



10/16/26

Dear Wyoming Families,

Well, we came off a four-day Fall Break and headed into a three-day week of school with a full head of steam and a ton of style! Only Wyoming High School can find a way to pack as many exciting things into 72 hours. We honored our National Merit Semi-Finalists with celebratory breakfast! Students and staff dressed up for spirit days! Our entire building was fired up and got Nina Myatt ready to go as we sent her off to compete in the Girls State Tennis Tournament (pictured below)! Our Boys Soccer team finished league play with zero losses on the season and tied for the league title as they set their sights on the post-season and the hopes of another deep run into the tournament.

Of course, it wouldn't be a homecoming week without a pep rally! Our students certainly made the most of showing off their school spirit this afternoon as we gathered in the gym to recognize our fall sports teams and gear up for an exciting game this evening! If you would like to join in the festivities, the parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. and kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. During halftime we will honor our seniors for their participation in the fall season. This will be immediately followed by our homecoming ceremony! If you can make it out to join us, great. If not, no worries, you can still swing by our building to see the class floats parked out front during the game.

As for the dance, it will take place between 8-10 p.m. on Saturday in the Pendery lobby. If students still need to purchase a ticket, they can pay \$20 cash at the door. Hopefully everyone is able to find some way to connect to the beautiful homecoming traditions that exist here in Wyoming!

Thank you and we wish everyone a wonderful and safe weekend!

District Update:

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

- Finance Friday: High Achievement & Responsible Stewardship
- Upcoming Events
- PSA Membership Drive Ends October 17!
- Volunteer Opportunity: Help Out at the WyoSHOP
- JWC Light Up Wyoming Luminary Kit Sale
- Wyoming Newcomers Club Information
- Rec Basketball Registration for Grades 7-12

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

Monday, October 19 - Friday, October 23, 2026

<u>Upcoming Weekly Events:</u>	
10/19/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Bell Schedule
10/20/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSAT Testing Day (Grades 9-11 will be dismissed from school at 11:00 a.m. upon completion of their assessments and activities) <u>9th Grade:</u> Report to school 8:00-11:00 a.m. for career exploration activities. <u>10th Grade:</u> Report to school 8:00-11:00 a.m. for the PSAT/NMSQT. <u>11th Grade:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choice 1: Report to School 8:00-11:00 a.m. for the PSAT/NMSQT.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The PSAT/NMSQT stands for the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It is a standardized test given to high school students. Eleventh grade is the official year this test counts for awards.• Choice 2: Ed Option day (College Visit, Job Shadow, Volunteer).<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Students or parents must opt out HERE. <u>12th Grade:</u> DO NOT report to school! Students can work on Common Applications, go on a college visit, volunteer or job shadow.
10/21/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Bell Schedule• WHS & WMS Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Pendery Auditorium
10/22/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flex Bell Schedule• WHS Picture Retake Day (7:30-9:30 a.m.)
10/23/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Bell Schedule
Quick Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conferences - Thursday, November 5 (3:30-6:30 p.m.)• Fall Drama Production - <i>The Miracle Worker</i> - November 6 and 7• Foundation Day: Monday, November 9 (10:20-11:20 a.m.)• Senior Trip to Washington D.C. - November 20 - 24• Thanksgiving Break - November 25 -29

Attendance: Every Day Matters!

Regular attendance is one of the most important ways families can support student success. Each day at school gives students opportunities to learn, build relationships, develop routines, and stay connected to their school community. Even occasional absences can add up over time and make it harder for students to keep pace with classroom learning.

We know that illnesses and other circumstances sometimes make absences unavoidable. When your child is healthy and able to attend, however, please make every effort to have them at school, on time, each day. If your family is experiencing a challenge that is making regular attendance difficult, please reach out to your child's school. We want to partner with you and help identify supports that can make a difference.

Thank you for helping us make every school day count!

Terrace Metrics:

At Wyoming City Schools, we are committed to supporting the academic success, well-being, and sense of belonging of every student. Just as we use academic information to understand student strengths and identify areas where additional support may be helpful, we also use carefully selected measures to better understand student well-being and the overall climate of our schools.

During the 2026-2027 school year, students in grades 5-12 will have the opportunity to participate in two measures: Terrace Metrics and the 1N5 School Climate Survey. Both are completed directly by students but serve different purposes.

Terrace Metrics - administered during the week of October 19th

Terrace Metrics is a student-completed behavioral health and resiliency screening tool designed specifically for use in schools. The screening asks students questions related to factors that can influence their well-being and success, including areas such as resilience, hope, life satisfaction, stress, anxiety, relationships, and other indicators of behavioral health.

Terrace Metrics helps our school teams:

- Identify student strengths;
- Recognize students who may benefit from additional support;
- Make informed decisions about appropriate school-based supports and interventions; and
- Examine building- and district-level trends to guide prevention and wellness programming.

Terrace Metrics is a screening tool and is not used to diagnose a mental health condition. When screening results indicate that a student may benefit from additional support, an appropriate school staff member will follow up with the student and family to better understand the student's needs and determine whether additional support or resources may be helpful.

1N5 School Climate Survey - administered in November

Wyoming City Schools partners with 1N5, a local nonprofit organization focused on mental health education, prevention, and reducing the stigma associated with seeking help.

The 1N5 School Climate Survey helps us better understand students' experiences and perceptions of their school environment. Questions focus on areas such as school climate, belonging, mental health awareness, knowledge of available supports, and students' comfort with seeking help when needed.

Unlike Terrace Metrics, the primary purpose of the 1N5 School Climate Survey is to help us understand broader trends and needs across our schools and district. Information from the survey helps Wyoming City Schools and 1N5 evaluate existing efforts and identify opportunities to strengthen school climate, prevention, mental health education, and student supports.

Why do we use both?

Terrace Metrics helps us understand individual student strengths and potential support needs, while the 1N5 School Climate Survey helps us understand the broader experiences and perceptions of our students and school community.

Together, these measures provide information that can help us make thoughtful decisions about how we support students and create school environments in which students feel connected, supported, and able to succeed.

Parent/Guardian Permission

Wyoming City Schools values transparency and partnership with families. Therefore, your child will only participate in the survey or surveys for which you provide written permission. If we do not receive written permission, your child will not participate.

Parents and guardians have the right to review the survey materials before deciding whether their child will participate. If you would like additional information or would like to review Terrace Metrics or the 1N5 School Climate Survey, please contact your child's school counselor.

Please complete this [Google Form](#) to indicate your decision for each measure by October 16, 2026.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to support the success, well-being, and sense of belonging of every Wyoming student.

Counselors' Updates:

October 16th Weekly Application Update

Common Application Counselor Listing

Confirm now that you have listed your College Counselor (Dr. Hunter or Mrs. Lewis) on your Common App and have waived your FERPA rights or we will not be able to send materials on your behalf. To complete this step in Common App, go to the "Recommendations and FERPA" section of your college applications.

SCOIR

Update your SCOIR as you update your Common App. Listing schools under "Applying" and "Applied" tells us where to send your transcripts and materials.

Send ACT/SAT Scores

If you plan to submit scores as part of the application process, in many cases these scores will need to be sent **DIRECTLY** from the testing agency. The Counseling Office does not send scores on a student's behalf and they are not included on the transcript. If official score reports are required, the scores need to be sent at least one month in advance of the application deadline. To send either the ACT or SAT, login in to your portal and follow the prompts to send scores. The link for ACT is [HERE](#) and the link for the College Board (SAT) is [HERE](#). **DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP as you may make your application ineligible for scholarships if the test scores are not received by the application deadline**

What Happens After I Apply?

After you submit your Common Application, you will receive an email from the university inviting you to set up your account in your portal. This step is crucial, as this is how schools will communicate with you about next steps. **Do this as soon as possible.**

Financial Aid

The FAFSA is now live and will take about 30 minutes to complete. Do this [HERE](#) as soon as possible, but no later than December 1. Don't forget that some schools also need the CSS Profile *in addition* to the FAFSA. The list of schools that require the CSS Profile are listed [HERE](#). Cross-reference this list with your list of schools that you are planning to apply to. To be clear, not every school needs the CSS Profile, but all schools need the FAFSA.

The WHS College Financial Aid Info Session slide deck from the September 30th presentation can be found [HERE](#).

Scholarships & Special Programs

This week we are highlighting the [GE Reagan Scholarship](#). Other "3rd Party Scholarships" (scholarships that follow you wherever you enroll) are also available on Canvas.

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This week we are highlighting the [Ohio Engineering Scholarship](#). Other third-party scholarships (i.e. scholarships that follow you wherever you enroll) are available on Canvas.

Wonderful Wyoming:



Our Wyoming High School students rallied around Nina Myatt to cheer her on and send her off to the Girls State Tennis Tournament with all the positive momentum in the world! Congratulations, Nina! Thank you for sharing your talents with everyone and for being such a wonderful ambassador of Wyoming High School! We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to our National Merit Semifinalists who were recognized at an annual breakfast this morning! Over 1.2 million students in roughly 20,000 high schools entered the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program and our six honorees are among the top 1% of students who have advanced as semifinalists! Congratulations to all! We are so incredibly proud of you for this tremendous accomplishment.



Several of our students traveled to Paycor Stadium on Thursday to attend the Kickoff Event for **STAC – the Sports Technology & Analytics Club**, designed for students who are interested in the intersection of **sports, technology, data, and analytics**. Students will hear directly from members of the Bengals organization about how technology and analytics are being used in the NFL.

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

Continued Reminder About Sportsmanship:

We recently reminded students about the importance of positive sportsmanship at all school events. This especially includes, but is not limited to, maintaining respectful chants in the student section. Representing Wyoming High School with pride means supporting our teams while treating opponents and officials with respect. Students who choose not to meet these expectations may be asked to leave the event. Thank you for partnering with us to reinforce these values at home!

Update on School-Based Therapy Services at Wyoming High School:

We are grateful for our partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC), which provides Wyoming High School students with access to confidential, compassionate mental health support that promotes emotional well-being and success both in and out of the classroom. As part of this partnership, we are pleased to introduce **Laura Deitzel, MA, LPCC-S**, who will serve as Wyoming High School's **CCHMC School-Based Therapist**.

Laura brings more than 23 years of experience supporting youth and families facing emotional, behavioral, and mental health challenges. Since joining Cincinnati Children's in 2014, she has worked with families in crisis through the Emergency Department and transitioned to School-Based Therapy in 2019 to focus on helping students successfully navigate adolescence and the transition into young adulthood.

Laura is especially passionate about working with high school students as they develop a deeper understanding of themselves, their strengths, and their goals for the future. Her approach focuses on empowering students to overcome challenges, build resilience, strengthen self-confidence, and develop the skills needed to thrive. She is committed to creating a supportive and compassionate environment where adolescents feel heard, valued, and equipped to reach their full potential.

If you are interested in learning more about school-based therapy services or would like Laura to meet with your student, please complete the referral form using the link below. You may also contact Wyoming High School counselors **Ben Henke** or **Lucas Osterbur** with any questions.

Please note that because Laura is employed through Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, therapy services are billed through the family's health insurance.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgQ-dd5ZI7cr_okKS_tkH2uIBRD5zm6vthA0b65kEMW0beJA/viewform

Costa Rica Trip:



If you are the parent of a Spanish student interested in traveling to Costa Rica for spring break 2027, please tell them to stop by room 300 to talk to Señora Knopp. The deadline to sign up for this trip is October 22nd!

To see more details about the trip, visit explorica.com/Knopp-1378

Important Nurse Reminder:

Parent Reminder: Vaccine Requirement for 12th Graders

Ohio requires students entering 12th grade to receive the **meningococcal ACWY vaccine (also called MCV4 or MenACWY)**. Students need a **second dose given on or after their 16th birthday**.

Without documentation on file, your child's participation in school activities may be affected, including field trips (e.g., the senior trip) and extracurricular programs, including athletics.

What we need:

If your child has already received the required dose, please contact their healthcare provider to request an updated vaccination record.

If your child still needs the vaccine:

Schedule an appointment with your child's healthcare provider. You can also check with local pharmacies or Hamilton County Public Health about availability.

Vaccination records can be:

- **Sent in** with your child
- **Faxed to:** (513) 206-7132
- **Emailed to:** murphyn@wyomingcityschools.org

Yearbook Update:

Order Your WHS Yearbook, Share Photos & Senior Reminders! 📸

Don't miss out on securing this year's memories! Pre-order your 2026–2027 Wyoming High School yearbook today for the lowest price of **\$75** (shipping included) by **April 3** at yearbookforever.com.

Parent Reminders & Updates:

- 📦 **2025–2026 Yearbooks:** Last year's books shipped home this week! Didn't get one? A limited quantity is available in the front office for \$80 (payable by cash, check, or money order to *Wyoming City Schools*).
- 📱 **Upload Photos:** Got great shots of games, Homecoming, or concerts? Download the free **Yearbook Snap app**, search *Wyoming High School*, and enter code **cowboys** to submit photos!
- 🎓 **Senior Ads:** Submissions close **March 20 at 11:59 p.m.** on yearbookforever.com.
- 📸 **Senior Portraits (Prestige Studios):** Final photo session is **December 1** at WHS. *Dress code:* Solid dark long-sleeve top covering shoulders (ladies); white long-sleeve shirt with tie/dark jacket suggested (gentlemen).

Questions? Contact **Gwen Robinson** at robinsong@wyomingcityschools.org. Help us make this year's book the best one yet!

Student Handbook:

Here is a link to our [WHS Student & Parent Handbook 2026-2027](#) 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.

Freshmen & New Students:

Here is the link to the [Orientation Presentation](#) you participated in at the beginning of the week.

Attendance:

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

District Calendar:

Below is a link to our 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! [2026-2027 WHS & WMS Calendar-at-a-Glance: Grades 5-12](#) and [2026-2027 Printed Calendar](#).

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. Families can pay existing fee balances at any point online via the [Wyoming PaySchools portal](#).

Any new fees for the 2026-2027 school year were applied to your student's account the first week of September. At which point, families can use the same [Wyoming PaySchools portal](#) to pay these newly applied fees. **Fees associated with second-semester-only courses for students in grades 9–12 will not be assessed at this time.**

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 31 and school buildings will send fee reminders throughout the year. Parent deadline for payment of instructional fees assessed in September. **For students in grades 9–12, fees for second-semester-only courses are assessed separately in January and are due February 27.** 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.

Second-Semester-Only Course Fees – Grades 9–12: Fees associated with courses that meet only during the second semester will go live to families by January 15. These fees are assessed separately to allow time for second-semester schedules and schedule changes to be finalized and to help ensure families are charged accurately based on the student's second-semester course enrollment.

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.

<u>1st Semester (All Students)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, December 14• Tuesday, December 15• Wednesday, December 16• Thursday, December 17• Friday, December 18

<u>2nd Semester (Seniors Only)</u>	<u>2nd Semester (Grades 9-11)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, May 17• Tuesday, May 18• Wednesday, May 19• Thursday, May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday, May 21• Monday, May 24• Tuesday, May 25• Wednesday, May 26• Thursday, May 27

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

Thank you again and we hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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