



## Parent/ Teacher Conferences

for

TERM 2

Will be

held on

**Thursday  
Dec. 7th  
4:00-7:00**

**Junior  
parent  
meeting**

**5:30 in the  
Brau  
Performing  
Arts Center**



## Proficiency Scales Come to Willmar Senior High School

Although report cards won't be changing and students will continue to be graded on an A-F scale, parents might start to hear conversations around school work a little differently at home this school year. Willmar Schools have begun implementing a system of learning focusing on Proficiency Scales. Proficiency Scales are based on the standards or the specific learning targets that students are to know and demonstrate for the course. These scales provide students with more detail on what they are expected to learn and the progress they have made in their learning.

### What is a Proficiency Scale?

A Proficiency Scale is a document that shows the order of learning for students to move from basic skills to proficiency and possibly beyond adopted standards or learning needed in a class. These scales are on a 0-4 number system. Note - These numbers are NOT lined up to the A-F scale.

### Why Proficiency Scales?

- It helps students be clear about what they will know and be able to do
- It helps students know what level of learning they are at and how to improve

4	<b>Advanced:</b> The student is able to independently make in-depth connections and apply their learning to complex settings above the level of the standard.
3	<b>Proficient:</b> The student understands the standards and is able to independently demonstrate skills
2	<b>Developing:</b> The student has a foundational understanding of concepts and content including vocabulary.
1	<b>Beginning:</b> With help, the student has the beginning stages of learning with consistent support to understand the foundational content.
0	<b>Insufficient:</b> There is not enough evidence to demonstrate a basic understanding of foundational skills with help.

*Reference: Leading Standards Based Learning by Heflebower, T. Hoegh, J. K., & Warrick, P. B.*

Benefits for Students	Benefits for Parents & Caretakers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know and understand learning targets</li> <li>• Have multiple opportunities and ways to demonstrate proficiency on learning targets</li> <li>• Help students to develop a mindset related to growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a better idea of what their child should know and be able to do at each grade level</li> <li>• Provides an accurate picture of what the student has learned</li> </ul>

Parents, the next time you are wondering what your child is learning about in a class, ask them to show you the Proficiency Scale they are working on!



## Willmar Senior High E-Learning Days Update

Willmar Public Schools will continue to implement E-Learning Days for days of inclement weather instead of making up days during the school year or summer. All inclement weather days will be e-Learning Days, up to 5 days as needed. Activities and practices will be canceled for e-learning days.

### Attendance for E-Learning

- Based on coursework being accessed and attempted
- Students are encouraged to touch base with their teachers, but are not required
- Teacher "Office Hours" on E-Learning days: 10:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
No internet is required. Each student should have E-Learning lessons pre-loaded on their ipads.



**Attendance line has 24 hour voice message capability with office staffing from 7:15 am-4:30 pm.**

English: 320-231-8462

Somali: 320-231-8307

Spanish: 320-231-8305

Interpreters can be reached directly for your needs as follows:

**Abdullahi Ibrahim (Somali)- 320-231-8353**

**Michelle Vazquez (Spanish)- 320-231-8390**



## Health Services Update

*A few reminders as we enter the cold and flu season...*

In an effort to maintain the health of all students and staff, the following guidelines are recommended:

### Students should not attend school if:

- **Temperature over 100° F**
- **Skin Rash (undiagnosed)**
- **Vomiting or Diarrhea.**

They may return approximately *24 hours after* symptoms resolve, *and are able to tolerate a normal diet.*

A student must be fever free for a full 24 hours *without* fever reducing medications before returning to school.

Medications can only be administered in school if the medication authorization form is completed and signed by the doctor and parent.

School attendance is required by law and is of great importance to your child's educational success, however, there may be times when a child is ill and cannot attend. If your student will be absent, please call the school attendance line English **320-231-8462**, Somali **320-231-8307**, Spanish **320-231-8305**.

Protect yourself and others from Covid-19, Flu and RSV

It's common to get sick from these respiratory viruses especially in the fall and winter. For more information visit <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/index.html>

The symptoms from respiratory viruses can include:

- Fever that starts suddenly
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches
- Headache
- Chills
- Tiredness
- Sometimes diarrhea and vomiting



The following will also reduce the risk of spreading the flu:

- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough and sneeze.
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are sick. Stay home when you are sick.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends vaccines for Covid-19, Flu and RSV.





## WIHISEAN YEARBOOK 2023 2024

### Sales

Yearbooks can be purchased for **\$70**.

You can ORDER ONLINE at

**[willmaryearbook.com](http://willmaryearbook.com)**

Once again, these full color yearbooks will be packed with photos and memories from the ENTIRE year in a **176 page color book**.

We will order only a few extra copies - All of the events up to graduation will be included and yearbooks will be printed in the summer.

**YEARBOOKS will be shipped DIRECTLY to your HOME.** Shipping and Tax is included in the final price when you order from

**[willmaryearbook.com](http://willmaryearbook.com)**

### LAST YEARS SALES,

We have just received a few extra copies of the most recent 2023 Wihisean Yearbook.

**Mr. Hovland has 8 copies left if you are interested.**

These books (176 pages) can be purchased at the high school with cash or a check written to WSHS Wihisean Yearbook. **Books are \$70.**

If you are interested, contact Mr. Hovland at [hovlandl@willmar.k12.mn.us](mailto:hovlandl@willmar.k12.mn.us) as soon as possible. Purchases are based on first come, first serve



## From the Music Department

Dec. 4	Holiday Choir Concert –All Choirs	6:00 & 7:30 pm
	Brau Performing Arts Center	
Dec. 7	Fruit Delivery	4:00-6:00 pm
	WHS Band Room	
Dec. 7	Pep Band-BHCKY	6:30 pm
Dec. 11	Holiday 9-12 Orchestra Concert	6:00 pm
	Brau Performing Arts Center	
Dec. 11	Holiday Band Concerts-All Bands	7:30 pm
	Brau Performing Arts Center	
Dec. 13	Cardinal Choir Service Club	12:00 pm/Holiday Inn
Dec. 19	Holiday/Alumni Pep Band	6:30 pm
Jan. 5	Pep Band-BBB	6:30 pm
Jan. 9	Pep Band-GHCKY	
Jan. 15	Pep Band-GBB	6:30 pm
Jan. 19-20	Concordia Choir Festival-2701	Concordia
Jan. 26	Fruit Fundraiser #2 Kick off	
Feb. 2	NDSU Jazz Festival-(Jazz Band)	NDSU
Feb. 4	Men's Choir Festival-all choir guys	All day/BPAC
Feb. 6	Fruit Orders Due-All	
Feb. 7	8AA Vocal S/E Contest-All Choirs	All day/ROCORI
Feb. 15-17	All State Performances-Selected students	Minneapolis
Feb. 21	8AA Band S/E Contest	All day/Monticello
Feb. 23-24	NDSU Women's Choir Festival-Chorales	NDSU
Feb. 26	Deadline for All State Auditions	
Feb. 28	8AA Orchestra S/E Contest	All Day/Willmar
Feb 29	Fruit Delivery	4:00-6:00 pm
	WHS Band Room	
Mar. 4	Choir Concerts-All Choirs	6:00 & 7:30 pm
	Brau Performing Arts Center	
Mar. 11	Orchestra Concert 9-12– All orchestras	6:00 pm
	Brau Performing Arts Center	
Mar. 11	Parade of Bands Concert (All bands 6-12 grade)	7:30 pm
	WHS Gym	
Mar. 14	Willmar Jazz Festival-BPAC	All day/Willmar
Mar. 20	Large Group Vocal Contest	All Day/Becker

## FFA Notes

FFA Members have been busy volunteering and advocating for Agriculture out in their communities. This summer students showed animals at the county and state fairs and donated time to the Kandiyohi county fair barnyard. Highlights include fairgoers being able to ask questions about the animals and see young turkey poults hatch! FFA members also helped with the Fall AIM celebration. We organized a petting zoo and helped AIM members with a small pumpkin decoration. FFA members also cleaned up our ditch with the Adopt-A-Highway program and spent a weekend out at Kandiland Farms helping families understand the agriculture in and around the Willmar community. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include our FFA members ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Runnings in December and helping collect donations for Celebrate the Light of the World at Robbins Island.

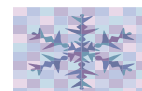
## Winter Break

Dec. 25th-Jan. 1st

No School for

Staff & Students

School resumes on Tuesday Jan. 2nd, 2024





## December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Choir Concert 6:00 & 7:30 pm	5	6 <b>2 Hour Late Start</b> Mid Term	7 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm Junior Parent/Student Meeting 5:30 pm in BPAC Music Dept.- Fruit Delivery 3-5 pm	8	9
10	11 Orchestra Concert 6:00 pm Band Concert 7:30 pm	12	13 Ramp Up	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Opportunity Day	21	22	23
24 31	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30

## January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Winter Break	2 School Resumes	3 Ramp Up	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Ramp Up	11	12	13
14	15 Teacher In Service <b>NO SCHOOL for students</b>	16	17 Opportunity Day	18	19 <b>End of Term 2</b>	20
21	22 Term 3 Begins	23	24 Ramp Up	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 <b>2 Hour Late Start</b>			

## February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 CIS/PLTW/AP Info mtg 5:30pm PSEO Info mtg 6:00pm	6	7 Ramp Up	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Opportunity Day	15	16 <b>NO SCHOOL for students</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:30am- 12:15pm	17
18	19 <b>NO SCHOOL for students</b>	20	21 Ramp Up Mid Term	22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm	23	24
25	26 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm	27 Blood Drive	28 Ramp Up	29		





## Registration information for the 2024-2025 school year 9th - 11th Grade Students

### Wednesday, February 7th

Presentation of Student Curriculum Guide for staff and students in Ramp Up

\*Registration forms will be handed out or downloaded

\*Students take forms home for parent review and signature.

\*Forms must be returned to Ramp Up Advisor at your conference in February

### Monday, February 5th

**5:30-6:00 p.m.** Advanced Placement (AP), College in the Schools( CIS) and Project Lead the Way information for parents and students in the BPAC.

**6:00-6:30 p.m.** Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) information for parents and students in BPAC.

Course offerings and staff assignments are based on registration. **It is important that students be prepared to continue with a course once the registration process is complete.** Students and/or parents who wish for additional information when selecting classes are encouraged to contact one of the counselors in the Guidance Office.

## For 8th Grade Students

### Monday, February 12th

\*Counselors review the Curriculum Guide and the registration process in social studies classes at the Middle School.

\*Registration forms will be sent home with students for parents to review and sign.

\*Registration forms must be returned by Wednesday, February 21st to Social Studies teachers. Changes may be requested via Middle School Counselors after this.

### Monday, February 12th & Thursday, February 15th

**6:00 p.m.** Student Curriculum Guide and registration process presentation for 8th grade parents and students at the Middle School in the Multi Purpose Room.



## PSEO Meeting Scheduled

The Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program allows high school students to attend a post secondary institution either full or part-time with tuition, books, and fees paid through PSEO. PSEO has a dual purpose: 1) to promote rigorous educational pursuits and 2) to provide a variety of options for students. Qualifications for enrolling in this program are ranking in the upper one-third of your class as a junior and in the upper one-half of the class as a senior.

Students and parents interested in the PSEO program and/or wanting additional information **MUST** attend an **informational meeting on Monday, February 5th, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the Brau Performing Arts Center.**

Applications for PSEO must be completed and returned to the Guidance Office by May 15th. Students who plan to enroll at Ridgewater College must schedule an appointment for the New Student Assessment Test before being accepted in the program. If you have questions regarding the PSEO program, contact the Guidance Office at 231-8320.



## TERM 3 Conferences

Term 3 conferences will include a 15 minute meeting with each student's Ramp-Up advisor in their Ramp-Up classroom. **This meeting is required before a student can register for classes for the 2024-2025 school year.**

Term 3 Conferences will be held at 3 different times:

<b>Friday, February 16</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, February 26</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</b>

Letters will be coming out in December/January with more information.





# 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: wihisean@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		
Fri., April 5 <sup>th</sup>	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 17 <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
Sun., June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Commencement	2:00pm	Willmar Civic Center







## Ramp Up Notes

Students will receive a pass/fail grade on their next report card for Ramp Up. The first grading session took place on November 15th. After this date, the in-progress grade can be found on Parent Portal. The scoring rubric for all assignments are as follows:

- 2 = Fully completed
- 1 = Partially completed, but not fully completed
- 0 = Did not submit

### 9th Grade: How To Do High School

Students have had opportunities to learn skills related to organization, studying, decision making and test taking to help them be successful in their classes. High school graduation requirements will also be reviewed so students know what is expected each year for required credits.

### 10th and 11th Grade: Career Investigation and Career Pathways

Students are getting ready for a career day. Students will select a career of interest from over 40 options. They will get to learn all about that career choice from a local individual currently working in that profession.

### 12th Grade: Life After High School

Students have discussed and chosen a possible career pathway for their life after high school. These pathways included 4-year colleges, 2-year colleges, On the job training/trade schools or the military. This winter, students will have the opportunity to hear from experts in these pathways and ask questions to better understand what their pathway choice will entail.

## Student Council Notes

For the months of October and November, WHS Student Council planned some fun fall activities like a pumpkin contest and a movie, as well as giving thanks to our wonderful custodians, kitchen staff, office staff, Officer Tony, tech office, and Principals. Veterans Day cards were created and dropped off at the VFW and Legion. We celebrated a Day of Unity Against Bullying with a post it note kindness wall to spread positivity. We are currently working hard on a Blood Drive and December Snow Week plans.



The Willmar Senior High Key Club has been collecting coats, hygiene products and school supplies for students.

If anyone in your family is in need of a winter coat you can pick them up in the Commons area at conferences on December 7th, or see Ms. Hill in Room 705C anytime. Hygiene products and school supplies are in the IMC for students to pick up whenever they need them.





## Cardinal Courier

Willmar Senior

High School

2701 30th Street NE

Willmar, MN 56201

Non Profit Org  
US Postage  
Paid  
Willmar MN  
Permit 667

## 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 A-L	231-8464
Dione Wangen, Social Worker M-Z	231-8381
Darla Hammerschmidt, Nurse	231-8457
Tony Haycraft, Police Liaison	231-8313

