

# Wilmot Union High School WUHS TODAY

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION** MEETINGS:

**WORKING BOARD MEETING:** OCTOBER 13 - 4:30 PM

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** OCTOBER 29 - 6:00 PM

VIEW THE BOARD OF **EDUCATION AGENDA ON OUR** WEBSITE.



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We were honored to welcome back the WUHS Class of 1975 during our Homecoming parade and football game on September 26, 2025. Their presence was a meaningful reminder that WUHS continues to be a place our students, staff, and community proudly call home. We are grateful to partner with all of you in creating such a special and lasting environment. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our amazing school and community as the school year moves forward!



Christy Weinstock
District Administrator

#### Important Information for Parents/Guardians:

You should have received a notification from your child's homeroom teacher and through the Skyward messenger regarding **setting up an account in Otus**. Please take a few mintues to complete this incredibly important step. This is the most accurate way to see your child's progress within each class. You can find directions on how to set up your account linked **here**.

## **Construction Updates:**

Please continue to visit our website for construction updates, pictures, and timelines. The WUHS team is transitioning from design meetings with Nexus to **more active planning sessions** with the Nexus construction team.

Work is scheduled to begin on the ponds in late October, including the south pond near the parking lot and the pond at the Sports Complex. We will share additional details soon regarding how this work may affect our south parking lot.

#### **Community Referendum page**

# Wilmot Celebrates an Unforgettable Homecoming Week

Wilmot High School wrapped up an unforgettable Homecoming Week filled with spirited traditions, exciting competitions, and community pride.



Rob Kreil Principal

The week kicked off with the always-anticipated **Powder Puff Games**, where our seniors showcased grit and teamwork to capture the championship title in a thrilling matchup against the sophomores.

On Thursday, the **College and Career Fair** drew an impressive lineup of colleges, technical schools, and local organizations. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to every representative who attended and to our dedicated **school counselors**, whose careful planning made the event a tremendous success.

Friday afternoon brought the beloved **Homecoming Parade**, winding through the streets of Wilmot. The outpouring of community support was remarkable, and we are especially grateful to the **Kenosha County Sheriff's Department** and **Salem Lakes** officials for ensuring the safety of all participants and spectators.

That evening, the excitement reached a fever pitch as the Wilmot Panthers football team delivered a decisive Homecoming victory under the lights. Adding to the electric atmosphere, our Marching Band and Cheerleaders brought nonstop energy and Panther pride.

The celebration continued Saturday night with a Homecoming Dance that welcomed more than 700 students. The beautifully decorated venue set the stage for a memorable night, thanks to our incredible chaperones and the hard work of Student Government, especially Student Body President Samantha Keating, along with Emma Wholaver, Josie Perez, Audrey Muehlbauer, Karys Handorf, Brayden Gitter, Lexi Rittberg, Scarlett Towry, and Ivy Deckert.

We also extend a **special thank-you to the Wilmot Booster Club** for their tireless work and unwavering dedication to supporting our students and staff. Your efforts enrich every aspect of the Homecoming experience and our school community year-round.

And last—but certainly not least—Homecoming's MVP (Most Valuable Panther) goes to Nora Wojtkiewicz and the entire Wojtkiewicz family. Your dedication behind the scenes made every event shine. Homecoming simply couldn't happen without you!



Rob Kreil Principal

Congratulations to everyone who helped make this year's Homecoming Week a true celebration of Panther spirit and community.



#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

- October 3rd- No School Professional Development Day
- October 23rd- Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - Wilmot will offer both in-person & virtual conferences.

# The Wilmot Way: Respect • Responsibility • Growth Mindset

At Wilmot Union High School, our core values guide everything we do to prepare students to be college, career, and civic ready. Here are a few important updates and reminders for families:



Dan Bender AP of Student Management

#### <u>Academic & Career Planning (ACP) and CTE Opportunities</u>

Wilmot's **ACP program** equips students and families with the tools to make informed decisions about education, training, and careers after high school.

We offer **Career & Technical Education (CTE)** programs including PACC, PIE, AP, Project Lead the Way, Youth Apprenticeship, CNA training, ECCP, Start College Now, certifications, and dual credit opportunities.

Visit <u>wilmothighschool.com/acp/</u> or contact your student's counselor or Mr. Bender to learn more.

#### Xello: Exploring Futures

Students use Xello, an online college and career readiness tool, to explore interests, set goals, and plan for life after high school. Ask your student to show you their progress in Xello and discuss their aspirations with them.

#### **Attendance Matters**

Regular attendance builds routines, strengthens connections, and improves learning outcomes. Please help your student prioritize being present every day, and reach out if challenges arise so we can offer support.

#### **Talking About Vaping**

Please take time to have honest conversations with your student about the dangers of vaping. Vaping harms health, affects school performance, and carries disciplinary consequences. Open communication helps students make safe and healthy choices.

#### **Cell Phone Use at School**

To maintain focus, reduce distractions, and promote a positive school climate, students are expected to limit cell phone use during instructional time. When needed, phones may be placed in a classroom pouch or the office for a set period of time.



Dan Bender AP of Student Management

#### **Living The Wilmot Way**

By practicing **Respect, Responsibility, and Growth Mindset**, Wilmot students are developing the habits and skills they need for success in school and beyond. Thank you for your continued partnership!







# HELPING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

# STRENGTHEN EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS

Featuring Dr. Mervin Langley of Advocate Aurora
Behavioral Health



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2025



6:30PM-8:30PM



**Aurora** 

Health<sup>\*</sup>

WESTOSHA CENTRAL UPPER COMMONS 24617 75<sup>th</sup> Street Salem, WI 53168



#### About Dr. Langley

Dr. Mervin Langley provides therapy to children, teenagers, and families regarding a variety of mental health disorders and concerns. Dr. Langley was associated with a major research study to develop motivational strategies through the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and has published journal articles and book chapters in the US, Spain, and South Africa.

#### Fact #

There are a lot of things that parents and teachers can do to help children focus in class or when doing their homework, solve problems, and manage their emotions.

These abilities are known as Executive Functions.

#### Fact #2

Other executive functions include the ability to plan, organize school work, set goals, take perspective, and prioritize goal-directed actions, self-motivate, manage time, and control impulses.

#### Fact #3

Executive dysfunction syndrome is present in nearly all children with neurodevelopmental disorders such as ADHD and Autism Spectrum disorders. In addition, Executive Function syndrome also occurs in children who do not have ADHD. For example, up to 23% of children with anxiety or OCD, and up to 44% of children with depression, may have Executive Function difficulties.

#### Fact #4

Having a mental health disorder can, in turn, impact an individual's executive functioning skills. Difficulties with executive functioning may lead to poor school performance, difficulty forming or maintaining relationships, mood issues, low self-esteem, avoidance of difficult tasks, and low motivation for task completion.

#### Purpose

Through this FREE presentation, Dr. Mervin Langley of Advocate Aurora Behavioral Health will share information about what executive functioning is and how decreased executive functioning skills can impact children emotionally, socially, and academically. Dr. Langely will also provide attendees with strength-based accommodations and strategies that can be readily used with children to help enhance, practice, and develop executive functioning skills.



Next meeting: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# **Upcoming Events:**

- MilkFest
- District's Competition
- Working The Paw: November 12<sup>th</sup>

Want to get involved? Stop by Room 247 or join our Google Classroom (code: 6hzjpum).

**#GoTheExtra with Wilmot DECA!** 



| The PAW - October Hours |               |                     |   |          |                  |          |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|----------|------------------|----------|
| Sunday                  | Monday        | Tuesday             | Wednesday                                     | Thursday | Friday           | Saturday |
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| 5                       | 6             | 7                   | 8   | 9        | 10               | 11       |
|                         | OPEN<br>5-7PM | OPEN<br>5-7PM       | OPEN During Lunch Hours Students Only & 3-SPM |          | OPEN<br>3-6:45PM |          |
| 12                      | 0PEN<br>5-7PM | OPEN<br>5-8PM       | 15  | 16       | 17               | 18       |
| 19                      | OPEN<br>5-7PM | OPEN<br>5-7PM       | 22  | 23       | 24               | 25       |
| 26                      | OPEN<br>5-7PM | 28<br>OPEN<br>5-7PM | 29  | 30       | 31               |          |

# **Senior Photo Deadline Extended!**

Good news, seniors—the deadline to submit your senior photo to the yearbook has been extended to **Friday**, **October 31st**.

All senior photos should be sent to <u>Patrick Straub</u> and <u>Sara Knapp</u>. If a photo is not submitted by this date, your school photo will be used in the senior section of the yearbook. We encourage you to take this opportunity to submit a photo that best represents you!

If you need help arranging or taking a senior photo, please reach out to Mr. Straub and Ms. Knapp for support.

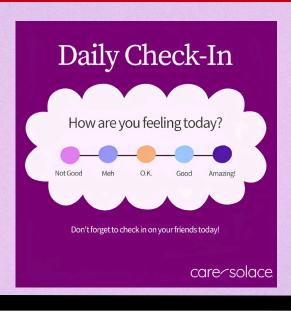
# YEARBOOK PHOTOS

WE NEED PHOTOS OF YOU FOR THE YEARBOOK.
SEND IN YOUR SMILES TODAY.

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.



## STAY IN THE KNOW WITH BRIGHTARROW!







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!



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wilmothighschool.com

#### Title I Annual Meeting

#### Thursday, October 23, 2025 **WUHS Community Room 180** 6:30 pm

Dear Wilmot Parents.

Please join us as we provide information about Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This federal program allocates funds to districts to improve the education and close gaps of low performing students, especially in English/Language Arts and Math.

At this meeting we will talk about what we offer to our students as part of our Title I work, along with the following items:

- How students are identified for support and interventions
- What assessments we use for identification and example reports
- Information about programs, classes, and curriculum
- How you can be involved with the Title I work
- The District and School-Level Parental Involvement Policies
- The Parent-School Compact
- Activities and routines that you can do to help your child succeed!

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please reach out and I will provide you with a link to the video of the meeting. If you are in need of transportation or child care, or need to meet with me in person, please contact me directly.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the success of all of our students!

Julie Ann Kerkman Reading Specialist kerkmanj@wilmoths.k12.wi.us (262) 862-2351 ext. 140

For more information about Title I, go to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction https://dpi.wi.gov/title-i



# 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Contact us at: <a href="mailto:wspei@cesa12.org">wspei@cesa12.org</a> with any questions.

Find more events at:
WSPEI Learning Opportunities
wspei.org





#### A MESSAGE FROM

#### STUDENT SERVICES

#### **Hello Class of 2029 Families**

Starting in October, all freshmen students will have the opportunity to attend a **Freshman Conference with their School Counselor**. Topics that will be discussed will include high school success, course planning, future goals, and any questions or concerns you or your student may have. We invite you to join us for this conference.

Please fill out this <u>form</u> by <u>Friday</u>, <u>October 3rd</u> indicating if you will be attending this conference with your student. If you are unable to make this conference, we will meet with your student during their study hall, and we will be going through the information in this presentation. Please preview this <u>presentation</u> with your student. Please note that counselors will only be scheduling one meeting per student. As always, we encourage you to reach out to your student's School Counselor if you have any questions or concerns: supporting your <u>student's academic and social emotional growth is our number one priority</u>.

#### Counselors can be reached by clicking on their photo:

# CONTACT US TODAY

CLICK ON OUR PHOTO TO SEND AN EMAIL DIRECTLY



<u>JESSICA RUNTE</u> SCHOOL COUNSELOR A-F



KRISTEN PYE
SCHOOL COUNSELOR
G-MA



<u>KARL RICHTER</u> SCHOOL COUNSELOR MB-SO



MELISSA SWEATMAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR SP-Z

# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION WISCONSIN TEACHER PLEDGE



#### <u>UW-Madison School of Education Wisconsin Teacher Pledge Program:</u>

The School of Education pledges to pay the equivalent of in-state tuition and fees, testing, and licensing costs for all our teacher education students. In return, you pledge to work at a Wisconsin PK-12 school for three to four school years after graduation.

Find information here: <a href="https://tec.education.wisc.edu/teacher-pledge/">https://tec.education.wisc.edu/teacher-pledge/</a>



# Wisconsin Education Fairs

#### Wisconsin Education Fairs (WEF):

If you were not able to attend our College & Career night, and are looking to explore post-secondary options, there are several WEF events. The WEF event will give your student the opportunity to talk with representatives from approx 100 colleges, universities and other post-secondary institutions including the military.

Click here for schedule link: <a href="https://www.wefs.org/fair-schedule/">https://www.wefs.org/fair-schedule/</a>

## **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!







| <u> Membership Pricing</u>   | Resident / Senior Citizen (55+) | <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<br>Membership   | \$35                            | \$35                |  |
| Wilmot UHS & Feeder School<br>Retiree Membership                               | \$35                            | \$35                |  |
| 1-Day Pass   | \$5                             | \$5                 |  |
| WUHS Student, Employee &<br>Spouse, Feeder-School<br>Employee, First Responder | FREE                            | FREE                |  |

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#### **WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **Board of Education - Calendar:**

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

#### **Newsletter Email & SMS List:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/IFAIpQLSfP6W4NQCzyg4OdRT60MXWjPrSOXiCwcxyrt8CT2MNI4mgU0A/viewform

#### **Lunch Menu:**

http://www.wilmothighschool.com/Wilmot%20October%202 025.pdf

#### **Otus Parent Account:**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\_VrFM73hTui9YvTkA ZXIZavNMTmR4cmkIFI3h08RMzM/edit?tab=t.0

#### **Community Referendum Construction Updates:**

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

#### ACP:

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/acp/

#### **WSPEI Workshop:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfCrpfTXu34q8 -7s8RN8NVBUbqX4y8tOG-Jl8x-A52H8DO0EQ/viewform

#### Freshman Confernece:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSe\_r9sb5sNzSr gy--9PMwMBd9\_m6XUnuHjMCySFYyZ-bNqBiA/viewform

#### **Freshman Conference: Presentation:**

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1\_Jy1U\_teP9\_Bp5Ga25FwmO1\_IFb\_AxNO56ToYf3sUBs/edit?slide=id.p#slide=id.p

#### Wisconsin Teacher Pledge:

https://tec.education.wisc.edu/teacher-pledge/

#### Wisconsin Education Fair:

https://www.wefs.org/fair-schedule/

#### 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/fitnesscenter.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/IYMyIADrct \_mUcBFbaNahyJcM5Zjpf7T9ssXNU6OaKOk/edit

#### **WUHS Newsletter:**

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/wilmotupdates.cfm















