



WHS Principal's Report: October, 2026

Enrollment and Attendance

As of September 25, 2026:

- Student Enrollment: 445
- Average Daily Attendance (Year to Date): 94.78%
- Students on Long-Term Independent Study: 8

Student Achievement and Recognition

Excellence and High Expectations Assembly – October 13 WHS will recognize students for their academic achievement, attendance, and positive contributions to our school community.

Recognition will include:

- Perfect Attendance: Students achieving perfect attendance during September will receive certificates, public recognition, and Horace Mann Golden Apple Attendance Award pencils.
- Academic Achievement: Approximately 180 students in grades 10–12 will be recognized for earning a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the second semester of the previous school year..

96 students earned a 4.0 or higher (36 seniors, 26 juniors, 13 sophomores, 21 freshmen)

91 students earned 3.5-3.99 (25 seniors, 25 juniors, 16 sophomores, 25 freshmen)

71 students earned 3.0-3.49 (17 seniors, 22 juniors, 17 sophomores, 15 freshmen)

- Students of the Month: Six students will be recognized for their academic achievement, positive character, and contributions to WHS.

College and Career Readiness

WHS will host an **SAT School Day** on October 20. Registration is open through October 5, and families have been notified through ParentSquare.

A **FAFSA Parent Night** and Senior Contract information session is scheduled for **October 26** to assist seniors and their families in preparing for graduation and postsecondary opportunities.

After-School Academic Support WHS continues to offer after-school academic support to help students strengthen their academic skills and complete assignments.

- Mondays: Mathematics support with Ms. Girard in Room 604.
- Tuesdays: All-subject academic support with Mr. Sears in Room 403.

Student Activities and Community Engagement: (ASB will report on Homecoming week dates/times)

9/11 Community Recognition Night: Our September 11 home football game was a great success for both the school and community. The evening provided an opportunity to honor our veterans and first responders while showcasing the contributions of our ASB, FFA, and Key Club students, who helped make the event a memorable celebration of school and community spirit.

FFA- Our FFA chapter held its first official meeting on September 16. Upcoming activities include the Shasta College Field Day on October 8 and the Greenhand Conference in Gridley on October 14 for freshman FFA members.

WHS Band

The WHS Concert Band continues fundraising efforts in preparation for its planned trip to Chicago in December. Ms. Winslow requests the following changes to the trip chaperones:

David Ayala and Vickie Berens will no longer chaperone

Shawn Wright will still chaperone the Chicago Trip.

Request to add:

Jose Hansen (parent of David Hansen, freshman).

Allyson Smith (parent of Clara Smith, freshman).

Chicago Concert Band Trip Fundraising (17 students) Submitted by Ms. Winslow:

\$16,997 has been raised or secured so far, including funds that have already been paid as well as funds available through accounts such as ASB and boosters.

\$5,499 has officially been paid to the tour company across four student accounts.

Remains to be raised:

\$6,289 for student expenses.

\$3,464 to assist with **two** additional chaperones, for a total of three chaperones (one chaperone is paying their own way).

TOTAL: \$9,753

Current fundraising efforts and ideas: [99Pledges Fundraising Page](#)

https://app.99pledges.com/fund/performatm?home_v2=true&utm_source=chatgpt.com

1. **Parent initial payment intentions**, which total **\$3,918** in incoming funds.
2. **Calendar fundraiser**, due by 10/15. Each student has the potential to raise up to \$496 If all 17 students participated fully, it would raise over **\$8,432**
3. **Visiting businesses** to sell advertising space in our winter concert program.
4. **Contacting additional individual/private donors** who may be willing to contribute. The news visit may also help bring some additional attention to our final fundraising push.
5. **Asking the Rotary Club, Key Club, Chamber of Commerce**, and other local organizations for additional assistance.
6. **Bake sale at our winter concert on 11/19**. This may help with the final 500–1,000 or so, but because it is after the deadline from the tour company, which is 11/15

Blood Drive

Following a blood drive recruitment assembly on September 25, several WHS Key Club members, under the guidance of advisor Emily Spooner and in partnership with Vitalant, will host a community blood drive in the WHS gymnasium on October 29.

Athletics

Willows High School athletic teams are currently participating in league competition, with strong student involvement across our fall sports programs.

Football: Both JV and Varsity defeated Live Oak on September 11. The varsity victory marked the program's first win following 25 consecutive losses. We appreciate the continued efforts of Coach Dave Milano, his coaching staff, and our student-athletes as they work to strengthen the football program.

Cross Country: On September 23, WHS hosted its first-ever cross-country meet at Stony Gorge, with several Honker runners earning top placements. WHS will also host the SVL Championships at Stony Gorge on November 4.

Volleyball, Tennis, Swimming, and Flag Football: Our student-athletes continue to represent WHS in league competition and exhibition play. The flag football team completed its exhibition season, providing additional opportunities for students to participate in school athletics.

Cheerleading: Our cheerleading program continues to demonstrate strong participation and school spirit in support of WHS athletics and school activities.

Fall Athletics Participation

Football (Varsity/JV) 60
Volleyball (Varsity/JV/Freshman) 25
Girls Tennis 11
Cross Country 23
Swimming 11
Cheerleading 21
Total roster positions 151

Roster counts reflect participation across programs and may include students participating in more than one activity.

Instructional Improvement and Professional Learning

Solution Tree – Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

Teachers continue to work collaboratively through our PLC process, focusing on curriculum alignment, common assessments, differentiated instruction, and the use of student learning data to improve instruction.

Recent departmental collaboration has included:

- Mathematics: Development of common assessment techniques and instructional alignment.

- Science: Curriculum alignment, scope and sequence development, and piloting of McGraw Hill Inspire Earth Science, Biology, and Chemistry materials.
- English: Implementation of Lead to Literacy strategies, with an emphasis on research-based vocabulary instruction and common writing assessments.
- History: Development of common assessments and approaches to reteaching and reassessment.
- Career Technical Education: Development of a common rubric to assess student speaking and presentation skills.
- Physical Education: Scope and sequence development.
- Music: Alignment of essential standards and learning strands across grades TK–12.

Upcoming Professional Learning

October 12: Mathematics and Science teachers will work with Kendra Tyler and Natalie Hubbard from the Glenn County Office of Education on curriculum alignment, scope and sequence development, and common assessments.

October 30: WHS staff will visit Gridley High School to observe PLC practices and explore strategies that support school improvement.

Staff Evaluations

All October evaluation deadlines for probationary certificated staff have been met.

WASC Accreditation and School Improvement

The WHS WASC Probation Report/Self-Study was submitted on September 21, following consultation with school stakeholder groups.

WHS continues to prepare for the upcoming WASC visit on November 2–3, with an emphasis on documenting progress toward our school improvement goals and strengthening sustainable systems for continued improvement.