

# Wilmot Union High School



## WUHS TODAY

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Dear WUHS Community,

As we close the holiday break, I wish for you warmth, togetherness, and the company of your loved ones. May this festive time be filled with laughter, love, and cherished moments that create long-lasting memories.

Earlier this fall, we sent a survey to all district households to gather feedback on the community's educational priorities. There were questions related to operational and capital (facilities) referendums. Results of the survey showed that the majority of people in our community are willing to invest to maintain a high-quality high school in their area.

Now, we face a pivotal moment in the journey of our school. Earlier this month, the Wilmot UHS Board of Education approved a resolution for an operational referendum question on the February 20, 2024 election ballot. The three-year, non-recurring request is for \$2,000,000 in 2024-25, \$2,500,000 in 2025-26, and \$3,000,000 in 2026-27.

The District's dire financial situation was caused by several years of underfunding by the state of WI, declining enrollment, and unprecedented inflation. This year, the District saved over \$1,300,000 with staff cuts and is still running a small budget deficit that's expected to grow without additional staff and programming cuts in the future. If approved, the funds will be used to hire back some of the positions that were cut after the failed April, 2023, referendum, complete deferred maintenance projects, provide updates to security, and begin to build the fund balance so we can afford routine maintenance in the future. If the referendum fails, the district will be forced to cut additional staff and programs.

The operational referendum is phase one of a two-part plan. If approved, the Board of Education will consider a proposal for a fall capital (facilities) referendum to address pressing needs with heating/ventilation, roofing, flooring, and hardscapes. Additionally, the district will look to upgrade our career and technical education classrooms (i.e. shop and hospitality). We are currently working with a consulting firm to ensure we are in alignment with the workforce needs of employers in our area and beyond.

Your involvement is crucial in making this referendum a success. We encourage all members of our school community - parents, teachers, students, and staff - to actively participate in the information sessions in January. This is an opportunity to ask questions, express your opinions, and contribute to the collective decision-making process.

### Key Dates:

January 24, 2024 - Community Session in the Library from 5-5:50 (before BOE meeting)

January 29, 2024 - Community Session in the Library from 6:00-7:00 (during the Panther Expo)

February 20, 2024 - Election Day

Let's come together as a community, united in our commitment to providing the best possible education for our students. Together, we can build a brighter future for Wilmot Union High School.

Your partner in education,

Dr. Michael Plourde  
District Administrator  
Wilmot Union High School



### WILMOT UHS NEWSLETTER

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#### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:

##### WORKING SESSION:

JANUARY 15TH - 4:30PM

##### REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

JANUARY 24TH - 6:00PM

LOCATION: WUHS LIBRARY

[CLICK HERE FOR THE 2023-2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION CALENDAR](#)

# A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

## **2024-2025 Course Selection**

9th-11th grade students will begin the 2024-2025 school year course selection process later this month.

We encourage you to talk with your students about this process and their selections while using our [ACP Guide](#) for more information about all we have to offer.

Beginning in February-March, students will meet individually with their counselors to confirm their course selections. Students will have until June 1st to let their counselor know of any schedule change requests for the 24-25 school year.

If you have any questions and would like to talk through your student's courses more, please contact your student's counselor.

## **COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN**

College Goal Wisconsin provides free information and assistance to families completing the FAFSA.

College Goal Wisconsin is offering both in-person and virtual FAFSA Completion Events in January and February 2024.

To register for a FAFSA Completion Event or to request additional information, please refer to [collegegoalwi.org](http://collegegoalwi.org).

# ASVAB TEST

Wilmot Union High School will be proctoring the ASVAB test to students on Tuesday, January 30th, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. This is a late start Tuesday.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test is a crucial assessment for those considering military enlistment. Comprising ten subtests, the ASVAB gauges academic and technical knowledge, with the first four sections determining eligibility for enlistment. Scores on these and subsequent subtests open doors to various military occupational specialties, including clerical, mechanical maintenance, combat, and surveillance. Achieving high scores can pave the way for desired specialized positions. The test covers areas like Word Knowledge, Mathematics, and Electronics Information. Testing arrangements are facilitated by military recruiters, with locations spanning Military Entrance Processing Stations and other designated sites. There is a one-month waiting period for retests, and individuals failing a second retake face a six-month hiatus. Aspiring test-takers can find valuable resources on the official ASVAB website, including descriptions of test formats and sample questions for each section.

Wilmot Union High School will be administering the ASVAB for juniors and seniors interested in taking the exam on January 30th.

For more information please contact Melissa Sweatmen in Student Services at [sweatmanm@wilmoths.k12.wi.us](mailto:sweatmanm@wilmoths.k12.wi.us).

## A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Please refer to this [website](#) to learn more about this initiative Winter ACT Prep Class.

Juniors, the next ACT Prep class will be starting in January. This class prepares students for the Statewide ACT test on March 12, 2024.

Classes start on Monday, January 22nd and the cost is \$175. For more information regarding the structure of the class please visit [Wisconsin Test Prep](#).

You can view the [full class schedule here](#), and register for the Wilmot class at [Wisconsin Test Prep](#).

More information regarding the March 12th Statewide ACT test will be provided at a later date.

A promotional graphic for ACT Prep 2024. The background is a photograph of a modern building at dusk, with a red semi-transparent overlay on the left side. The text 'ACT' is in large white letters at the top, followed by 'PREP' in a smaller font. Below that is the tagline 'Invest in yourself.' and the year '2024'. A list of three bullet points is shown, and at the bottom, there is a call to action to visit a website.

**ACT**  
**PREP**  
*Invest in yourself.*  
**2024**

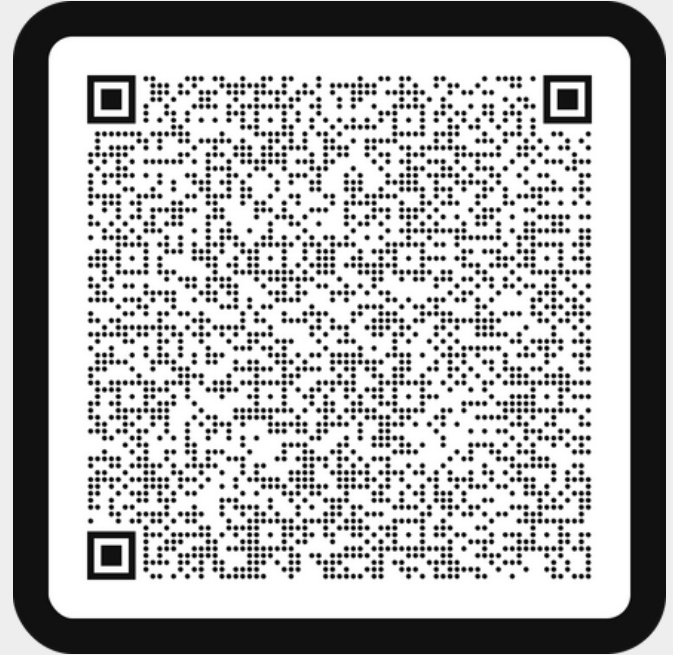
- Proven techniques for success.
- Complete content review.
- Reinforce learning through multiple formats.

For more testimonials, visit  
[www.WisconsinTestPrep.com](http://www.WisconsinTestPrep.com)

# A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SERVICES & CTE

## WISCONSIN TUITION PROMISE

THE WISCONSIN TUITION PROMISE STRIVES TO ENSURE UNDERSERVED WISCONSIN STUDENTS CAN ATTEND ANY UW SYSTEM UNIVERSITY WITHOUT PAYING TUITION OR FEES. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE.



## SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK IT OUT FOR NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.



The Scholarship Bulletin is updated often. We encourage you to check it out for new scholarship opportunities.



[CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN](#)

## **Monday, January 29 – 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

***Please use Entrance A located at the southwest corner of the building***

- This event is open to ALL students who are interested in attending Wilmot Union High School.
- This is a great opportunity for all students to visit Wilmot classrooms and facilities and speak with teachers, advisors and coaches.
  - Families and students can participate in a Wilmot scavenger hunt hosted by Wilmot's TEAM 9 to win prizes and school spirit items.
- Freshman students interested in taking AP World Geography. A presentation will be in room 258 at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm with Mr. Terry Bruton.
- Childcare will be available by our Educator Rising Club for children potty trained to 10 years old in room 180.
  - Enroll in Summer School if you have not already.

## **Junior Panther Days – February & March**

During these days, feeder schools, virtual learners and home school 8th grade students tour the high school for one day. Upon arriving for their visit at WUHS the students gather in the auditorium for a Jr. Panther Assembly to get them warmed up for their day. Following the assembly, the students will be participating in experiential learning opportunities.

***Wilmot will be providing pizza for lunch or the students are welcome to bring a bag lunch. Virtual Learners & Home School students - Please R.S.V.P. to [OBERTINL@WILMOTHS.K12.WI.US](mailto:OBERTINL@WILMOTHS.K12.WI.US)***

## **Course Selection Night – Tuesday, March 5 – 5:30 p.m.**

At 5:30 p.m., an overview of the course selection process will be provided in the auditorium. At this time your student will find out which classes they have been enrolled in for summer school and the final course selection request form for the 2024-25 school year will be handed out and completed.

If you have any questions, please call the high school office.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**  
**ROB KREIL**

Dear Parents,

As we stand on the threshold of a New Year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have shared and express my gratitude for your continuous support of Wilmot High School.

The start of a New Year is not just a change in dates; it marks a fresh beginning, a canvas waiting to be painted with new experiences, challenges, and triumphs. As parents, your role in shaping and nurturing the potential of your high school student is immeasurable, and together, we embark on another year of growth and success.

High school is a pivotal time in a student's life, filled with opportunities for self-discovery, academic achievement, and personal development. As we enter the New Year, let's encourage our students to set realistic goals, pursue their passions, and embrace challenges with resilience and determination.

In the coming months, our shared focus will be on cultivating not just academic excellence but also the values of empathy, curiosity, and a strong work ethic. Let's work hand in hand to instill in our students the importance of collaboration, critical thinking, and a love for learning that goes beyond the classroom.

As we navigate our second semester together, remember that open communication is key. Feel free to reach out with any concerns, questions, or insights you may have. Your input is invaluable in ensuring that we provide the best possible support for your child's educational journey.

Wishing you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year!

Warm regards,  
Robert Kreil

**A MESSAGE FROM ATHLETICS DIRECTOR, HERM CHRISTIANSEN**  
**HUDL TV / TEAM1 SPORTS**

**Wilmot Parents/Guardians,**

*Starting this winter season, all Varsity and JV home games using the main court in the Fieldhouse, as well as soccer and football on Bucci Field, will be broadcast on Hudl TV/Team1 Sports. You can download the Team1 Sports App on Google Play or the Apple App Store. It can also be downloaded from many Smart TV apps including Roku, Google Firestick, and Apple TV.*

**Sincerely,**

**Herm Christiansen - Athletics/Activities Director -  
Wilmot Union High School**



# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## Winter Sports Roundup

Wilmot's Boys Wrestling program is currently 4-0 in conference and off to a great start!

Their season began with the first-ever wrestling match in our auditorium. Over 500 people came and packed the auditorium that night! It was one of the most exciting events of the year.

Wilmot will host both Regionals and Individual Sectionals this year on February 10th and 17th, as the boys and girls wrestlers will be vying for trips to individual state.



## KENOSHA THUNDER HOCKEY

Four of our student-athletes are key players in the Kenosha Thunder Hockey team. The team is made up of boys from all of the public schools in Kenosha County.

The Thunder's record currently sits at 7-3-1 and are in contention for a conference title and a trip to state. The Thunder plays their home matches at the Ice Plex in Pleasant Prairie and next home match will be on January 6th vs. Marquette at 7 PM.



[@brittandersonseniors](https://twitter.com/brittandersonseniors)



# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## In Other News...

- Wilmot's gymnastics team began their season with a BIG invite to Elkhorn High School. Currently, there are 8 gymnasts from Wilmot on our Co-Op team, and their first home meet is scheduled for **January 23rd at 6 PM.**
- The Boys Basketball team currently sits at 3-3 and features a very young team this year. The team returns only 4 experienced players and has been very competitive so far. The team will open up play in January with a home game against East Troy on **January 3rd at 7 PM.**
- The Girls Basketball team is one of the youngest in the state! After losing their all-time leading scorer to early graduation, and the other returning senior starter to an ACL injury, the team has been relying on a very young rotation of players including 4 freshmen and 2 sophomores. While they have struggled with the results, the team has continued to compete and will continue to improve as the season progresses. Their next home game will be **January 3rd** as well, with the varsity playing the first game of a boy/girl doubleheader against their rival Burlington.

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## In Other News...

- The varsity cheer team had their first competition of the season at East Troy right before the break. Their season will start at the beginning of January. Their next competition will be held at the conference meet at **Central High on January 6th.**
- Our final sports team of the winter season is our newest; Girls Wrestling. In only their second year of competition, the team is made up of 10 girls.
- They have already competed in several big meets including Antioch and Westosha Central. For the first time in our conference history, girls wrestling will have their own tournament at the conference meet, and they will participate in the Wrestling Sectional held at Wilmot on **February 17th.**

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

WE LOVE TO SEE OVERALL PARTICIPATION INCREASE IN EVERY SPORT FROM LAST YEAR, AND OUR ATHLETES WOULD LOVE TO SEE EVERYONE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THEM.

ALL ATHLETIC EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO TAKE YOU TO ANY TEAM SCHEDULE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Indoor Pickleball

Days:

January 20, 27

February 3, 24

Where:

Wilmot UHS Field House -  
enter through Door T

Cost:

FREE! Bring your own  
paddle and ball

A poster for an indoor pickleball event. It features a large black pickleball paddle and two pickleballs, one orange and one white with red polka dots. The text "INDOOR PICKLEBALL" is written in large, bold, white letters across the paddle. Below the title, it says "Wilmot UHS Field House" and "Enter through door T by the Fitness Center". There is a red circular logo with a black panther head and the letters "WJ" in white. The event details are listed on the right side.

**INDOOR PICKLEBALL**

Wilmot UHS Field House  
Enter through door T by  
the Fitness Center

• 8:00am-12:00pm  
• Dates:  
◦ Dec. 9, 16, 23  
◦ January 20, 27  
◦ February 3, 24

**Contact Morgan Lese**  
*leseem@wilmoth.s.k12.wi.us*  
262-862-2351 ext. 318

• FREE  
• Bring your own paddle & ball  
• Open to anyone in the community

## WILMOT WORD PADCAST

WITH RYAN GARTNER AND NICK DEL FRATE:  
WILMOT WRESTLING AND JR PANTHER  
WRESTLING. CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW TO WATCH!



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



IT'S OFFICIAL!  
WESTOSHA SPORTS COMPLEX WILL PROVIDE SPEED  
& AGILITY TRAINING FOR THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM  
AT WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

### DATES:

JAN. 5 - 6 AM  
JAN. 9 - 8 AM  
JAN. 12 - 6 AM  
JAN. 19 - 6 AM  
JAN. 23 - 6 AM  
JAN. 26 - 6 AM  
JAN. 30 - 8 AM

## INDOOR WALKING & RUNNING

A poster for indoor walking and running at Wilmot Union High School. It features a circular image of a person's feet in running shoes on a track. The text includes the school name, the activity name, the schedule (Monday-Thursday 5:30am-7:00am), the location (Indoor Field House Track), and the entrance (door T). The Wilmot Union High School logo is at the bottom.

Wilmot Union High School

**Indoor Walking & Running**

Monday - Thursday 5:30am-7:00am  
Indoor Field House Track  
Enter through door T



### Monday - Thursday - 5:30am-7:00am

Starting now - the early Spring, our field house will be open Monday-Thursday mornings for Indoor Walking & Running 5:30am-7:00am

Join us to move your body! Some mornings, the track will be shared with our student athletes.

Stay up to date on closings using our school calendar:  
<https://southernlakesconference.org/.../genie/86/school/1/>

We will NOT be offering walking / running on Christmas or New Years Day.

