



THE CARDINAL NEWS

WILLOWS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

March 2020



Upcoming Events

March 3	8 th Grade Parent Meeting 6:00pm, WIS Library
March 4	PLC/Collaboration Day, Early Release 1:30pm
March 4	Parent Portal sign ups, 3:00-6:00 in room 106
March 5	School Board Meeting – City Civic Center, 7:00pm
March 13	School Not in Session
March 16	School Not in Session
March 18	PLC/Collaboration Day, Early Release 1:30pm
March 20	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 25	Spring Picture Day
March 26	School Site Council Meeting, 3:00 WIS Library
March 26	Freshman Orientation Meeting for 8 th Graders & Parents, 6:00pm @ WHS
March 27	Report Cards Home

8th Grade Graduation Information

Graduation is just around the corner. As you begin your own preparation for the end of the year graduation activities, please know that the earliest we can notify the 8th graders of their graduation status is WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 3rd. Recognizing this last minute notice makes it difficult for you to plan your own family celebrations; our recommendation is that, if there is any doubt in your child being able to graduate, you not invest a lot of money in clothing or a party.

Also, please know 8th graders will be measured for their graduation gowns this month. Please make sure your 8th grader is at school on that day.

Parent Portal Sign Ups

Willows Intermediate School is changing the process for back-to-school paperwork for the 2020-2021 school year. We will no longer mail home the forms that need to be completed and the documents that outline school and district policies and procedures. All information will now be completed and reviewed online through the Student Data Confirmation Process. **In order to complete this process, you must have a WUSD Parent Portal account for your Willows Intermediate School student.** If you have another WUSD student, you can have one Parent Portal account that is associated with multiple students.

For Parents/Guardians that currently have a parent portal account: Please verify that you know your log-in information. If not, you may need to reset your password. If you have another child that needs to be added to an already existing account, please contact the WIS office to receive the required codes.

For Parents/Guardians that do not have a parent portal account: If you currently **do not** have a portal account, here is the website to go to create an account: **portal.willowsunified.org/Student/LoginParent.aspx**
You will need to contact the school office to receive your student's required codes.

Creating a parent portal account does require that you have a current email address. If you do not currently have an email, there are several websites that allow for the creation of a free account. We recommend G-mail and it is available in the App Store. The Aeries Parent Portal App is also available on the App Store and the process can be completed on a smartphone.

If you need help creating your parent portal account and e-mail, you may come to the Willows Intermediate School on March 4th, from 3-6pm in the WIS computer lab, Room 106. A translator will be available.

In order for your Willows Intermediate School student(s) to receive their class assignment for the 2020-2021 school year, you will need to set up your parent portal account no later than March 31st, 2020.

Updated Library Webpage

Please visit our updated Library page on the WIS Website. Go to www.willowsunified.org/wis and look for the Library page that is under the Departments tab along the top.

There are many resources listed that are available for students, parents and teachers to include online state databases and useful website links.

Student Body Fundraiser – Magazine/Cookie Dough Sales

Our annual student body magazine subscription/cookie dough fund raiser began Wednesday, February 12th. It will “run” for 2 - 3 weeks. WIS students will be soliciting the community to purchase or renew magazine subscriptions as well as cookie dough. Please place your orders before Wednesday, March 11th, as that is the final turn-in day for the students. As the student body receives 40% of the total sales, we hope our parents and the community will support our program.

Freshman Orientation for 8th Graders/High School Scheduling Information

On Monday, March 23rd, the 8th graders will be given their freshman year course selection sheet and a high school course description book. They will be provided information on graduation requirements, career pathways, and course selections for the fall of 2020.

To allow parents to hear the same information their students receive, the high school counseling office has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, March 26th at 6:00pm in the Willows High School Cafeteria. Be sure to bring the course selection sheet and the course description book your student receives. Please spend some time with your 8th grader going over the courses they might take for the next year.

There will also be a discussion on 8th grade graduation, 8th grade class trip and graduation requirements.

If you are unable to attend this informational meeting and have questions concerning scheduling for next year, please feel free to call Amy Steele, WHS Counselor at 934-6611.

Yearbooks For Sale

Yearbooks past and present are for sale! This year’s 2019-20 current price is \$35. The price will go up to \$40 later in the school year. Reserve your copy now while supplies last! Only a certain amount are ordered from the yearbook company.

Yearbooks from years past are also for sale while supplies last. Prices vary.

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is March 25th. All students will have their picture taken and will be bringing their portrait packages home for parent approval. Parents need to examine the pictures along with the enclosed price list. After making a selection, students need to bring payment to their 1st period teacher and return all pictures not purchased. Please Note: As this is a one-time program no makeup provisions will be made.

3rd Quarter Report Cards

When we begin to talk about graduation, it means the school year is flying by and nearing the end. Please know that three-fourths of this school year is almost over. Friday, March 27th, report cards will be sent home with your children. With only one quarter remaining, please contact your child's teacher immediately should you have any questions or concerns regarding his/her promotion status.

Immunization Requirement ~ Incoming 7th Graders

Parents: Please remember that all 6th graders will need to have a Tdap (pertussis) vaccine prior to July 1st for the 20-21 school year, per the new state law. Please bring or mail in your child's immunization record showing that the Tdap requirement is met, by May 1st. We regret that your child will not be able to start school for the 2020-2021 school year without meeting this new requirement. Contact your doctor to get the required vaccine or documentation. For more information contact Celeste Baker, school nurse, at 934-6640.