



UPCOMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

Panther Expo - January 28th
Winter Fest - January 30th

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:

WORKING BOARD MEETING:
JANUARY 12 - 4:30 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
JANUARY 28 - 6:00 PM

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Happy New Year, Panthers! We hope your winter break was restful and your holidays were filled with joy.

As we kick off 2026, Wilmot Union High School is pleased to offer exciting opportunities for our students (current and future), families, and community members to engage with our programs.



Christy Weinstock
District Administrator

On **January 28, we will host the Panther Expo**, an evening dedicated to showcasing the many classes, sports, and clubs available to our students. Additionally, we invite you to **WinterFest on January 30**, which will feature local vendors and activities for all ages, as well as entry to our home basketball games.

These events are just the beginning of an exciting year for WUHS. Looking ahead, we are thrilled to **begin the construction phase of our referendum** projects, which will directly support our mission to expand college and career pathways and elevate academic achievement. By enhancing our facilities and fostering strong community partnerships, we are ensuring our students remain prepared for success beyond high school. We are also excited to focus on the future as we prepare for the next generation of Panthers. Starting in early February, we look forward to beginning the registration process for our incoming freshmen, the Class of 2030!

***We are so grateful for your continued support and partnership.
We look forward to seeing you on campus soon, and we wish
you a wonderful start to the new year!***

Career Planning That Stays With Your Student

Good news — Wilmot High School will continue using **Xello as part of Academic & Career Planning (ACP)**. Funded through a statewide DPI contract, Xello will remain the familiar tool students use to explore careers, set goals, and build transferable portfolios — and it also includes new features to deepen real-world connections.



Rob Kreil
Principal

What Xello Does For Students:

- Helps students identify interests, strengths, and learning preferences through engaging assessments.
- Suggests careers and pathways that match those results and lets students explore job tasks, required education and training, and local opportunities.
- Lets students save careers, colleges, and ACP goals on a personal dashboard that follows them from school to school.
- Supports updated career exploration as students retake assessments or add new experiences.

What's New:

- Enhanced tools to connect students with local employers and work-based learning experiences.
- High school career pathway profiles to show how students can get a head start on their career while still in high school!
- Additional supports and training for educators to use Xello more effectively in classrooms and advising.

Want To Learn More?

Contact your school counselor, read the **[FAQ for Families](#)** or visit **<https://dpi.wi.gov/acp>**.

Wilmot Partners with Home Depot to Create a Safer Future

As Wilmot prepared for the 2025-26 school year, our staff completed professional development, including ALICE safety training. One key takeaway was the importance of being prepared – including having emergency buckets in every classroom.

This idea quickly became a student-led service project through our STAR Leadership class. Students took on service work to help fund the project and give back to the school and community by cleaning stadium areas after football games, assisting with the Veterans Day assembly, and volunteering at the Sharing Center.

Thanks to the incredible support of **The Home Depot** - Racine, all necessary supplies were donated. After several weeks of coordination, Home Depot delivered 74 emergency buckets to Wilmot High School.

Each emergency bucket includes:

- 2 rolls of toilet paper
- 1 roll of tape
- 5 garbage bags
- 10 pairs of rubber gloves
- 1 pack of baby wipes
- 1 (8x10) tarp for privacy
- 1 pack of zip ties
- 4 water bottles



We are grateful to Home Depot for their generosity and proud of our students for leading a project that supports safety, service, and community partnership.

Every Day Matters

Regular attendance is crucial for our students' academic success and overall well-being. Being present at school each day helps students stay connected, engaged, and on track for future success.



Dan Bender
AP of Student
Management

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of the school year—approximately 18 days. Even small, repeated absences add up quickly and can significantly impact learning.

Strong Attendance Supports:

- **Academic Success:** Students who attend school regularly perform better and stay on pace with instruction.
- **Developing Good Habits:** Consistent attendance builds responsibility, discipline, and time-management skills.
- **Socialization:** Being present allows students to build meaningful relationships with peers and teachers.
- **Graduation Rates:** Regular attendance greatly increases the likelihood of graduating on time.
- **Emotional and Mental Health:** Daily routines and connections at school support student well-being.
- **Future Readiness:** Attendance habits developed in high school prepare students for college, careers, and the workplace.

Attendance & Our School Report Card:

Chronic absenteeism also impacts our school report card. To avoid significant deductions, our chronic absenteeism rate must **remain under 13%**. Strong attendance data:

- Builds community confidence in our school
- Supports open enrollment
- Helps protect school funding
- Sustains student programs and opportunities

Let's Achieve Our Goal Together:

Our goal for this year is **94% daily attendance** and **chronic absenteeism under 13%**. With your partnership, we can achieve these targets and ensure every student is set up for success.



Dan Bender
AP of Student
Management

Please encourage your child to attend school daily and arrive on time. If attendance challenges arise, **we are here to support families and students**—early communication makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,
Dan Bender
Associate Principal

Hello Panther Families and Community,

Thank you for your continued support of learning at Wilmot. Below are quick updates, celebrations, and resources from Curriculum and Instruction.

KEY DATES:

- School resumes Monday, January 5th
- First semester ends Tuesday, January 27th



Don Norwick
AP of C&I

GRADES AND FEEDBACK:

- Check Otus for the most current learning evidence and teacher comments.
- Skyward will only show the final course grade and credits for the transcript; this will only be inputted when the first semester has ended.
- Need help reading reports or grades on your student's Otus Profile? Contact me, and I will be glad to walk you through it.

STANDARDS-BASED LEARNING SNAPSHOT:

Our Content Area Teams (CATs) met this week to study student data and growth, review current practices, and decide what to adjust in instruction and intervention.

- Teams identified common areas of struggle across courses and agreed on next steps.
- Teachers mapped out quick supports in class and targeted help during WARP and study hall.
- Teams identified new resources and support in the building, including collaboration with Student Services and the use of common spaces for small group help.
- Attendance and Engagement Focus
 - We are addressing chronic absences through early outreach, coordinated plans with the Attendance Office and Student Services, and clear communication to families.
 - Students who miss class will have make-up windows, access to notes or recorded mini lessons when available, and targeted help during WARP or study hall.
 - Administration, Counselors, and Teachers will partner with families to remove barriers and monitor progress so students can re-enter learning smoothly.

***Formative is practice. Summative is the game.
The goal is steady growth for every student.***

ACADEMIC SUPPORT UPDATE: TARGET GROUPS

Some families received a message on Friday, December 19, about students identified in our target group based on our September PreACT.

Here is what to expect:

- IXL diagnostic screeners will run the week of January 6 during morning and afternoon classes.
- We will combine IXL results with PreACT, ACT, and current classroom data to confirm who truly needs targeted support.
- Families will be notified of final groups by Tuesday, January 27.
- Targeted instruction begins the week of Monday, February 2.
- Questions: Contact Don Norwick at norwickd@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or 262 862 2351 ext 348, or Mallory Drew at drewm@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or 262 862 2351 ext 307.



Don Norwick
AP of C&I

STUDENT SUPPORT:

Counselors are available for mid-year check-ins, course planning, and guidance on college or career steps. Students can request an appointment through the Student Services office or by emailing their counselor.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CORNER

1. AP exam ordering for first-semester classes is finalized.
2. Please take one minute this week to confirm your status.

Quick Checklist

- Log in to your AP Classroom account and confirm you are registered for the correct exam.
- If you still need to order, you can do so now. The late fee applies. The total cost is \$140 per exam.

Questions: Contact me at norwickd@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or talk with your AP teacher.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

I got to be the guinea pig in Tara Smith's Technical Writing class, testing a student-written set of step-by-step directions for how to wrap a present. For my example, there were 38 steps. With a full class of students watching, I battled scissors like they were salad tongs and learned that tape becomes twice as sticky when you have an audience. Prerequisite skills included knowing how to use scissors and how

to read. I barely qualified. The best part was the instant feedback. Every missing detail showed up in real time, students revised, and their directions got sharper. A playful outside-the-box way to practice clarity, sequencing, and peer editing. Thanks, Ms. Smith, for the invite and for proving my true gift is not gift wrapping.



Don Norwick
AP of C&I

QUICK TECH TIP

Five-Minute Weekly Reset for Families and Students

- Open the place where assignments live. Use Otus, Google Classroom, teacher sites, email, or a paper planner.
- Put every due date on one shared family calendar, such as Google Calendar, Apple Calendar, or Outlook. Add two reminders for each item.
- Make a simple task list in any to-do app or on paper. One small task per day for each class.

Use AI to Build the Plan

- Copy your due dates and class topics into an AI assistant and ask for a short study plan.
- Try this prompt
 - Create a two-week study plan with these due dates and topics. Break work into daily tasks that take twenty to thirty minutes. Include quick parent check-ins and a place to note questions for teachers.
- Pro tips
 - Color-code the calendar by class
 - Keep a shared note titled Questions for Teachers
 - Do a ten-minute nightly check-in to adjust tomorrow's tasks



Wilmot Union
High School

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Are you passionate about Wilmot Union High School?
Want to help shape the future of education in our community?
Now's your chance!



Filing Deadline

January 6, 2026
by 5:00pm



Required Forms

Declaration of Candidacy
Campaign Finance Registration



Mail or Drop Off

District Office
11112 308th Ave
Wilmot, WI 53192



<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/>



262-862-9005



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KEY CLUB PRESENTS



SHAVE 4 THE BRAVE

**WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL
JANUARY 9TH**

AFTER THE DOUBLE HEADER BASKETBALL GAME

WHAT TO DO?

- **DONATE** TO HELP FUND RESEARCH TO FIND CURES FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER
- **VOLUNTEER** TO SHAVE YOUR HEAD



To sign up, Scan the QR code or go to our website
<https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/wuhs2026>

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PANTHER **EXPO** 2026



EXPLORE

Wilmot's classrooms and facilities.



MEET

with teachers, advisors, and coaches.

DISCOVER

what Wilmot has to offer for your highschool journey!



Wednesday, January 28

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Wilmot Union High School

(Please use Entrance A at the southwest corner of the building.)



This event is open to ALL students interested in attending Wilmot Union High School!

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WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL
WELCOMES YOU TO

Winter Fest

January 30, 2026

SPORTS

4:15 JV1 Girls & Boys Basketball
5:30 Jr. Panthers Wrestling (Maki)
5:30 V Girls & JV2 Boys Basketball
7:00 Varsity Boys Basketball

CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be available
from 4:15 pm until 8:30 pm

ACTIVITIES

Starting at 4:15 pm

- Kids Games
- Bounce House
- Kids Crafts
- Raffle Baskets
- Silent Auctions
- And More!!

VENDORS

There will be multiple vendors with
different food, drinks, crafts and gifts to
visit throughout the night.

SAVE THE DATE!

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

WILMOT HIGH SCHOOL

THURSDAY

MARCH 12TH

FRIDAY

MARCH 13TH

SATURDAY

MARCH 14TH

SUNDAY

MARCH 15TH



MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE

Frostbite vs Hypothermia

FROSTBITE

You may not know you have frostbite because frozen tissue is usually numb.

Symptoms: Redness or pain in any skin area may be a first sign others signs can be:

- White or grayish-yellow skin
- skin feels firm or waxy
- numbness

HYPOTHERMIA

Occurs in very cold temperatures symptoms can include:

- shivering and exhaustion
- slurred speech
- memory loss
- confusion or drowsiness

HELPFUL HINTS

- dress in layers
- Ensure that your body is covered so heat doesn't escape
- Be aware of shivering it's a possible sign of hypothermia
- drink warm liquids to warm up
- If you feel hypothermia or frostbite are starting to set in, get inside and seek medical attention if necessary.

Driving in winter weather

Remember the road conditions can be very dangerous in the winter so Slow Down! If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather stay focused

- Stay with your car
- Let your car been seen, use your hazard lights
- Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning
- Inspect your tires at least once a month
- check your headlights, brake lights , turn signals, and emergency flashers

Stock your vehicle

- a snow shovel and ice scraper
- have a first aid kit in your car
- blankets for protection from the cold
- abrasive material (sand or Kitty litter) in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow
- jumper cables, flashlights, and warning devices
- water, food, cell phone and charger

HOSA Gives Back

On November 22, members of the Wilmot HOSA–Future Health Professionals Executive Board—Grace, Caitlyn, and Kayla—delivered Thanksgiving cards created by homeroom students to residents at Golden Years of Lake Geneva, spreading holiday cheer and community spirit.



RLC JUDGES NEEDED



WI HOSA's Regional Leadership Conference is quickly approaching and we need your help!

Judging takes place virtually on **January 10th 2026**. Students will present their hard work on projects, presentations and ThingLinks. Judges will evaluate students based on rubrics provided.

To sign up or view the events available visit
www.bit.ly/46V8r7p

For more information or questions reach out to WI HOSA's Event Personnel Coordinator, Lauren Wagner, at contactus@wihosa.org



PRICELESS PANCAKES

Come for the Pancakes, eat cause they're free!



In the Commons across from the PAW

First Friday
of Every
Month

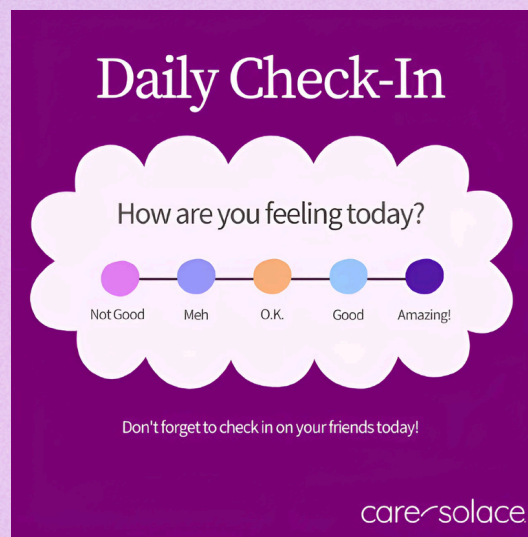
Begins Nov 7th!



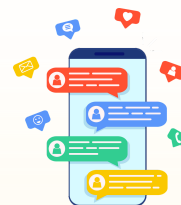
Wilmot Union High School is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and families.

We are proud to announce our partnership with Care Solace to support our ongoing commitment. If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace will quickly connect you to community providers matched to your needs.

Call 888-515-0595 at any time or search on your own at caresolace.com/wilmot.



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We are using the BrightArrow system to keep you updated with urgent and important texts.

Text YES to 79041 to opt-in TODAY.

Don't miss out—stay connected!



PARENT
PANTHER
NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Wilmot will be offering a Winter ACT Prep class. This class prepares Juniors for the State/District ACT test on April 7, 2026. Classes start on Monday, January 12th, and the cost is \$180. 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 April 7, 2026 State/District ACT test will be shared at a later date. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

Counselors can be reached by clicking on their photo:

CONTACT US TODAY

CLICK ON OUR PHOTO TO SEND AN EMAIL DIRECTLY



JESSICA RUNTE
SCHOOL COUNSELOR
A-F



KRISTEN PYE
SCHOOL COUNSELOR
G-MA



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MB-SO



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Family Support Community

A monthly learning opportunity designed for families and other caregivers supporting a child(ren) with a disability. Our supportive community meetings provide valuable learning opportunities and mutual support.



The Family Support Community will meet September 2025-May 2026
All sessions will be held on Zoom; Sessions are NOT recorded

2nd Wednesday of the month: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13

2nd Thursday of the month: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14

The Family Support Community allows participants to engage in positive **problem solving** with others in a **solutions-based format**.

Meetings will allow for **networking, learning, and peer support**.

Participants in this Community will:

- Grow networks through connection-building
- Build advocacy skills through shared learning
- Reflect on beliefs and practices around family engagement
- Boost confidence in working with schools and community partners

- There is no registration fee
- By registering for this community, it is implied that you will attend sessions on a regular basis.
- Zoom link will be sent one week prior to the scheduled meetings and in monthly email reminders.

[Click HERE to register](#)



Register Here

Find more events at:

[WSPEI Learning Opportunities](https://wspei.org)
wspei.org

Contact us at:

wspei@cesa12.org with any questions.

FEATURED RESOURCES

Click on the WUHS logo below to visit our website!



Share a moment when a Wilmot staff member made a positive impact in your life by clicking on the photo below.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**BECOME A FITNESS
CENTER MEMBER
TODAY!**



SCAN ME



<u>Membership Pricing</u>	<u>Resident / Senior Citizen (55+)</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Family Annual Membership (2+)	\$180	\$250
Individual Annual Membership	\$100	\$180
Individual 6 Month Membership	\$50	\$100
Individual Monthly Membership	\$10	\$15
College Student Annual Membership	\$35	\$35
Wilmot UHS & Feeder School Retiree Membership	\$35	\$35
1-Day Pass	\$5	\$5
WUHS Student, Employee & Spouse, Feeder-School Employee, First Responder	FREE	FREE

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POWERLIFTING CLUB



Wilmot Powerlifting opened its inaugural season at Elkhorn this past Saturday with a strong showing from



both squads. Senior Gabe Hernandez and sophomore Kylie Puser each earned first place in their respective weight classes. Senior Brayden Gitter placed third, senior Lilian Kuffel placed fourth, and junior Brody Cooper placed fifth. As a team, the Wilmot boys finished ninth out of 27 teams and the Wilmot girls finished seventh out of 15. Additional highlights included Hernandez and Gitter qualifying for the State meet in their first competition, and six of the ten Wilmot lifters who competed already qualifying for Nationals.

Students interested in joining Wilmot Powerlifting can contact Coach Norwick.



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Board of Education - Calendar:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/WUHS%20Board%20Calendar%202526.pdf>

Newsletter Email & SMS List:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP6W4NQCzyg4OdRT60MXWjPrSOXiCwcxyrt8CT2MNI4mgU0A/viewform>

Lunch Menu:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/Wilmot%20January%2026%20lunch.pdf>

Community Referendum Construction Updates:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/district/community-referendum-.cfm>

XELLO & ACP FAQ:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kUd5h1KJl0ItGWCFUyLNKYM53oe-2uijV0gWD-zENw/edit?tab=t.0>

DPI ACP FAQ:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/acp>

The Home Depot

<https://www.facebook.com/homedepot>

School Board Election Notice:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/district/school-board-election-notice.cfm>

Wisconsin Test Prep:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrRmToxiKSIPG9mCNrqrclhXD2IGDRaxREC8iPmc9PhXkfw/viewform>

2026 ACT Test Prep Schedule:

<https://www.wisconsintestprep.com/files/WILMOT.pdf>

WSPEI Workshop:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCrpfTXu34q8-7s8RN8NVBUbqX4y8tOG-Jl8x-A52H8DO0EQ/viewform>

Scholarship Bulletin:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dmwk07fIDPonw_AMGXxS27J88qb_ZsDveEhmv7huayk/edit?gid=724439301#gid=724439301

Coach Norwick - Contact:

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/faculty/norwickd/?from_faculty_listing=1&l=&u=

Athletic Registration:

<https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/athletic-registration-2025-2026-17>

CareSolace:

<https://caresolace.com/site/wilmot>

Staff Appreciation:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf45d5rVaDgSnHOp4Py_tFfTWXhbpNk2yOtJO2nteK46TKQdw/viewform

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/wilmotuhs>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/wilmotuhs/>

X (Twitter):

<https://twitter.com/wilmotuhs>

Fitness Center Membership:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/district/fitness-center.cfm>

Fitness Center Classes:

https://wilmothighschool.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/getclass/category_id/-1/program_id/6

Community Outreach - Class Registration:

<https://wilmothighschool.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/>

GoFan:

<https://gofan.co/app/school/WI19522>

ADDITIONAL LINKS:

Athletics Calendar:

<https://southernlakesconference.org/public/genie/86/school/1/>

School Calendar:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/about/calendars.cfm>

Parent Panther Newsletter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YMYlADrc_tUmUcBFbaNahyJcM5Zjpf7T9ssXNU6OaKOk/edit

WUHS Newsletter:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/wilmot-updates.cfm>

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