



## Security Update

We are pleased to share security updates at Willmar Senior High with the creation of our new Security Liaison team. This team of 3 will collaborate with Willmar Police Officer Tony Haycraft to ensure a safe and supportive environment for all students within our building. The three new Security Liaisons are Gene Schneider, Michael Jahnke, and Dayna Kluver- all are former law enforcement staff who have served in our local communities.

The Security Liaisons play a crucial role in maintaining a secure campus. Their responsibilities include:

**Building Security Checks:** Regularly assessing the security of our facilities.

**Student Interaction:** Engaging with students to provide support and ensure safety throughout the school day.

**Monitoring:** Keeping an eye on security cameras and overseeing parking lots.

**Visitor Management:** Checking in visitors at our greeting station

**Hallway Passes:** Ensuring that students have appropriate passes while moving through the hallways.

We are fortunate to have an experienced and positive security team at Willmar Senior High. By working collaboratively with our staff, Officer Tony, and our assistant principals, we will continue to foster a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



**WSHS Registration Dates for 2024/2025**

DATE	EVENT	GRADE	TIME
Thurs., Aug. 8th	Parent/Athlete/Coaches (PAC) All sports Athletic meeting	All Grades	6:00 PM in BPAC (theater)
Mon., Aug. 12th	All Fall sports begin	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri., Aug. 16th	Registration, (9th grade Hearing & Vision screening available)	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	9AM – 3PM
Mon., Aug. 19th	Registration	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	2PM – 6PM
Thurs., Aug. 22nd	Registration make-up	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	4PM – 7PM
Wed., Aug. 28th	OPEN HOUSE	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:30PM – 6:30PM
Tues., Sept. 3rd	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00AM – 2:45PM

**On-line payments:**

Credit card payments are suggested and accepted online **ONLY** if you have an active Parent/Student Campus Portal account. Should you need assistance with your Campus Portal account, contact Jessie Olson @ [320.231.8555](tel:320.231.8555). If paying online is not an option for you, you may pay in person at registration.

**Health Services Update****IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR SENIORS:**

Minnesota law requires that all children get vaccinated against certain diseases or have a legal exemption on file to enroll in school. Students entering 12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year need to have documentation or legal exemption for the booster dose of the meningococcal vaccine (most students received the initial dose of this vaccine when they entered 7th grade).

Teenagers and young adults are at higher risk for meningococcal disease. This booster dose is important to make sure they are fully protected through their highest risk years.

Willmar Public Schools adhere to a "No Shot - No School" policy (or legal proof of exemption). Students will not be able to pick up schedules or receive their iPad until they have received the required immunization(s) or a legal exemption is on file.

Please contact your child's health care provider or the school nurse at 231-8457 (school hours/school days only) to inquire if your child is up-to-date with this immunization.

**School Pictures:** 8th Street Photography will be here to take all students photos on August 16th, 19th, and 22nd. **All students are required to have their photo taken prior to getting their iPad.** Seniors may use 8th Street Photography as an option for their senior picture. There is no fee with 8th Street Photography unless you order a photo package.

**9th Vision & Hearing:** 9th grade students will have their hearing and vision tested as part of their registration process on Friday, Aug. 16th. Students who wear glasses or contacts should be wearing them for the screening.

**- Ramp Up Notes -****2024  
Job Fair & Career Expo**

Thursday, April 25th Willmar Senior High hosts the 7th annual Job Fair and Career Expo. Students have 30 minutes to explore a variety of job and career opportunities. They can fill out job applications and discuss career opportunities for their future.





## PROM 2024 – “A Walk to Remember”

The Willmar Senior High School Prom 2024 @ Stonewall Farms will be on Friday, May 3rd, 2024.

The Grand March begins at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome for our free viewing at Grand March.

Once Grand March is over, student guests and chaperones will load our buses and travel to Stonewall Farms. Students will be required to show their ticket as they enter the bus. A small purse or handbag will be allowed. No backpacks.

NO other vehicles OR people will be allowed on the Stonewall Farms site. Local law enforcement will be parked at the entrance. Our apologies, only prom guests will be permitted at our post-Grand March festivities. Students will return to Willmar High School via bus transportation later in the night.

For the 5:30 GRAND MARCH, you do not need an automobile to be a part of the Grand March. Arrangements can be made with Mr. Michelson to walk through Grand March and be introduced like all other prom guests, without the pressure of having a vehicle.

**EARLY BIRD THREE DAY DISCOUNT SALES for PROM: APRIL 22nd - April 24th**

Tickets will be sold during 3rd Block lunches. Willmar Public School students are charged \$35.00 and out of town guests are \$45.00. \*NOTE\*: Out of Town Guests MUST have a copy of their driver's license to purchase a ticket.

**REGULAR SALES:** Tickets will be sold during 3rd Block lunches from April 25th - May 2nd. Willmar Public School students are charged \$45.00 and out of town guests are \$55.00. \*NOTE\*: Out of Town Guests MUST have a copy of their driver's license to purchase a ticket.

All of the decorations and services to coordinate this prom are funded entirely and solely by ticket sales. No Willmar Public School dollars are used to host the event.

In order to preserve the safety and welfare of Willmar Senior High School students, the administration reserves the right to deny admission to attend the Willmar High School prom. NO ONE under high school age or over 21 will be allowed to attend. Only those students who are eligible to be a high school student may attend. Each set of prom guests must have at least one junior or senior student. REMINDER: Freshman students MAY NOT attend Prom, even if they are invited by a Junior or Senior.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Principal Paul Schmitz, or Prom Coordinators Mr. Travis Michelson and Mrs. Kari Michelson.

School is in session on Friday, May 3rd. If a student is going to be absent that day, he or she will need a parent/guardian to contact the attendance line to approve that absence.

### **Willmar Senior High Attendance Office**

Please call the attendance line at 231-8462 ASAP

24 hours a day/7 days a week for ANY attendance issues. Please call this number whether the student is coming late or leaving early. If you get the answering machine it means that we are out of the office, on another line, or helping customers at the front desk. Please leave a message. The messages get checked continually throughout the school day.

Somalian Line is 320-231-8307 ~ this is an answering machine. Please leave a message.

Spanish Line is 320-231-8305 ~ this is an answering machine. Please leave a message.





### Honor Society Inducts 32 New Members

Congratulations to the 32 Willmar High School senior and junior students who were inducted into the National Honor Society on January 22, 2024.

Acceptance for membership requires students to demonstrate skills in the 4 Pillars of National Honor Society.

Students must have a minimum current GPA of 3.75 to fulfill their requirement of SCHOLARSHIP. They are then invited to apply for membership.

Student applicants then complete an application describing the various ways in which they provide non-compensated SERVICES in the Willmar community and beyond.

Finally, students are evaluated by Willmar High School administrators, teachers and staff on their CHARACTER and LEADERSHIP in the classroom, activities or athletics, and in the community.

The National Honor Society was formed in 1921. There are more than 12,500 local chapters of the National Honor Society in high schools across the country today.

In addition to the service projects the members do outside of school, our main collective service project is to host the AIM (Advocacy and Inclusion Matter) spring dance. Over 150 AIM community members attend this wonderful event. This year's spring dance will be held the evening of Saturday, May 4th at the WHS gymnasium.

#### Students inducted in academic year 2022-23

Bahja Bashir	Emery Holwerda	Hannah Quinn
Meryl Bos	Lauren Hunt	Sophia Quinn
Rich Becker	Chloe Jensen	Dylan Staska
Carson Eichhorst	Lyndi Koosman	Charles Swart
Katelyn Garberding	Emmie Larson	Melinda Twedt
Cullen Gregory	Julia Lindquist	Ryan Vruwink
Elizabeth Hoffmann	Avery Quinn	

#### Students inducted in academic year 2023-24

Sullivan Anez	Derik Johnson	Avery Olson
Madison Bowen	Elizabeth Haugen	Claudia Peerboom
Hannah Bredesen	Timothy Halvorson	Lindsey Linares Perez
Conlan Carlson	Isaac Pineda-Hernandez	Chelsea Rohloff
Finley Donelan	Alyson Johnson	Solene Ruff
Madison Engstrom	Madelyn Johnson	Dustin Seubert
Grade Etterman	Zoe Johnson	Brooke Thompson
Tyler Evans	Heidi Kath	Gretchen Volk
Braeden Fagerlie	Fernanda Ossa Letelier	Evan Wallestad
Birget Figenskau	Claire Mattson	Ella Wilson
Maycee Gustafson	Madison Norsten	

### AP Exam Dates

Monday, May 6th— Chemistry

Wednesday, May 8th - English Literature & Composition

Thursday, May 9th- Psychology

Friday, May 10th— US History

Monday, May 13th—Calculus

Tuesday, May 14— English Language & Composition

Friday, May 15-Music Theory

All tests will be in the WEAC Rehearsal Hall



### FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

#### Summer School 2024

Students who have failed classes at the high school have the opportunity to recover these credits through summer school. Summer school takes place at the Area Learning Center in Willmar. The dates of summer school are June 11th - June 27th. Classes take place Monday through Thursday 8:15 am-12:15 pm. Please contact your student's counselor for further details and how to apply for this great opportunity for your students to get back on track!

#### Testing Update

Willmar Senior High held its large testing day for MCA Reading, MCA Math, and ACT test on April 9th. Makeup testing for those who missed the MCAs will be given between April 11th and May 2nd. State law requires all students to take the MCA tests.

Most students take the MCA, but students who receive special education services and meet eligibility requirements may take the alternate assessment MTAS instead. The ACT test is not required for students but is encouraged for students to take this test for college admissions purposes.

For more information on testing, please refer to the Minnesota Department of Education at:

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/JustParent/TestReq/index.html>







## FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The WHS Music Department is on the move with the season of contests, concerts, and All-State performances.

Willmar High School Vocal Music traveled to Rocori HS for the 8AA Vocal Solo Ensemble contest on February 7th. The 51 events consisted of vocal solos, vocal duets, SATB, TTBB or SSAA ensembles. Willmar received 44 Superior Ratings and 7 Excellent Ratings. At the end of the contest each of the five judges choose their top performance of the day. Willmar received 3 of the 5 "Best of Site" awards. Awarded 'Best of Site' at the contest were: Aeda Villnow, Chloe Jensen, Qiara Christenson, Jame Rende, Rich Becker.

The WHS Band Solo and Ensemble contest was hosted at WHS on February 14th. The WHS band students prepared 72 events to be critiqued by adjudicators. The students earned 35 superior ratings and 17 excellent ratings. "Best of Site" awards were given to Stephany Corona (clarinet solo), Brandon Escalon Valladares (flute solo), Brynna Willis (clarinet solo), and Evan Wallestad (vibraphone solo). The hard work is showing up in our rehearsals as this preparation and practice led to some major improvements in our skills.

The Orchestra Solo Ensemble Contest was held on February 28th at WHS. The orchestra brought 25 total entries with all events receiving superior and excellent ratings. Awarded "Best of Site" were: Jacob Loerzel (cello solo), Sawyer Swanson (cello solo), and Sophia Haase (violin solo).

WHS Students were selected to be members in the All State Orchestra and Choirs this summer and in February. Their final performances were at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. Students participating in All State Choir were: Alex Sixta, Aubrey Schueler, Rich Becker, David Lammers. All State Orchestra: Jacob Loerzel and Brandon Escalon Valladares. Both Jon Ritz and Luke McCleary were selected as alternates for the all state band. Congratulations to these students on these outstanding accomplishments in music!

March was highlighted with our Winter Concerts and the first annual Willmar Jazz Festival. The "Parade of Bands" Concert was on March 11th at 7:30 pm. which featured all bands in the Willmar Public Schools, grades 6-12. The Orchestra concert was also on March 11th at 6:00 pm. The Choir Concerts were held on March 4th at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. On March 14th WHS hosted the first annual Willmar Jazz Festival. Eleven JH and HS bands performed throughout the day and received a masterclass/clinic from members of the Jason Minke jazz combo. The jazz festival was made possible by a grant from the SW Minnesota Arts Council.

This year the senior music students will be traveling to Minneapolis to see The Lion King and a Twins baseball game the weekend of April 19-20.

On April 5th, WHS cardinal ensembles participated in the CLC Conference Music Festival hosted by Sauk Rapids Rice HS. The festival included the Cardinal Band, Choir, and Orchestra. It was an all day festival which included an evening concert showcasing the Honor Band, Choir and Orchestra Ensembles. These ensembles are composed of top students from our Central Lake Conference schools.

May is filled with end of the year concerts and graduation. Please check the calendar and plan on attending. Thanks for all your support of our musicians this year!



It's **ALWAYS** a good time to start working on your mental health. Learn more about Mental Health America and their initiatives at [mhanational.org/may](https://mhanational.org/may)

**#WhereToStart** or **#MentalHealthMonth**

Check up on your own mental health at this link [mhascreening.org](https://mhascreening.org) and share that you "took a checkup from the neck up." Encourage others to do the same!

Here are 5 things you can do for your mental health this week:

1. Make a list of 5 things you're grateful for today.
2. Practice positive affirmations.
3. Start a conversation about mental health.
4. Stay hydrated!
5. Take a break from screens





# April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Term 4 starts	2	3 Ramp Up	4	5	6
7	8	9 ACT or MCA Math for 11th grade MCA Reading for all 10th grade	10 <b>NO SCHOOL for Staff &amp; Students</b>	11	12	13
14 Senior Athletic Social & Program 6:30 pm	15	16	17 Ramp Up	18	19	20
21	22 PROM tickets go on sale	23 ACT Make up for Juniors	24 Ramp Up	25 Job Fair & Career Expo	26	27
28	29 Spring Fest begins	30 Polar Plunge				

# May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Opportunity Day Mid Term	2	3 2 Hour Early Dismissal PROM Grand March 5:30 pm	4
5	6	7	8 Ramp Up Sr. meeting in the BPAC	9	10 Last day to sign up for Senior Retreat	11
12	13 Varsity Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm BPAC	14	15 Ramp Up Senior Retreat	16	17	18
19	20 Varsity/Concert Band/Choir 7:30 pm BPAC	21	22 Opportunity Day Excellence in Ed/ Scholarship Awards 6:00 BPAC	23 Commencement Concert 7:30 pm BPAC	24	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL for Staff & Students	28	29 Opportunity Day	30 Last Day for Seniors	31 End Term 4	June 1
June 2 Commencement 2:00 @ Civic Center						





# Willmar Senior High School

## Class of 2024 Calendar of Events

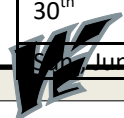
*Class Motto: "Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow" -Albert Einstein*

*Class Song: "Memories" by Maroon 5*

*Class Flower: Red and White Dahlia*



DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Tues., Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for senior photo to: wi-hisean@gmail.com		
Fri., Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term		
Mar. 25-29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break		
Mon., April 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Resumes; 4 <sup>th</sup> Term begins		
TBD	Deadline for athletes who lettered to provide action or group photo for the Spring Athletic Awards event.		To Main Office Athletic Secretary
Wed., May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mid-Term		
Fri., May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 Hr. Early Dismissal (districtwide Professional Dev.)  Grand March  Prom	8-12:45	@ WSHS @ 5:30 @ Stonewall Farms
Sun., April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Athletic Awards Social Senior Athletic Awards Program	6:30pm 7:00pm	Willmar Conference Center
Wed., May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Class of 2023 meeting w/Principal followed by cap & gown distribution	1:00pm	Brau Performing Arts Ctr.
Fri., May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to sign up for the May 15 <sup>th</sup> SR. RETREAT		Main Office
Mon., May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Varsity Orchestra Concert	7:30pm	Brau Performing Arts Ctr.
Wed., May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Retreat	8:30am	Location to be determined
Mon., May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Varsity Band/Choir Pop Concert-All V, CN	7:30pm	Brau Performing Arts Center
Wed., May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Opportunity Day Schedule  -----  Senior Scholarship & Awards	8-2:45  -----  -  6:00pm	-----    Brau Performing Arts Center
Thurs., May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Commencement Concert	7:30pm	Brau Performing Arts Center
Fri., May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Practice	8:30am	Willmar Civic Center
Mon., May 29 <sup>th</sup>	All bands for Memorial Day Ceremony	10:30am	Fairview Cemetery (Gorton Ave NW)
Thurs., May 30 <sup>th</sup>	LAST day for Seniors 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graduation Practice	8:00-2:45 8:30	Willmar Civic Center
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Commencement	2:00pm	Willmar Civic Center





## Cardinal Courier

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## HOMEWORK

Homework for students who have been absent can be received by contacting the individual teacher through parent/student portal or emailing the student's teacher directly using the district website directory. Students may also access homework on their iPad. The Main Office is open until 4:30 Monday through Friday for homework pickup.



## WHS Main & Guidance Office Staff

*The following people are available for questions or concerns on WHS policies, activities, or individual student matters.*

Paul Schmitz, Principal	231-8310
Nick Clasemann, Ass't. Principal Grades 9 & 11	231-8311
Scott Hisken, Ass't Principal Grades 10 & 12	231-8312
Ryan Blahosky, Activities Coordinator	231-8331
Jen Hess, Counselor A — G	231-8321
Megan Erickson, Counselor H — N	231-8322
Leah Rosendahl, Counselor O — Z	231-8323
Natalie Campos, Social Worker	231-8464
Dione Wangen, Social Worker	231-8381
Darla Hammerschmidt, Nurse	231-8457
Tony Haycraft, Police Liaison	231-8313

