

# Wilmot Union High School

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:** 

WORKING BOARD MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 8 - 4:30 PM

**ANNUAL & REGULAR BOARD** 

SEPTEMBER 22 - 5:30PM & 6:00

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



Dear Wilmot Families,

We are thrilled to welcome our students back as we begin our school year! Over the past few weeks, our staff has been working diligently to prepare engaging learning experiences and to ensure a caring, supportive environment for every student. As we begin the school year, student safety and well-being remain top priorities.



Christy Weinstock
District Administrator

Alongside ongoing growth in our academic and career preparation programs, we continually review and strengthen our safety and security practices. Our goal is to provide a school environment that is both engaging and safe, where every student feels supported and ready to learn.

Having our students back in the building brings an incredible energy and serves as a powerful reminder of the positive impact we strive to make in their lives each day. As we start this school year together, I want to thank you for your continued partnership and support. I look forward to celebrating the growth, accomplishments, and memories our students will create.

# Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! Go Panthers!

# **Construction Updates:**

We are still in the planning phases of our construction projects. You may continue to see several surveyors, Nexus employees, and other contractors around our property. Each month, we will update this newsletter to share our progress. We are currently working on finalizing floor plans for our technical education labs, culinary/foods labs, and the daycare facitility.

We will share them in this newsletter and on our <a href="Community Referendum page">Community Referendum page</a> as soon as they are available.

# Safety, Attendance, and Academic & Career Planning (ACP)

# Safety & Security

Your child's safety is our top priority. All staff are trained in emergency procedures, and we maintain secure access, visitor check-in, and monitoring systems. Students are encouraged to report any concerns immediately.

We work closely with the **Wisconsin Department of Justice**, **Office** of **School Safety** to ensure best practices and resources are in place.



Dan Bender
AP of Student
Management

Additionally, students can use the **anonymous tip line**, **"Speak Up, Speak Out,"** to report concerns and help maintain a safe school environment.

For more information on safety and security, please visit: School Safety

# **Attendance Matters**

Regular attendance is essential for student success. Students are expected to attend school daily and arrive on time. Please report absences to the office promptly. Habitual truancy may affect open enrollment eligibility.

# **Academic & Career Planning (ACP)**

ACP helps students explore their interests, set goals, and make informed course selections. Through reflection and guidance from staff, students prepare for college, careers, and beyond. Parents are encouraged to engage in ACP discussions to support their child's growth.

# For more information on ACP, please visit: Academic & Career Planning

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure a safe, supportive, and successful learning experience for every student. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

Sincerely, Dan Bender, Associate Principal

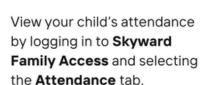
# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

### Did You Know?



Starting in Kindergarten, students should miss no more than 9 days of school per year to stay on track for graduation. That means missing no more than one day per month!

# **How Many Days Has My Student** Missed?



# **Having Trouble Getting To School?**



Resources & services are available to help your child get to school. Contact the high school office for assistance.

262-862-2351

# Students are allotted 10 absences per school year

Examples of reasons why a parent/guardian may call a student in as excused that will **NOT** count toward the 10 absences:

- Medical or dental appointments with documentation/note
- Court dates with documentation
- · Religious holidays

Examples of reasons why a parent/guardian may call a student in as "excused" that WILL count toward the 10 absences:

- Illness
- · Family issues
- · Appointments without documentation
- · College visits without documentation
- Legal appointments without documentation

# TOO SICK TO COME TO SCHOOL?

If your child will be absent, please let us know as soon as possible.



262-862-2351 | Press 1



attendance@wilmoths.k12.wi.us



Record excused absence in Skyward



# HOMEGUMES Celebration

SEPTEMBER 25-27

GIRLS POWDERPUFF
PARADE & FOOTBALL GAME
HOMECOMING DANCE

BRING YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

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# **Dear Wilmot High School Community,**

We hope this message finds you well! We are thrilled to announce that the tradition of the Wilmot Homecoming Parade once again will be on the streets of our beloved town for 2025.

This exciting event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible partnership between our high school, Wilmot community and the Kenosha County Sheriff Department. Together, we have worked to ensure that this year's parade is a special celebration for all. For generations, the Homecoming Parade has been a symbol of unity, school spirit, and community pride, and we are proud to bring that tradition back stronger than ever.

We invite all community members to join us in this wonderful event! Whether you're marching, cheering from the sidewalks or reconnecting with fellow Panthers, your presence will help make this year's Homecoming Parade a success.

Date and Time: Friday, September 26 @ 5:00 pm

Parade Route: Homecoming Parade Route

Let's come together once again to make this year's Homecoming Parade a memorable one for everyone involved. We can't wait to see the streets of Wilmot lined with familiar faces and spirited cheers.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating Homecoming with you all.

# With excitement and Panther Pride,

Christy Weinstock Wilmot District Administrator

Rob Kreil Wilmot High School Principal

Keiya Square Wilmot Athletic Director

Deputy Chris Bischoff Wilmot School Resource Office

Ryan Gartner Wilmot Community Outreach Coordinator

# Mark Your Calendars for September 16

# ACT/PreACT Practice Day - Get Ready to Show What You Know!

# Seniors Hit the Road - College Visit

# Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors - PreACT & ACT Practice Day

On Tuesday, September 16, students in grades 9–11 will take part in a valuable college readiness experience:

- 9th & 10th graders will take the PreACT, a shorter version of the ACT that gives early
  insight into strengths, areas for improvement, and possible career paths.
- 11th graders will take a full-length practice ACT under timed, test-like conditions—just like the real thing they'll take in spring.

These assessments help students:

- Practice test-taking strategies
- Understand what to expect on the real ACT
- Receive feedback on academic strengths and needs
- Explore career pathways through interest results

# Testing Schedule:

Testing runs from 7:45 AM to approximately 11:25 AM.

After testing, students will participate in a variety of fun and meaningful activities for the remainder of the day.

# What to Bring:

- Chromebook (fully charged)
- Calculator
- Pencils
- Book or quiet activity for after testing

# Seniors – College Visit Day

While underclassmen are testing, seniors will have the opportunity to explore life after high school. Students can:

- √ Visit a college of their choice independently
- ✓ Join a school-led trip to either UW-Whitewater or Gateway Technical College Kenosha Campus
- Seniors have received an email with a form to indicate their plans. This helps us organize transportation and make the day successful for everyone.

# WELCOME TO WILMOT!



PETER BRAUN SCIENCE



ANGELA BUSH
SPECIAL EDUCATION



ZACH PAUL
SPECIAL EDUCATION



MATT CONNOR
TECHNICAL EDUCATION



JUSTIN DISSMORE SPECIAL EDUCATION



# Halló! Come with us to Iceland!

July 2026 - 7 days

Calling all travelers! The Panthers are headed to Iceland in summer 2026! Explore <u>Viking</u> culture, Icelandic glaciers and geysers in <u>Thingvellir National Park</u>, visit <u>Icelandic horses</u> and explore <u>black beaches and lava flows</u> near the <u>Blue Lagoon</u>!

This trip is open to **ALL** Wilmot families and students! That means parents, students and relatives! For information, attend PantherFest or the info meeting Sep. 10e3:30pm!



\$4,519 – All Inclusive!

Interested?

Scan below!



https://www.eftours.com/tour-

For more information, contact me!
Tyler Kochan
kochant@wilmoths.k12.wi.us



Wilmot DECA is a career and technical student organization that teaches students about leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, networking, and other skills needed to be successful in their future careers. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in

marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. We are helping students to become more academically prepared, community-oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders. Wilmot DECA encourages all members to participate in community service, social, leadership, and competitive events activities and educational opportunities.

Wilmot DECA students are members of Wisconsin's chartered association and national DECA organization. This allows our members to apply for travel and academic scholarships. Some of the activities we have planned for this year include:

- Monthly meetings
- Social events (bowling, pizza night, games, etc.)
- · Chapter fundraisers throughout the year
- Leadership experiences / conferences
- Community Service "Trick or Can" in October
- Districts, State, and International Competitions
- School-Based Enterprise / Working in The Paw
- DECA Officer Team Chapter Leadership Positions
- Homecoming events dress up days, parade, etc.
- Chapter projects / membership campaign / video submissions
- Industry field trips & guest speakers
- Study sessions for competition
- Holiday Party / Secret Santa gift exchange
- End of the Year banquet
- ... and more!!



Scan to join our Google Classroom



We want all members to feel included and welcome at DECA events. Feel free to bring a friend to meetings to let them see what we are all about! If you have an idea for DECA, share it with one of our friendly officers. As part of the Wilmot community, we are always looking for new initiatives to help build this organization and offer more opportunities to all members. We are proud of the positive and professional representation our chapter maintains in the Wilmot community.



Snapchat: Wilmot\_DECA
Instagram: wilmot\_deca
Facebook: Wilmot DECA
Twitter: @DecaWilmot



If you are interested in being an active member or have any questions about Wilmot DECA, please join our Google Classroom and watch for updates. See Mrs. Huff in Room 247. Follow us on our social media accounts and listen to the announcements for more info about planned activities. Find more information about Wisconsin DECA at <a href="https://www.wideca.org">www.wideca.org</a>.

Membership dues are \$10 for the school year - make checks payable to Wilmot Union High School (Memo: DECA Dues). This includes Wisconsin state and national DECA membership dues, your annual Wilmot DECA t-shirt, all general meetings and chapter activities, and District competition costs. There is an additional \$30 Activities fee assessed by the school district for DECA. Most field trips, conferences, and social activities will require additional expenses for the student. Financial assistance may be available through the Panther Backers Booster Club or Wisconsin DECA if needed.

Contact Mrs. Huff, Wilmot DECA Advisor in Room 247 with any

questions. Email: HuffM@wilmoths.k12.wi.us

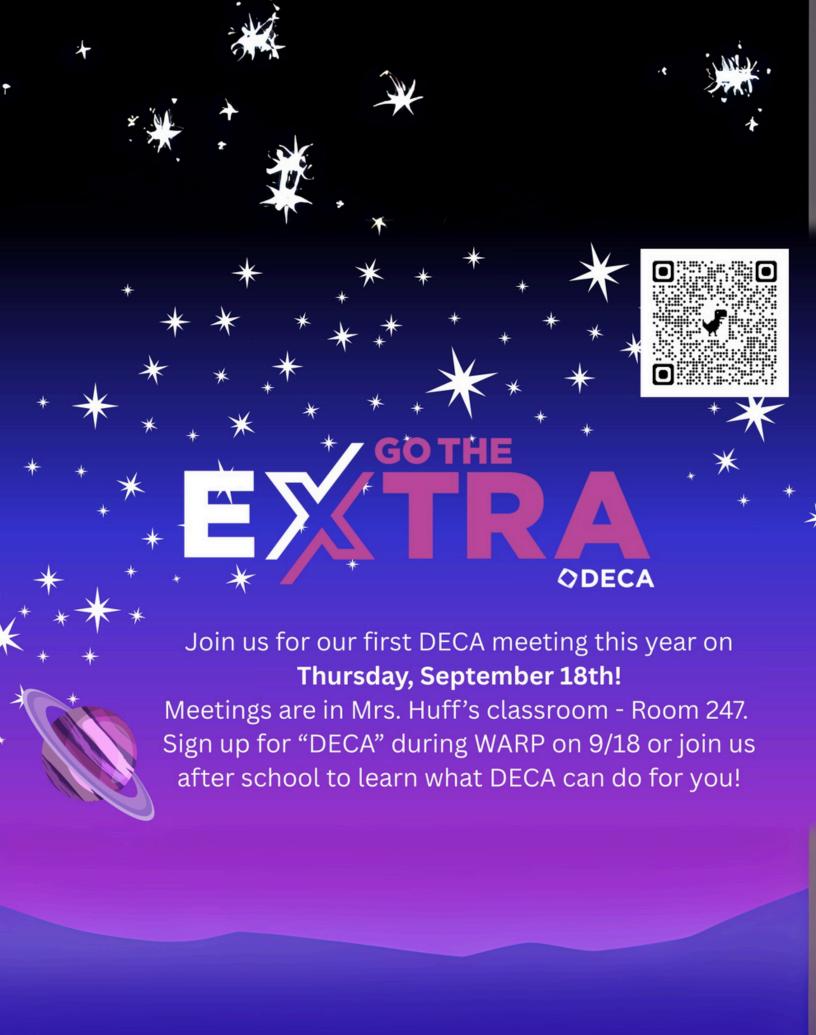
Phone: 262-862-2351, ext. 247 GO Panthers!



Join us for our first DECA meeting this year on **Thursday**, **September 18th!** 

Meetings are in Mrs. Huff's classroom - Room 247. Sign up for "DECA" during WARP on 9/18 or join us after school to learn what DECA can do for you!

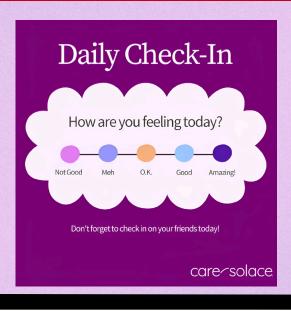




Wilmot Union High School is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and families.

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



# ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Upon request, the Wilmot Union School District is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Mallory Drew, Director of Pupil Services, Wilmot Union High School, at (262)862-2351 ext. 307, by emailing her at drewm@wilmoths.k12.wi.us, or by mail: Attention: Mallory Drew, Wilmot Union High School, 11112 308th Ave., Wilmot, WI 53192.



# 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

# **Start College Now & Early College Credit Information**

**Start College Now (SCN)** is a statewide program that allows eligible high school juniors and seniors to take Technical College courses and earn college and high school credit. Each year, applications for the **spring semester** are due no later than **October 1st**. Applications for the **fall semester** are due no later than **March 1**.

**Early College Credit (ECC)** is a statewide program that allows eligible high school juniors and seniors to take courses through WI four-year public and private colleges and earn high school and college credit. Application deadlines are the same as the SCN program.

If a student is interested in earning college credits through SCN or ECCP in Spring 2026, **NOW** is the time to reach out to their School Counselor to get an application. The deadline for completed forms is 3:00pm on October 1, 2025.

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



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



MELISSA SWEATMAN SCHOOL COUNSELOR SP-Z





SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 5:00-6:30 pm

Wilmot invites you to attend College & Career Night on Wednesday, September 24th, from 5:00-6:30 pm.

This event will allow students and families to explore College and Career options. You will have the opportunity to meet with Public, Private and Technical College Admissions Staff, Military Representatives, Area Businesses and Labor Unions.

During this event, we will also be hosting our annual Financial Aid Presentation in the Haas Auditorium at 6:00 pm. Seniors can begin filing their FAFSA on October 1st, 2025.

# This event is not just for Wilmot students!

If you, family members or friends are looking for employment opportunities or considering a career change, please join us on the 24th.

# **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.





Don't miss out!
Click the logo and
follow our page
for daily updates!





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# BECOME A FITNESS CENTER MEMBER TODAY!







<u>Membership Pricing</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Family Membership	\$180	\$280
Individual Membership	\$100	\$200
Individual 6 month Membership	\$60	\$120
Individual Quarterly Membership	\$35	\$70
College Student Membership	\$35	\$35
Wilmot UHS & Feeder School Retiree Membership	\$35	\$35
45 minute classes- 8 classes	\$45	\$45
60 minute classes- 8 classes	\$55	\$55
Drop in fee	\$8	\$8

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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

### **Back to School Page:**

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/families/back-toschool-.cfm

### **Lunch Menu:**

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/Wilmot%20September% 202025.pdf

# **School Safety Page:**

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/families/schoolsafety.cfm

### ACP:

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

# **Community Referendum Construction Updates:**

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/district/communityreferendum-.cfm

# <u>Attendance Flyer:</u>

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/attendance%20policy%2 0and%20flyer.pdf

# **Homecoming Hub:**

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/community/homecoming.cfm

### WSPEI Workshop:

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### **CareSolace:**

https://caresolace.com/site/wilmot

# **Staff Appreciation:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSf45d5rVaDg SnHOp4Py\_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/about/fitness\_center.c

### Fitness Center Classes:

https://wilmothighschool.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/getc lass/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/1YMyIADrct \_mUcBFbaNahyJcM5Zjpf7T9ssXNU6OaKOk/edit

# **WUHS Newsletter:**

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













