



MARCH 4, 2022

**GENERAL UPDATES/REMINDERS:**

- **Administrative Update:** District Leader Amber Torres recently submitted her notice to the board of her intent to resign at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The board is grateful for Mrs. Torres' many positive contributions to the district over her 5-year tenure as an administrator. Director of Special Education and Human Resources Jon Watson also submitted his notice of intent to resign from his position at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The board thanks Mr. Watson for the good work he has done in the district over the past 8 years as both a teacher and an administrator. These positions will not be filled as the district is restructuring administrative roles. The board wishes each of them good luck in their future endeavors.
- **Superintendent Search:** Our search for a superintendent is progressing nicely. Several experienced and skilled candidates have applied for the position. As you may know, the consultants from McPherson & Jacobson conducted stakeholder input sessions that will guide the Board in the process. For additional information, check our [Superintendent Search](#) webpage.
- **Family Advisory Committee:** Wilmot Union High School values and encourages the support of the family to ensure student success. It is a team effort. Please join us at a Family Advisory Committee meeting to give us your feedback. Meetings are open to all parents/guardians of current Wilmot students and parents/guardians of 8th graders joining us as freshmen in the fall. We will meet once a month. Regular attendance is not required. Show up when the date and time work for you. We plan on rotating the day of the week to ensure more opportunities for participation. We will be sure to announce the topic of discussion ahead of the meeting and remind everyone of the date and time in advance. The purpose of the Family Advisory Committee (FAC) is to provide communication between parents and school administrators/school board.
  - Families will be asked to:
    - provide the school board/school administrators with feedback and insight from the parent's perspective on school process, policies, and initiatives to ensure that the needs of parents and their families are included as decisions are made in the district
    - bring to the school board's/school administrator's attention existing and emerging issues
    - serve as an advisory, not a decision-making body, that makes recommendations, for future change
  - First Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Wilmot High School Library
    - Topics for Discussion:
      - Goals of the Committee
      - Overall strengths and challenges of our school
      - Strategic Planning Initiatives
  - If you have any questions about the FAC, please contact Erin Tassone at [tassonee@wilmoths.k12.wi.us](mailto:tassonee@wilmoths.k12.wi.us).



- **Standards-Based Grading:** This past week a working session occurred between the school board and the administrative team. One of the items discussed was standards-based grading. Linked below you will find the information discussed with the school board.

[Spring 2022 Standards-Based Grading Informational Sheet.](#)

Further communication will be shared regarding a standards-based grading informational night for families later this spring.

- **Face Covering Update:** Please note that our face-covering protocols have been updated to align with the latest CDC guidance. **At this time, face coverings are recommended but not required on school buses or district-operated vehicles.**
- **Juniors-Only ACT Day:** Wilmot Union High School will be administering the **ACT plus Writing** examination on March 8, 2022. This test is state-mandated for all 11th-grade students.
  - The school day for Juniors on March 8 will run from 7:30 am until 12:15 pm with our doors opening at 7:00 am. **Please bring your charged Chromebook.**
  - Morning buses will pick up at the normal time. The afternoon bus will depart at 12:40 pm. **The afternoon routes are consolidated and students may have a longer walk home.**
  - A light breakfast will be provided in the commons starting at 7:00 am, and a grab-and-go lunch will be available after testing.
  - **Attendance of Juniors on March 8th is essential.**
  - **There is no school for 9th, 10th, or 12th-grade students on this day.**

Please note that any Juniors with **ACT accommodations** WILL NOT have the same testing timeframe as stated above. They will need to report on March 8th to begin testing at 7:30 am, but they will test later than 12:15 pm. You will receive a mailing that includes your student's specific schedule according to their accommodations. If you have any questions about your student's accommodations, please contact Alana Jefferies at jefferiesa@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or (262) 862-2351 ext 307.

- **Summer School:** Current students interested in taking summer school courses should turn their forms into the Student Services Office as soon as possible. Forms can be picked up from Mrs. Fiveland-Scott in the Student Services Office.
- **Spring Break:** A reminder that Spring Break is March 21-25. There will be no school on these days and the offices will be closed. Normal school and office hours will resume on Monday, March 28th.



- **Student Employment Opportunity:** Our Building and Grounds Department is looking for student help to join their team from June through August. Duties include painting, furniture moving, and grounds work. The pay rate is \$10/hour and positions may be available for work credit. For more information and an application, please see the message board in the north hallway by the library or contact Dan Nelson at [nelsonda@wilmoths.k12.wi.us](mailto:nelsonda@wilmoths.k12.wi.us).

#### ACADEMICS:

- **22-23 Course Selection is complete:** Every student has had the opportunity to meet individually with their school counselor to discuss their course selection for next year. Each student was given a reminder about the June 1, 2022 deadline to make changes to these courses. You can see your student's course selection in Skyward under "Schedule," then "Course Requests." As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to your student's school counselor.
- **Quarantined Students:** If a student is quarantined this year, parents/guardians can expect the following process to be followed:
  - An Associate Principal will call families with the next steps.
  - The student's counselor will email all of the teachers and include the student & parent(s)/guardian(s) on the email to indicate the length of absence. This email is to ensure that all parties have each other's contact information to help the student continue to engage in school remotely.
  - Students will be required to complete a daily check-in form emailed each day of quarantine from Ms. Cates. Ms. Cates will help to facilitate any communication and/or connections that students may need with their teachers. If a student does not complete the form for two consecutive school days, someone from Wilmot Union High School will reach out to help problem-solve.
  - Students will need to check the Google Classroom assigned to each of their courses on a daily basis for updates, assignments, and class resources. They should contact the teacher directly with specific questions. For information on Google classroom and setting up a guardian summary click [HERE](#).
  - Students who are returning from quarantine may be entered into a guided study hall. When their make-up work from quarantine is complete, they will return to their regular study hall.

#### STUDENT SERVICES:

- **Gateway Apprenticeship Meet & Greet:** Gateway Technical College is hosting an [Apprenticeship Meet & Greet](#) on Thursday, March 10 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm to allow potential apprentices and company representatives to connect with Gateway's apprenticeship instructors and to learn more about apprenticeship. Register to attend at: <http://gtc.edu/meet-and-greet>



- **FAFSA Workshop:** Parents and Students can join Gateway Technical College for one of their virtual FAFSA Workshops on the following dates:
  - Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 - 11:00am
  - Tuesday, April 12 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm
  - *Additional information about these events can be found [HERE](#)*
  
- **Class of 2022:**
  - **Senior Awards Banquet:** We want to celebrate you! Please complete this [form](#) with any scholarships you have received. All scholarships must be entered by Thursday, May 20 to be included at our Senior Awards Banquet which will be held Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 pm.
  - **Senior Spotlight:** Once again, student services will be highlighting our seniors with a senior spotlight series. We would love to celebrate each and every one of you as you finish up your journey here at Wilmot and head on to new adventures. Please complete the [Senior Spotlight Form](#) to be recognized through social media. If you or your parents would like a copy of the slide emailed, we are happy to do that as well. Reach out to Mrs. Carpenter at [carpenterr@wilmoths.k12.wi.us](mailto:carpenterr@wilmoths.k12.wi.us) with any questions.
  
- **Scholarship Bulletin:** The [scholarship bulletin](#) has been updated. Please take a look to see what opportunities are available for your student as they continue their post-secondary plans.
  
- **Upcoming Visits:**
  - Scot Forge: March 10 - *Jesse Kuether from Scot Forge will be visiting during lunch hours to talk about opportunities for our students.*
  - Water Safety Patrol: March 31 and April 19 - *Kaelean Cristiano, the assistant director for Water Safety Patrol on Geneva Lake will be set up during lunch hours to hand out information for summer job opportunities for our students.*

#### ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES:

- **Spring Sports Start Dates:**
  - Track & Field (Boys & Girls) – Monday, March 7, 2022
  - Softball – Monday, March 14, 2022
  - Girls Soccer – Monday, March 21, 2022
  - Baseball – Monday, March 21, 2022
  - Boys Tennis – Monday, March 28, 2022
  - Boys Golf – Monday, March 21, 2022

Register your spring athlete [HERE](#). If you have any questions about a spring sport or athletic registration, please contact [Jessica Ramirez-Johnson](#) in the Athletics Department.



- **Boys Tennis:** All boys interested in joining the tennis team are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, March 7 at 2:50 p.m. at the west end of the commons. Please email Head Coach Lisa Obertin with any questions, [obertinl@wilmoths.k12.wi.us](mailto:obertinl@wilmoths.k12.wi.us).
- **Youth Baseball Camp:** Join us on Saturday, April 9 for a youth baseball camp hosted by Wilmot Panther Varsity Baseball. The camp fee is \$30/player. Click [HERE](#) for more information, or contact Head Coach Karl Richter at [richter@wilmoths.k12.wi.us](mailto:richter@wilmoths.k12.wi.us).
- **Prom:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30th from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM. This year's prom will be held at Bella Vita Banquet Hall and the theme is "Black & Gold Gala." Ticket sales will begin Monday, April 4, and end on Friday, April 15. Please plan accordingly. Ticket prices will be \$40 each, or 2 tickets for \$75. The price of the ticket includes an Italian Buffet dinner with salad, rolls, and dessert, DJ, table gifts, and a photo booth. Get excited, Panthers!
- **Hall of Fame:** Wilmot Union High School is currently seeking candidates for its 2022 Hall of Fame. To be eligible for this honor, candidates must have graduated from Wilmot Union High School in 2008 or earlier. Additional information about the nomination process can be found [HERE](#).

#### COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- **COVID-19 Guidelines** can be found [HERE](#).
- **COVID-19 Guidance for Parents:** Use this [daily checklist](#) to determine whether or not you should send your student to school. Do not send your child to school if they are ill.
- **COVID-19 Dashboard** can be found [HERE](#).

*Have a wonderful weekend, Panthers!*