



## Williamston High School Bi-Weekly News & Notes October 23, 2026

Dear WHS Students and Families,

Below is new information, updates, and reminders about various WHS groups/activities that we hope you find helpful. If you have any questions, please visit the [WHS website](#) or contact the main office at 517-655-2142.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

|                       |                                                                 |
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| November 3            | No School - Staff Professional Development (Election Day)       |
| November 25-27        | No School (Thanksgiving Break)                                  |
| December 21-January 3 | No School (Holiday Break)                                       |
| January 4             | No School - Staff Professional Development                      |
| January 13-14         | Final Exam half days - WHS AM only (8:30 AM - 11:45 AM)         |
|                       | 2nd semester drops & adds 12:15 - 3:15 PM (more info to follow) |
| January 15            | Half Day whole district - End of 1st Semester                   |
| January 18            | No School - MLK Day                                             |
| January 19            | Start of the 2nd Semester                                       |

### **WHS Student Government - Haunted Forest**

On October 24 -26 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, our WHS Student Government is running a Haunted Forest experience. The cost is \$5 per person (cash only). [Click here](#) to view a full-size flyer.



### **AP Exam Registration Information - Deadline November 12th**

Advanced Placement Exam registration is now open. The deadline to register to take an AP Exam this school year is November 12, 2026. Any student who is interested in signing up, please refer to this [AP Testing Sign-up document](#) for information on how to complete the process. If you have any questions, please stop in the counseling office and talk with Ms. Enfield or email her at [enfiell@gowcs.net](mailto:enfiell@gowcs.net).

### **WHS Musical Club Presents: *Disney's Frozen the Musical*: November 12 - 15**

Over 50 WHS and WMS students on stage, in the pit, and behind the scenes are proud to present Disney's *Frozen the Broadway Musical* at McGoff Auditorium! Come and cheer on our talented cast, pit, and crew!

- **Performances:** November 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 PM, and November 15 at 2:00 PM ([Flyer](#))
- **Community Meet and Greet:** Stop by Old Nation restaurant on Saturday, November 7, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM for a chance to meet Elsa, Anna, and Olaf! ([Flyer](#))
- **Tickets:** Sold at the door and online at GoFan by scanning the QR code on our flyer or by visiting our [WHS Musical webpage](#).



### **Voice of Democracy: 26-27 Competition through VFW - Deadline October 31st**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6464 announces the 2026-2027 Voice of Democracy Audio Essay competition for 9th through 12th grade students. This year's theme is "What A Veteran Taught Me About America". The application deadline is October 31st. You can check out the VFW646 website and the Voice of Democracy page [here](#). Please see other informational documents below as well if interested in entering the competition.

[Voice of Democracy News Release](#)

[Voice of Democracy Flyer with QR Code](#)

[26-27 Official Entry Form, VOD Competition](#)

### **10th Grade Wilson Talent Center Presentation and Tour**

The Wilson Talent Center will be coming to the high school on October 26th to present to the 10th graders! Students will learn about the program options that they offer and have the chance to ask any questions they may have. During the presentation on October 26th, students will fill out a tour form for programs they would like to visit. The tour at the Wilson Talent Center will occur in mid-November during the school day. More information will be sent to 10th grade students and families once the tour date is scheduled. If you have any questions, please stop in the counseling office or email Ms. Boyes, [boyesmy@gowcs.net](mailto:boyesmy@gowcs.net).

## WHS Art Club Ornament Painting Fundraiser - November 14th

On November 14th, two sessions will be held for painting ornaments to support our WHS Art Club. Please see a [full-size flyer here](#) for more information. Please [sign up here](#) to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kubu at [kubum@gowcs.net](mailto:kubum@gowcs.net).



## Williamston Figure Study - Starting January 19th

Please check out the [2027 flyer; session themes](#) can be found here. Also, here is a link to the [digital enrollment](#) form as well. Please contact Mrs. Kubu at [kubum@gowcs.net](mailto:kubum@gowcs.net) if you have any questions

### **Williamston Figure Study 2027**



FIGURE STUDY is a contemporary study for drawing the **human figure** using classical references. Sessions will include **live models**, a wide variety of media including **charcoal, pastel, and ink** to develop a drawing with **gesture, contour, shading, speed, line variety** while working with **allegorical (story telling) themes** and building the artist's **confidence and character**. The class has been designed as a "must" for students assembling a strong **portfolio**.



- **Tuesdays 6-8pm at Williamston High School, Room D9**  
-starting January 19th  
-ending March 16th
- **Cost for full 9 weeks: \$160 Cash or \$180 Check** to Williamston Figure Study (\$20 processing fee applied) includes all materials and fees for supplies, facility usage, models, and instructors. \*Need financial assistance? Ask about our scholarship program.
- **Can't commit to a full 9 weeks? Weekly drop-in price is \$25**

Please, submit the completed registration form online and bring payment the first night of class. Contact one of the instructors with any questions:

Mrs. Meagan Kubu  
[KubuM@gowcs.net](mailto:KubuM@gowcs.net)

Mrs. Liz Wylegala  
[wylegaliz@aol.com](mailto:wylegaliz@aol.com)

Mr. Jon Gere  
[GereJ@gowcs.net](mailto:GereJ@gowcs.net)

**Use the QR Code to Enroll Online**



### **Athletic Registration Fee Waiver - Winter Season Approaching**

WHS recognizes the importance of students participating in school extracurricular activities, as such participation enables students to develop leadership qualities, make friends, participate in new activities, pursue special interests, and simply have fun. As such, WHS does not want any student to be deterred from participating in an extracurricular activity due to financial hardship, so we would like all students/families to be aware that a waiver for athletic/extracurricular fees may be obtained in the following ways:

- Families who qualify for free and reduced lunch also qualify to have pay-to-play fees waived. If interested, please complete this [form](#) (click on the hyperlink to access the form) and submit it electronically to [enfiell@gowcs.net](mailto:enfiell@gowcs.net) or return the form to the WHS main office.
- Per the WCS Athletic Handbook, "It is the position of the Board of Education that no athlete should be denied the opportunity to participate in our athletic programs as a result of financial need. Therefore, financial hardship will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, at the request of the athlete's parent/guardian, through the athletic office." The athletic office can be reached at 517-655-2142 ext. 7012.
- Exchange students are exempt from the athletic fee.

If you have any questions about the athletic registration fees, please contact WHS at 517-655-2142.

## **Reminders and Rotating Announcements below**

### **WHS Drone Club**

Any student interested in joining WHS Drone Club should see Mr. Sprague in room F8. Drone club will be meeting on Thursdays from 4-5 PM. Students will learn to pilot drones, race FPV drones, and learn about applications of drone technologies, including experience with aerial photography and videography.

### **Yearbooks**

The 2026-2027 "Y{our} Story" Yearbook is available for purchase through the Yearbook Form in the main high school office or at [www.jostens.com/yearbook](http://www.jostens.com/yearbook). Simply search for "Williamston High School" and "Michigan" to order and personalize your yearbook online. Senior ads may also be purchased through the website or by sending information to the yearbook staff at [hsyearbook@gowcs.net](mailto:hsyearbook@gowcs.net). [Senior Pictures & Baby Photos](#) information can be found on the linked Google Doc. Thank you for supporting a yearbook that is focused on capturing the moments, memories, and stories of the 2026-2027 school year.

### **Homework Lab & Saturday Academic School**

Homework Lab and Saturday Academic School are opportunities for students to get assistance with their homework, make up a test, or complete a project. These academic support sessions are run by WHS staff members, and any student in need of academic support is encouraged to attend.

- Homework lab is held in the WHS library and is offered Tuesday and Thursday after school (3:25-4:25 PM) and Monday and Wednesday before school (7:45-8:25 AM).

- Saturday academic school is offered on scheduled Saturdays from 8:00-11:30 AM in the WHS library and is open to all students needing additional academic support. Upcoming 1st semester dates include: 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/12, 1/9, 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/24, 5/15, and 5/29. Students should enter the school through the Dome entrance (Door 27), as other entrances will be locked.
- WCS math teacher Tom Hampton will be available to work with students in need of math support at Saturday academic school (see dates above).

### **\*NEW Youth Work Permit Law: \*Effective October 2, 2026\***

A new Michigan law (Public Act 196 of 2024) is changing how work permits for minors are processed. Starting October 2, 2026, schools will no longer be responsible for issuing and revoking work permits; the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) will take over this responsibility.

#### **Key Changes:**

- [New Online System](#): Minors and employers must use LEO's free registration website to apply for and process work permits.
- Work Hour Restrictions:
  - 14- and 15-year-olds may only work between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. from June 1 to Labor Day and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the rest of the year.
  - During the school year, work is limited to 3 hours per day and 18 hours per week.
  - When school is not in session, minors may work up to 40 hours per week.

For more information, visit [Michigan LEO's website](#), which will be updated as the transition approaches and when the change takes effect on October 2nd.

#### **Helpful Resources:**

- [Michigan LEO - Youth Employment Standards Act \(YESA\) information page](#)
- [Michigan LEO - Youth Employment information page](#)
- [Michigan LEO - Youth Employment Permit Portal](#)

### **Basic Needs Cart in Counseling Office**

Need a little extra support? Visit the Basic Needs Cart outside Ms. Boyes's office! It's stocked with free hygiene items, feminine products, and school supplies—all available to help you stay comfortable, confident, and ready to succeed. No stress, no judgment—just what you need, when you need it. You're not alone, and we're here to help! You can come down any time to pick out the items you need.

### **Weekend Survival Kits**

WHS is participating in the Weekend Kit program for the 2026-2027 school year. This program is supplemental to the free breakfast and lunch programs offered at school every day and is intended to meet the nutritional needs of children during non-school hours, specifically over weekends or longer breaks.

Weekend Kits are designed to slip discreetly into your child's backpack and are distributed to participating children every other week on Thursdays or Fridays and are available at no cost to your family. **There are no eligibility requirements to participate in this program.**

Each Weekend Kit includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack items and contains enough food to last each child two weekends. Foods included are kid-friendly items and easy for your child to prepare or help prepare.

For more information, please contact Michelle Smith (WHS administrative assistant) at 517-655-2142 or [smithm@gowcs.net](mailto:smithm@gowcs.net), or email the Greater Lansing Food Bank at [glfb@glfoodbank.org](mailto:glfb@glfoodbank.org).

If you would like more information about additional food assistance resources available to your family, please visit [greaterlansingfoodbank.org](http://greaterlansingfoodbank.org).

### **PowerSchool**

[PowerSchool](#) can be accessed on the [WHS website](#). PowerSchool parent/guardian passwords remain the same as the previous school year. If you are having problems with PowerSchool, please email [support@gowcs.net](mailto:support@gowcs.net).

### **Community Enrichment Opportunities**

Families and students can check out and enroll in fitness center memberships and activities online by clicking [here](#).

### **WHS Student Handbook & Code of Conduct**

The [WHS Student Handbook and Code of Conduct](#) can be found on the [WHS website](#).