



March 3, 2023

GENERAL UPDATES/REMINDERS:

- **A Message from our District Administrator - Dr. Michael Plourde**

*****Attention*****

- **Wilmot Union High School will have an operational referendum question on the ballot for the April 4th election. Please visit our [website](#) for more information including Referendum FAQs, Tax Impact Calculator, and Find My Polling Place. Feel welcome to come to Dr. Plourde with any questions.**
- Due to several inclement weather days this winter, we have had to make adjustments to our calendar to ensure we meet the state-mandated number of instructional hours.

Please make note of the following changes:

 - Tuesday, March 7th will be a full school day for all students. The schedule will be unique, as juniors will be taking the ACT test in a separate area of the building. Students, please listen to your teachers to ensure you know where to go that day.
 - Monday, April 10th will be a full school day.
 - March 14th, April 11th, April 25th, May 9th, and May 23rd will be full school days instead of late starts.

- **A Message from our Principal - Rob Kreil:**

- *On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, Wilmot Union High School will be administering the Online ACT plus Writing. **This test is state-mandated for all 11th grade students.** On February 22 and 23 during WARP, we will complete pre-administration activities in preparation for this statewide test.*
 - *Students will need their school issued Chromebook for the pre-administration activities and to complete the ACT Test. Please remember to have the Chromebook fully charged.*
 - *This day will also be an odd hour block day (1, 3, 5, 7)*
 - **Attendance of Juniors on March 7 is essential.**
 - **Due to the inclement weather, please remember that this is an ALL STUDENT DAY.**
- *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.*

- **PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY:** A's Dress Closet will host a Prom dress "pop-up shop" where the dresses are FREE! *Donations are appreciated.**
 - Trinity Church
 - Friday, March 3rd - 3:00pm - 6:00pm
 - Saturday, March 4th - 10:00am - 2:00pm
 - Contact adresscloset@gmail.com for more information or questions.
 - Additional information can be found [here](#).

- **DPI PRESS RELEASE - Open Enrollment:** DPI has issued a press release announcing the open enrollment application period for the 2023-24 school year.
 - The release is located at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2023-05.pdf>.
 - If you have any questions, please contact openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov or at 888-245-2732, option 2.

- **KENOSHA COUNTY ROAD CLOSURE *UPDATE*:** Kenosha County's spring 2023 culvert rehabilitation project is underway, causing lane closures and limited full closures on several roadways across the county. As such, the Kenosha County Division of Highways would like to inform our school districts of these projects, as they may involve detours or traffic delays on some of your bus routes.
 - **The full closure of Highway C (Wilmot Road) just east of Highway W (Fox River Road) that was scheduled to occur this Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, has been postponed due to anticipated weather conditions.** This closure is now scheduled to occur from approximately 10 a.m. Monday, March 6, until 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 7.



- If weather conditions on Monday do not permit this work, the closure will be moved to 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, until 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8.
 - The closure is being staged to allow for final restoration of the highway surface where a culvert was recently replaced. A posted detour will route drivers around the closure via Highway W, Highway F (93rd Street/Silver Lake Road), and Highway B (296th Avenue/Tuttle Road)
 - This information is also available on the Kenosha County website, at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2754>.
 - The culvert replacement locations and projected times are as follows:
 - **Highway C (Wilmot Road) between Highway W (Fox River Road) and Highway B (304th Avenue):**
 - One-lane closure with automated flagging operations in place during the week of Feb. 6
 - Anticipated completion and full reopening on Tuesday, Feb. 14
 - Full highway closure scheduled for Highway surface restoration work on March 27 and 28 (school spring break period)
 - **Highway K (60th Street) near 241st Court:**
 - Full highway closure in the 24100 block of Highway K began Monday, Feb. 6
 - Anticipated reopening at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10
 - Marked detour in place
 - **Highway D (172nd Avenue) south of Highway A (Seventh Street):**
 - Full highway closure to begin Monday, Feb. 13
 - Marked detour route to be in place
 - Anticipated reopening late afternoon Friday, Feb. 17
 - **Highway C (Wilmot Road) west of 286th Avenue:**
 - Full highway closure to begin Wednesday, Feb. 15
 - Marked detour route to be in place
 - Anticipated reopening on Thursday, Feb. 23
 - **Highway Y (22nd Avenue) near 14th Place:**
 - Full highway closure now scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 20
 - Marked detour route to be in place
 - Reopening anticipated on or before Friday, Mar 3, 2023
 - **Note:** This projected work schedule is weather-dependent and is subject to change. A map of the culvert replacement locations is [available here](#).
 - This information is also available on the Kenosha County website, at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2720>.
- **Board of Education:**
 - **The March 6th Board of Education working session has been canceled.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:00pm in the WUHS Library.



- **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.
- **2023-2024 Academic School Calendar:**
 - Our [2023-24 Academic Calendar](#) is available now! Follow the link for additional information.
- **Summer School Calendar - 2023:**
 - Our [Summer School Calendar - 2023](#) is available now! Follow the link for additional information.
- **CLASS OF 2027:** Welcome Wilmot Class of 2027 - The link below will help answer questions as you start the process of transitioning to high school.
 - [Wilmot High School Class of 2027 Summer School Enrollment](#)
- **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.
- **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:

STUDENT SERVICES:

- **CLASS OF 2027** - Your website is live and has all of the information you need to get ready for high school. [Class of 2027](#)



- **Parent Event:** Parents and guardians, please join us for a parent event on **March 14th from 6:00pm-8:00pm**. This event will be held at Salem Grade School, and is geared towards parents/guardians of 6th-12 grade students.
 - Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Patrick Mattek, will be leading us in a conversation on effective strategies to combat anxiety. Through this presentation, parents/guardians will learn ways to support their child(ren) who struggle with anxiety at home and school. We look forward to seeing you there!
 - For more information about this parent event, please check out the [flier](#). For any questions, please contact Westosha Central High School's Social Worker, Kaitlyn Jones-Shepherd, at jonesshepherdk@westosha.k12.wi.us.

- **Badger Boys State:** The American Legion Post 361 and American Legion Post 544 are each sponsoring one Badger Boy State Representative this year. [Badger Boys State](#) is a program that provides the opportunity for young men to learn about civic processes of our state's government and the leadership that is required to build a community. If your Junior student is interested in being one of the Badger Boy State Representatives this year, **please have them see their School Counselor by March 10th**.

- **Summer School:** Current students interested in taking summer school courses can pick up a form in Student Services **starting on Monday, February 13th**. Forms can be picked up from Mr. Slawson.

- **Course Selection:** 9th-11th grade students have begun the 2023-2024 school year course selection process. We encourage you to talk with your students about this process and their selections. 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 23-24 school year.**
 - You can preview a short tutorial on the course selection process and the new ACP Module [HERE](#). If you have any questions and/or want to talk through your student's courses more, as always, please contact your student's counselor.

- **Work-Based Learning:** Sophomores and Juniors - did you know that you can receive 0.5 up to 2.0 credits for work experience through a single semester, a full year, or up to two years? You may also be able to include summer work hours for credit if scheduled soon enough.
 - Learn more about our [Youth Apprenticeship Program](#) and other [Work-Based Learning](#) options from your school counselor, or by contacting [Mr. Strother](#).

- **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.
- **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:

- 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
 - 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!