

# WILBUR

# Wrangler



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Parent Newsletter

January 2020

## Mark Your Calendar



- Jan 6 School Resumes
- Basketball Practice Begins 3:25-5:00pm
- 9 NAL Meet vs Stucky @ Wilbur 4:00pm
- 10 Team Newsletter Posted on Website
- Robotics Meet @ Wilbur 9:00am
- 13-15 Vision Screenings
- 14 Winter Sports/Group Pictures 8:00am
- 16 Basketball vs Brooks (B,G) @ Wilbur 3:30pm
- NAL Meet @ Allison 4:00pm
- 17 Site Council/PTA Meeting 9:30am
- 20 NO SCHOOL – MLK Birthday
- 21 NW Pre-Enrollment 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 22 Basketball @ Allison (B,G) 3:00pm
- 23 NAL Meet @ PVMS 4:00pm
- 24 Honor Roll Breakfast
- 25 Science Olympiad Tournament @ Wilbur 7:00am
- Robotics Meet @ Cheney 9:00am
- 27-29 Hearing Screenings
- 27 Basketball vs CMA @ Wilbur 3:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House @ NW 6:00-7:30pm
- 28 McCollom 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shadow Day
- Young People’s Concert 10:00am
- NW Elementary Area Choir Concert @ PVMS 7:00pm
- 29 Basketball @ Stucky (B,G) 3:30pm
- 30 NAL Meet vs Mayberry @ Wilbur 4:00pm
- Feb 1 Robotics Meet @ Derby North Middle School
- 3 Basketball vs Brooks @ Wilbur (B,G) 3:30pm
- All City Band @ Century II 7:00pm
- 4 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4-7pm
- NO Early Release
- All City Orchestra @ Century II 7:00pm
- 5 Basketball vs Robinson @ Wilbur (B,G) 3:30pm
- 6 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 4-7pm
- NO Early Release
- NAL Meet – Quarterfinals TBD
- 7 Team Newsletters Posted on Website
- 10 Basketball vs Allison (G,B) @ Wilbur 3:30pm
- 12 Basketball @ CMA (G,B) 4:00pm
- 14 NAL Meet – Semi-finals TBD

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## Parent Conferences



**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in early February so that parents and students can meet with teachers to get an early indication of how they are performing in class. We highly recommend that students attend conferences with their parents.

School will be in session both days; we will be on a regular day bell schedule for conferences. There will be NO early release.

Conferences will be held from **4:00pm – 7:00pm on both days**. This is a shorter time period than we used for fall conferences so we ask that you please keep your conference time to 7 minutes. If more time is needed you can set a meeting up with your team leader on another date.

We had a fabulous turnout for fall conferences and we look forward to another great turnout for spring conferences.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Volunteers

Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents! We need volunteers to help plan the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance. Help make this a day to remember for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Currently, there are no parents signed up to help plan the dance. If you are interested in helping or can volunteer a few hours please email Karrie Biggs at [karrieb30@gmail.com](mailto:karrieb30@gmail.com).

## SPRING PICTURES ARE COMING

Spring pictures are just around the corner. We will be taking spring pictures on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Pictures will be taken in the morning only. Picture packets will not be distributed to classrooms. **Picture packets will be available in the office** or online orders can be made. Information will follow closer to the picture date.

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## Mark Your Calendar cont'd

- 17 NO SCHOOL – President's Day
- 18 NO SCHOOL – In-Service Day
- 20 Basketball vs Stucky (G,B) @ Wilbur 3:30pm  
NAL Championships TBD
- 21 Site Council/PTA Meeting 9:30am
- 24 Basketball @ Brooks (G,B) 3:00pm
- 25 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Picture 8:30am  
All City Choir @ Century II 7:00pm
- 28 Wilburpalooza 7:00pm
- Mar 3 NAL All Star Game/Banquet @ AMAC 6:00pm
- 5 Band Concert 7:00pm
- 6 Team Newsletters Posted on Website  
Robotics Meet @ State 8:00am
- 7 Solo/Ensemble @ West High 8:00am
- 13 NO SCHOOL – End of Grading Period
- 16-20 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- 23 Track Practice Begins 3:25pm
- 27 Site Council/PTA Meeting 9:30am
- Apr 2 Choir Concert 7:00pm
- 3 Team Newsletter Posted on Website  
Honor Roll Breakfast
- 9 Spring Individual Pictures  
Choir DCA's @ TBD

\*All dates are subject to change

## PRE-ENROLLMENT CHANGES

### COMING FOR 2020-2021

This year during Pre-enrollment, students in 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be selecting their own elective course through online course request in their student vue accounts. Students will select their electives and alternate electives in late January or early February. Student choices will be available as 'view only' for parents in their parent vue account. Once the students have made their choices electives will be locked and changes can no longer be made. Schedules will be made using these choices so students need to choose wisely as elective changes will not be made to schedules after pre-enrollment is complete. This is a new process for our students so bumps in the road are expected. We will make every effort to ensure this a smooth transition for all.

### 2020-2021 Pre-Enrollment

Pre-enrollment for 2020-2021 school year for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take place in late January and early February. Counselors will be in your student's classroom to explain the pre-enrollment process. With the changes in how students will choose their elective classes, students need to make every effort to attend school on their enrollment day so they don't miss any important information. Exact dates will be shared during the morning announcements. When developing a master schedule incorporating as many as 850 students and over 5000 student choices, it is crucial that we get the most accurate student choices through the pre-enrollment process as possible.

Students will be enrolling online through Student Vue this year. This is a completely new process for us and the students so it is imperative that students are here to pick their classes. You will be able to view your student's choices and approve them. Once student choices are locked changes cannot be made to the student's schedule. At the end of the 2019-2020 school year we will allow student and parents to review their schedules in order to make final revisions. Not all schedule changes will be accommodated. A need must be demonstrated in order to change classes.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will have counselors from Northwest High School visit January 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> to pre-enroll for freshman year. They will have approximately 1 week to make and review their choices with your input and approval. This is very important as high school schedules are not changed at the beginning of the school year. Choose wisely. Northwest will also be holding an open house January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact the counseling department at 973-1107 or 973-1108.

## National Academic League

### Awards Banquet

CELEBRATING THE 2019-2020  
SEASON

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

AMAC

903 S. Edgemoor

**homework  
HOTLINE  
(K - 12)**

Got homework questions?

Call our homework hotline, led by certified staff, at 973-4411  
or email your questions to [homework@usd259.net](mailto:homework@usd259.net)  
Open Monday-Thursday from 3:30-7:30 PM

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Standards Referenced Grading To Begin In 2020-2021 School Year**

Standards Referenced Grading is set to be implemented at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The timeline for implementation of standards-referenced grading was updated November 13, 2019.

Middle school will begin implementation during the 2020-2021 school year for 6th grade. Progress reports will reflect the new grading system for students in 6th grade during the first year of implementation. Progress reports will reflect the new grading system for students in 7th and 8th grade during the second year of implementation which is the 2021-2022 school year.

High school will begin implementing the new grading system during the 2022-2023 school year in entry level courses.

This is an exciting step forward to helping all students be future ready. It is understandable that there are a lot of questions and concerns with a completely new grading system. In an effort to ease concerns, question and answer sessions are being offered on four dates, in April. See below for dates, time and locations.

Click on the link below to learn more about Standards Reference Grading.

<https://sites.google.com/usd259.net/standardsreferencedgrading/secondary-parent-family-engagement>

**WPS STANDARDS-REFERENCED GRADING PARENT Q&A SESSIONS**

Wichita Public Schools (WPS) is updating its grading practices to better reflect what students know and can do.

Progress reports will reflect student mastery of standards, mastery of behavior/work habits skills (employability skills), and an overall letter grade which can be used to determine a grade point average (GPA).

Attend one of four Parent Q&A Sessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to learn more about standards-referenced grading (SRG).

**EVERY STUDENT FUTURE READY**

**WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**April 2**  
Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center  
903 S. Edgemore • Wichita, KS 67218

**April 8**  
Hadley Middle School  
1101 N. Dougherty Ave. • Wichita, KS 67212

**April 14**  
Brooks Center for STEM & Arts  
3802 E. 27th St. N. • Wichita, KS 67220

**April 30**  
Jardine STEM & Career Expl. Academy  
3550 E. Ross Pkwy. • Wichita, KS 67210

## **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Mark your calendar, **February 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**. Wilbur will hold its' Spring Conferences, and students will attend regular school days.

There will be **NO EARLY RELEASE!**

Conferences are from 4:00-7:00pm, both Tuesday and Thursday.

## **Basketball**

The 2020 basketball season is upon us. The 2019 season was a rebuilding year for the boys' team. Coach Van Metre enters his 12<sup>th</sup> season as the boys' head coach, and looks to improve upon last year's record, with speed and defense. This year's team will certainly work hard and anticipates being very competitive in Division 1.

The 2019 girls' team could not have made a smoother transition for 1<sup>st</sup> year coach Kasey Littlefield. Coach Littlefield led the girls' team to the 2019 Co-Championship in Division 1. They look to build on that success this year with the return of a talented 8<sup>th</sup> grade group and a hard working athletic 7<sup>th</sup> grade group. Coach Littlefield will rely on his 8<sup>th</sup> graders to lead and mentor the younger players on this team as they strive for another Division 1 Championship.

Both teams look to be very competitive in the Division I bracket again this year. Don't miss any of the action this winter; come out to support the boys' and girls' basketball teams. All games (except where noted) will start at 3:30pm; from Jan 16<sup>th</sup> – Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, the boys' team will play the first game and from Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, the girls' team will take the floor for the early start.

## **2020 Wrangler Basketball Schedule**

Thurs, Jan 16	<b>*BROOKS</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
Wed, Jan 22	@ Allison	3:00pm
Mon, Jan 27	<b>CMA</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
Wed, Jan 29	@ Stucky	3:30pm
Mon, Feb 3	<b>BROOKS</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
Wed, Feb 5	<b>ROBINSON</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
Mon, Feb 10	<b>ALLISON</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
Wed, Feb 12	@CMA	4:00pm
Thurs, Feb 20	<b>STUCKY</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
Mon, Feb 24	@Brooks	3:00pm

Home games in CAPS  
\*Exhibition Game

## INTERNET SAFETY

Students in all grades are currently working through digital citizenship lessons through Everfi and CommonSense Media. Topics include chatting safely online, finding credible news, social media connections, protecting your personal information, evaluating screen time, fair use policies, evaluating content and sending appropriate text messages. We plan to continue internet safety lessons through January. This would be a great time to talk with your student about staying safe online and to ask them about some of the topics listed above.

## Cocoa On A Cold Day

Our friends from Pathway Church hosted a Cocoa event on December 18<sup>th</sup> for our students as they arrived to school. They brought along Santa, Mrs. Claus, The Grinch, and even Comet the reindeer. Our students certainly enjoyed a hot cup of cocoa on such a cold morning! Thank you Jarred & Kristina from Pathway for organizing the volunteers, costumes, and cocoa! What a great way to celebrate the Christmas season!



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library February 3-7. It will be open during conferences. Please stop by the library and take a look at some of the new books that will be available for purchase. It is always an exciting time and a great opportunity to add books to your home library while also helping to add books to our school library collection.



## Leap into the Track Season

The 2020 Track season starts with the first practice being held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The early part of the season will be spent on conditioning and identifying which events each athlete shows promise. Each athlete going out for track should begin, or continue, conditioning immediately. The better condition you are in entering the season, the better your chance for success.

Any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student may participate if he/she passed at least 5 courses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine-week grade card and has a signed physical and concussion form on file in the Wilbur office. Wilbur will have 2 head coaches this year, boys' track head coach will be Mr. Littlefield and the girls' head coach will be Mrs. Givens. More information about the Track season will be communicated from the coaches and through the student bulletin.

### 2020 Schedule

**Mar 23** –Practice Begins

**Apr 15** – Meet @ Stucky vs Stucky, Allison

**Apr 22** – Meet @ Wilbur vs. CMA, PVMS

**Apr 29** – Meet @ Mayberry vs. Mayberry,

Robinson, Mead

**May 5** – Division 1 & Field Events @ Wilbur

**May 12** -All-City Meet @ Northwest HS



## After School Tutoring

After school tutoring is available to all students at Wilbur. There is help available for all subjects. If a student wants to attend tutoring they need to contact any one of their teachers to get signed up. Space is limited and students need to sign up daily in order to attend. Students must have classroom work and questions with them. Tutoring classes are always full so we ask that students only sign up 2 days per week and only if they need help; tutoring is not a place to hang out after school. Tutoring is open Monday – Thursday from 3:25 to 4:30pm and will be available spring semester starting January 21<sup>st</sup>.

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