	Warrenton Invitational (Warrenton, MO)	Away	JV	4:00 pm
10/8	Orchard Farm Invitational (St. Charles, MO)	Away	V	4:00 pm
10/17	EMO Conference	Away	V	—
10/23	Bowling Green High School Cross Country Invite (Bowling Green, MO)	Away	V	2:00 pm

ONE TEAM. ONE COURSE. WILDCAT STRONG!

WRIGHT CITY 2026 GIRLS GOLF SCHEDULE

VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
8/28	Boonville Par 3 Event (Boonville, MO)	Away	V	9:00 am
8/31	Winfield (Winfield, MO)	Away	V	3:00 PM
9/2	Hannibal Girls Golf Invitational (Hannibal, MO)	Away	V	9:00 am
9/8	Fulton Quad (Fulton, MO)	Away	V	4:00 pm
9/10	Sullivan Tri w/ Steelville/Wright City (Sullivan, MO)	Away	V	4:00 pm
9/11	Holt (Wentzville, MO)	Away	V, JV	3:30 PM
9/17	Versailles Invitational (Versailles, MO)	Away	V	9:00 am
9/21	Lady Bulldog Invitational (St. Clair, MO)	Away	V	9:00 am
9/28	Winfield (Winfield, MO)	Away	V	3:30 PM
10/1	Fulton Classic Tournament (Fulton, MO)	Away	V	10:00 am
10/6	Lady Pirate Invitational (Boonville, MO)	Away	V	9:00 am
10/7	Warrenton (Warrenton, MO)	Away	V, JV	3:30 PM

DRIVE. FOCUS. FINISH. WILDCAT STRONG!



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- Be a part of the student section!
- Support your friends and community!
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Purchase on the school store- Limited supply of each size!

WRIGHT CITY 2026 BOYS SOCCER SCHEDULE

VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVELS	TIME
8/24	Soccer Jamboree @ Winfield (Winfield, MO)	Away	V	5:30 pm
8/27	Winfield (Winfield, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
8/31	Sullivan (Sullivan, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/3	Christian Fellowship Sr.	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/4	Principia (St. Louis, MO)	Away	JV	4:30 PM
9/8	Duchesne (St. Charles, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
9/9	Pacific	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/14	Liberty Christian Sr.	Home	V	4:30 PM
9/16	St. Louis UnitedA (Cottleville, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/17	Fulton	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
9/22	Holt	Home	V	4:30 PM
9/23-26	Warrior Classic Soccer Tournament (Winfield, MO)	Neutral	V	TBD
9/30	Southern Boone (Ashland, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/1	North Point	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/6	Hazelwood East (St. Louis, MO)	Away	V	4:30 PM
10/7	Veritas Christian Academy	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/8	Elsberry	Home	V	4:30 PM
10/12	Warrenton	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/14	Union (Union, MO)	Away	V, JV	5:00 PM
10/19	Hancock (St. Louis, MO)	Away	V	5:00 PM
10/20	Mexico (Mexico, MO)	Away	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/22	St. Charles	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/27	Valley Park	Home	V, JV	4:30 PM
10/28	Festus	Home	V, JV	5:00 PM
11/14-21	Class 2 State Tournament (TBD, MO)	Neutral	V	TBD

ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. WILDCAT PRIDE!

Letter from the Adviser

Dear Wildcat Family,

Welcome to a brand new school year and the first issue of the Wright City Connection for the 26-27 school year! I'm so excited to share this newspaper with you and I can't wait for you to see all the amazing things happening across our district this year.

The Wright City Connection is more than just ink on paper. It's your stories, your opinions, your achievements, and your school community. It's written by students, for students, about the people and places that make the Wright City R-II School District such a special place.

This newspaper is also for our entire community! We want to keep parents, families, alumni, local businesses, and all of our neighbors connected to the incredible things happening in our schools. Our students, staff, and community are all part of the Wildcat family, and we're proud to share that with you.

This is my first year as the new adviser for the Wright City Connection, and I couldn't be more honored to serve this amazing district. I'm looking forward to an incredible year of telling great stories, highlighting our students and staff, and celebrating all the ways we are One District. One Family. One Wildcat Nation.

Thank you for picking up a copy, reading, and supporting our students. Your encouragement means the world to us!

Here's to a year filled with new memories, big opportunities, and Wildcat pride. Let's make it the best one yet!

Go Wildcats!

Ms. Amber Christeson

Wright City Connection Adviser

With questions or concerns, please contact me at amber.christeson@wrightcity.k12.mo.us

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

10 TIPS FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR AT WCHS

1. **GET INVOLVED EARLY.** Join a club, sport, activity, or organization. You'll meet people outside your regular classes and become part of the school community.
2. **ASK QUESTIONS.** Can't find a classroom? Confused about an assignment? Not sure how something works? Ask! Teachers, staff members, and upperclassmen were freshmen once, too.
3. **STAY ON TOP OF YOUR WORK.** High school becomes much harder when assignments start piling up. Keep track of what's due, use your time wisely, and try not to wait until 11:59 p.m. to remember that assignment you forgot existed.
4. **REMEMBER THAT YOUR REPUTATION STARTS NOW.** Be someone others can count on. Show respect, put in effort, and make choices you'll be proud of later.
5. **GO TO SCHOOL EVENTS.** Football games, volleyball matches, plays, concerts, dances, and spirit weeks are part of the high school experience. Show up and support your fellow Wildcats. Some of your favorite high school memories may happen outside the classroom.
6. **MEET NEW PEOPLE.** Your middle-school friend group doesn't have to determine your entire high school experience. Sit by someone new. Say hello. Branch out. You never know who could become one of your closest friends.
7. **TALK TO YOUR TEACHERS.** Your teachers want you to succeed. If you're struggling, ask for help before your grade is in trouble. A little communication can go a long way.
8. **DON'T LIVE THROUGH YOUR PHONE.** Pay attention to the people and experiences happening around you. Four years may sound like forever when you're a freshman, but it goes faster than you think.
9. **LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES.** You're going to forget something, get answer wrong, have an awkward moment, or make a decision you wish you could redo. That's part of growing up. Learn from it and keep moving forward.
10. **ENJOY BEING A FRESHMAN.** Don't spend the entire year wishing you were older. You only get one freshman year. Try something new, make memories, and enjoy the beginning of your time at WCHS.

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Together WE CAN

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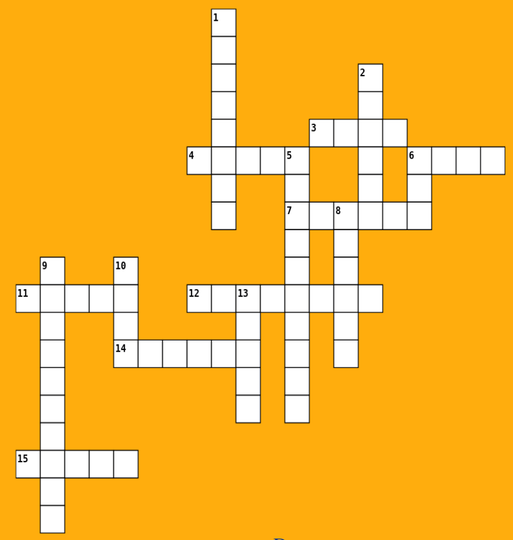
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The Wildcat Den



The Crossword



Across

3. sound associated with a wildcat
4. leads an athletic team
6. student organization
7. symbol representing a school
11. what wildcats show
12. state WCC is printed in
14. where the wildcats learn
15. where some wildcats play sports

Down

1. work assigned by teacher
2. theme for Wright City School District
5. school dance in the fall
6. wildcat's animal identity
8. school pride
9. Warren County community
10. information about current events
13. Superintendent of Wright City

WILDCAT HIGHLIGHT

WRIGHT WAY WRIGHT NOW



For the 2026-2027 school year, the Wright City Connection is highlighting one wildcat that stands out amongst the rest. This year, Wright City High School appointed a new assistant principal, Dr. Scott Haxton.

"What I did before [in my previous positions], wheher it was teaching or coaching, transfered skills that I use [in my current role]," Haxton said. "listening and understanding people's problems, so I can meet them where they are, propose solutions."

Haxton's role includes various responsibilities for the district, but he wants everyone to know humanity comes first.

"I want you to know that I authentically care about each and every one of you, as if you were my own children. Even when you make mistakes in the same way that when my own children make mistakes, I want to be there for each and every one of you to help you through those choices," Haxton said.

As Haxton gets comfortable in his role, he has determined top priorities for the high school this year.

"[My top priorities are] building relationships with families, getting to know people, and getting to know the culture and the history that makes Wright City unique," Haxton said. "I want to be there for people when they need me."

Prior to his role at Wright City High School, Haxton spent many years in education, learning himself, as well as teaching in other districts.

"I have four degrees. I have a doctorate in educational leadership, a master's in educational leadership, a master's in chemistry, and a bachelor's in chemistry," Haxton said. "I love education so much."

Haxton encourages all students at Wright City with one final message.

"Make the best of your time. This is precious time that sets you up for your future. Enjoy every day," Haxton said. "Things that seem big in a moment are small in the grand scheme of things. Enjoy it. It will fly by."



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2026-27 School Calendar

WRIGHT CITY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

LEGEND: [Beginning of School/Semester] End of School/Semester
Holiday - District Closed | No Student Attendance | Half Day Student Attendance

AUGUST 2026

M	T	W	R	F
3	4	5	6	7
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17	18	19	20	21
[24	25	26	27	28
31				

13-14: New Teachers
17-20: Staff Development
24: Students Begin (full day)

SEPTEMBER 2026

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28	29	30		

7: NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
18: Staff Workday
21: NO SCHOOL: Staff Development

OCTOBER 2026

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5: PTC for East and MS 4-7 pm
6: PTC for West and EC 4-7 pm
7: PTC for HS 4-7 pm
8: Early Release for 4 hours of PTC
9: NO SCHOOL
23: End of 1st Quarter
30: NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2026

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23	24	25	26	27
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2: NO SCHOOL- Staff Development
25-27: NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2026

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21	22	23	24	25
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18: 1st Semester Ends
21-31: NO SCHOOL- Winter Break

JANUARY 2027

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1: NO SCHOOL- Winter Break
4: NO SCHOOL- Staff Development
5: 2nd Semester Begins
18: NO SCHOOL- MLK Day
possible makeup day

FEBRUARY 2027

M	T	W	R	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
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22	23	24	25	26

8-11 Parent Teacher Conferences
12: NO SCHOOL- Staff Development
15: NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day
possible makeup day
26: Staff Workday

MARCH 2027

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12: End of 3rd Quarter
22-26: NO SCHOOL- Spring Break
29: NO SCHOOL- Easter Break
possible makeup day

APRIL 2027

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MAY 2027

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24	25	26	27]	28
31				

27: Last Day of Semester/Year
if no additional snow days
(half day)

MAKE-UP/INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS:

1-2: Traditional snow days may be made up on January 18, February 15 or March 29, depending on if there are at least 10 school days before the makeup day.

3-7: 5 days of AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction)

Any additional days will be added to the end of the school year if needed.

