



December 23, 2022

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, PANTHERS!

GENERAL UPDATES/REMINDERS:

- **A Message from our Principal - Rob Kreil:**
 - *Wilmot Union High School is thrilled to announce a partnership with Gateway Technical College that will automatically admit the entire graduating class of 2023 to Gateway.*
 - *Here's what makes Gateway Technical College a great choice.*
 - *75+ programs give you plenty of options*
 - *Small classes and hands-on learning prepare you for the real world*
 - *Active campus community offers student life, community service and study abroad opportunities*
 - *Student support programs help you succeed*
 - *70+ transfer partnerships, including two new Liberal Arts transfer programs, allow you to easily continue on to pursue a bachelor's degree*
 - *All Seniors will be receiving a letter from Gateway explaining this relationship with Wilmot Union High School and if interested the steps needed to accept this admission offer. If you have any questions please contact your school counselor or Principal Rob Kreil.*
 - ***Spring Conferences will begin on April 6th from 4-7pm.*** *We will be following the same format as the Fall conferences with Skyward and scheduling in classrooms. More information to follow.*
- **Panther Expo: Join us for a fun evening showcasing our talented students and staff!**
 - The WUHS Panther Expo will be held on **January 30, 2023 from 6-8 pm**. The Panther Expo is an open house for all students, including current 8th graders, or any student that is interested in seeing the academic, athletic and activity options that Wilmot Union High School has to offer.
- **Winter Spirit Week!**
 - Our WUHS Student Government has planned a Winter Spirit Week for the week of December 19th before our break begins! See the attached slide presentation for details! [Winter Spirit Week Information](#)
- **PantherCrombie:** Our school-wide free clothing exchange, is in need of warm winter gear. While you clean out your closets, check for any hoodies or sweats that our Wilmot students would wear! Thank you! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Vernezze at vernezzen@wilmoths.k12.wi.us.



- **Kenosha County Broadband Survey:** Increasingly, Kenosha County residents' daily lives are occurring online — for work, school and entertainment. This trend was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, putting more pressure on our broadband infrastructure. From now until the end of the year, Kenosha County residents have a unique opportunity to help ensure we have fast, affordable internet access for all — just by taking a brief [speed test](#) online. The test takes less than a minute to complete and collects information on how fast data can be downloaded and uploaded with the internet connection used to run the test. The data gathered from the test will be shared with local, state and federal governments, granting agencies and internet service providers in an effort to improve the quality of internet services in Kenosha County.
 - You can take the speed test yourself and encourage your friends, family, coworkers and all in your network to do the same by visiting: kenoshacounty.org/quickconnect.
- **Parent Panther News**
 - [Parent Panther News](#)
 - The Parent Panther News will be updated almost daily to share information from Principal Kreil. The Parent Panther News will also contain a link to our Panther News, which is our daily student announcements.
- **Enroll in text messaging!** [Text Messaging Service - Enroll Here!](#)
- **Attendance:** It is very important that students arrive at school on time. Tardiness affects their academics and also creates disruptions throughout the school. Please remind and encourage your student to arrive at school early/on time.
 - Please remember to notify the school prior to your student leaving. This can be done by emailing attendance@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or calling the attendance line at 262-862-2351 and selecting one (1).
 - **Reminder:** Please provide the school with a doctor's note for any medical visits. By using a doctor's note for attendance you will **not** be using all of your 10 parental excuses.

ACADEMICS:

- **Wisconsin Professional Police Association Scholarship Information:**
 - Each year the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA) awards scholarships to Wisconsin students enrolling in a course of study leading to a degree in police science or criminal justice. All scholarships are awarded without regard to sex, race, cultural background, or religious preference. Financial need is not a criterion for selection in this scholarship program.
 - The deadline for applications is **February 1, 2022**. [WPPA Scholarship Details & Form](#)
 - ***New this year:** An [online form](#) is available instead of applicants needing to mail their information.
 - If you have questions about the program, please feel free to contact their office at 608-273-3840 or email Julie Neeley at jneeley@wppa.com.



STUDENT SERVICES:

- **ACT Prep Class:** The next ACT Prep class will be starting in **January**. This class prepares students for the Statewide ACT test on March 7, 2023, which all Juniors are required to take. Classes start on Monday, January 16th, 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](#). You will be receiving more information regarding the March 7th Statewide ACT test at a later date.
 - If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

- **FAFSA Completion Help:** The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions' Office of Financial Capability announces the following new opportunity. As part of the Wisconsin Coalition on Student Debt's equitable recovery grant, Fair Opportunity Project has launched a 1:1 FAFSA help service statewide. Students can sign up for a 45 minute virtual session with a trained FAFSA completion coach through this link:
 - [Student Services Interest Form](#)
 - This link is also available on our website: <https://www.fairoppportunityproject.org/for-counselors>
 - Counselors will be notified when students sign up so that we can keep them informed about the services their students are receiving and whether the student has successfully filed their FAFSA.
 - Background on the Program: We have assistance in Spanish, Bengali and Hindi as well as English. Students can also access mentoring, scholarship help, and free essay reviews by signing up.
 - Volunteers were recruited from Grant Thornton, one of the nation's largest CPA firms. Hence, these volunteers have strong financial training. We have 13 volunteers and approximately 20 hours of session times per week.
 - Volunteers completed a student confidentiality form and went through a 1 hour training with Mike Gawel. We are asking students to sign up with the Fair Opportunity Project using the Going Merry FAFSA tool so that we can follow up with students who don't submit the form or who may want follow-up contact for essay review, mentoring, or scholarship opportunities.
 - We compiled this [training packet](#) for volunteers, complete with follow-up instructions on documenting the session so that we know the status of the FAFSA effort.
 - We coordinate the scheduling and the meeting links and provide this [checklist](#) to students so that they know what to have ready for their session.

- We also notify the school counselor that the student has signed up for and then attended the session. Following the session, we send out a survey to the student.
 - We added incentives to create more buzz.
 - Students who complete their FAFSAs between December 1, 2022-April 15, 2023 will be entered into a drawing to:
 - Win one of 5 iPads (9th gen, \$329 value);
 - Win one of 15 sets of Milwaukee Brewers or Bucks tickets;
 - Win one of 2 \$100 Edvest 529 college savings gift cards.
 - Win one of 5 \$1,000 scholarships for college



- **PLUS:** The Wisconsin high school with the largest FAFSA completion percentage increase from last year (ending June 30, 2022) to this year's cycle (as of April 15, 2023) will win \$5,000 in education-related supplies and materials and an all-school pizza party in May.
- **Junior Conference:** Starting in November, all junior students will have the opportunity to attend a Junior Conference with their school counselor. Topics that we will be discussing will include graduation requirements, current and future plans, career plans and areas of interest, college campus visits, scholarships and financial aid and any questions or concerns you or your student may have. Here is the [presentation](#) we will be sharing.
- **Hello Class of 2023!!!**
 - Our Counselors are excited to let you know that we have a scholarship bulletin where local (and sometimes not-so-local) scholarships are listed. They will update this list bi-weekly, and will send out a new link to you, but you are encouraged to look at it any time.
 - **Remember there are scholarships for ALL types of things:** 4 year schools, 2 year schools, and even trades! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Carpenter, carpenterr@wilmoths.k12.wi.us
 - Check it out by following the link!
 - [Scholarship Bulletin](#)
 - **Senior Spotlight:** We are once again showcasing our senior class through our senior spotlight series. This is a chance for the class of 2023 to celebrate how far they've come and leave behind some words of wisdom. Please complete the following form in order to get your spotlight posted!
 - [Senior Spotlight Form](#)
 - **UPDATE: WISCONSIN TUITION PROMISE PROGRAM:**
 - New information has recently been added to the Wisconsin Tuition Promise [website](#). Please refer to the website to learn more about this new initiative taking effect Fall 2023. New information will be added to this webpage as it becomes available.
 - Wisconsin Tuition Promise: www.wisconsin.edu/tuition-promise/information-for-students

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES:

- **MINI Business World:** Is your Freshman or Sophomore student interested in entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, or business?? Encourage them to sign up for this **FREE** experience!
 - **MINI Business World** is a one-day immersive program where students practice building a business from the ground up. We are hosting an **in-school field trip experience on Tuesday, January 24th (late start)**. Students will develop a business plan including creating a new product, building a prototype, creating a marketing plan, and forming a budget. Lunch will be provided. Students leave MINI Business World with a better understanding of business principles, career opportunities in Wisconsin, entrepreneurship, and the important role businesses play in our communities.
 - **Fill out this [Form](#) before 12/17** to sign up. See Mrs. Huff in Room 247 with any questions.



- **Priceless Pancakes:** Our next meeting is 12/19/22 and our 1st event will be Jan 10th! Join our [Google Classroom](#) to get involved and click [HERE](#) to learn more about who we are.
 - [Join the Movement!](#)
- **Softball Informational Meeting:** There will be a Softball informational meeting in **Room 180 on Tuesday, December 20th from 3-330pm** for anyone interested in playing this year.
 - If you have any questions please contact Mr. Mudge - mudgej@wilmoths.k12.wi.us.
- Parents who would like their student(s) to undergo an **EKG Screening** to help detect cardiac problems, especially parents who have kids in high impact sports, should follow the link below. To sign up go to the following site: <https://www.heartsmartekg.org/>
- **Alternative locations for sports physicals other than the primary physician.**
 - [Kenosha Urgicare](#) - Appointments or Walk-ins welcome; \$40.00
 - [CVS Pharmacy Minute Clinic](#) - Appointments recommended or Walk-ins welcome on a first come first serve basis
 - *FOR \$25 OFF: Offer valid June 17 through September 14, 2022. Discount is applied to the retail price of \$69.00. Insurance is not accepted for physicals, and payment is due at time of visit. Additional lab charges may apply. Restrictions apply; not available at all clinics.
 - The KCHC is offering sports physical appointments at the KCHC [Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha](#) Clinic. Schedule your child's appointment online or call 262-656-0044. English/Spanish <https://www.kenoshachc.org/services/sports-physicals/>
 - Aurora Clinic-Walgreens locations that provide WIAA sports physicals.
 - *Put in a **Zip Code** and then in the "**Location Type**" box, scroll all the way down to the bottom and select "**Walgreens**" and then "**Search.**" This will give all the current Aurora-Walgreen locations where a physical can be done. <https://www.aurorahealthcare.org/locations/>
- [Athletic - Online Registration](#) for the 2022-23 school year
- [Athletic Start Dates and Times](#)
- [Online Athletic Registration Steps](#)
- [Physical Form](#)

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- Click the link for information on our [Covid-19 - Back to School Plan](#).
- [WUHS COVID-19 Illness & Isolation Policy for Students & Staff](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing at Wilmot High School](#)

STUDENT ILLNESS:

- Parents, guardians, or caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness everyday. Students who are sick should not attend school in-person. Please contact attendance@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or call 262-862-2351 and press 1 to report your child's absence.
- Students who become ill during the school day are to see the school nurse prior to contacting parents. See the [2022-2023 Student Handbook](#) for further information.

Have a wonderful weekend, Panthers!