

# Weekly Wildcat

## Info/Reminders:

- [Staff Meeting Breakfast Donations](#). There is a staff meeting Wednesday, January 14. Please sign up to donate a breakfast item if you can!
- Whitney vs. Rocklin **Sober Grad Night Contest** at Tea Bar is officially ON! RHS is in the lead! Get to [Tbar](#) and order! Every dollar you spend earns us one point toward a grand prize of \$1000! You can earn points in person, online and through catering orders! #beatrocklin
- Placer County families and community members are invited to participate in the annual [Red Sand Project](#) this January for **Human Trafficking Prevention Month**. Participants pour red sand into sidewalk cracks to symbolize children and youth who often “fall through the cracks.” The main event is **Thursday, Jan. 15, from 12–4 p.m. at the Royer Park Pedestrian Bridge**, with additional events held throughout the month.
- The **8th Annual MLK Day March** takes place on Mon. Jan. 19, 2026. Organizers are also hosting their annual Poetry and Poster Contest. [More information](#) about the contests. [Flyer](#).

## Coming Soon!

- **Winter Spirit Week: January 20-23**
- **Quarry Classic!** Men's Varsity basketball @ Rocklin Friday 1/23
- 2nd Annual **Crab Feed** on February 7, 2026 [Tickets](#)
- **Showcase Night!** Mark your calendars, February 9th @ 6pm, WHS invites you to meet our staff and explore the wide range of course offerings, athletic programs and student clubs.
- [Every 15 Minutes](#) program for juniors and seniors on March 26 and 27. To prepare for this event, the back student parking lot will be closed on those days to allow for bleacher setup for the mock crash scene. Students may park on the surrounding neighborhood streets and Ranch View Drive.

## ASB / Activities:

- **Winter Semi-Formal Dance is Saturday, January 24th from 7:30 - 10pm.** Tickets for the dance go on sale 1/20 before school starts, break, lunch and after school in person at the student store. **Ticket sales are in person ONLY!** Guest pass paperwork due no later than 1/21 before brunch.
  - ❖ Ticket prices are \$15 with ASB, \$20 without and \$25 for guests. Tickets will be \$30 at the door and subject to the students' discipline and ASB account.
- **X-Factor Student Section Games:**
  - ❖ Thursday 1/15: Men's/Women's soccer vs Rocklin. PJ Theme
  - ❖ Friday 1/16: Men's/Women's basketball vs Folsom. Jerseys

- **Black & White Fundraiser Dinner:** ASB/Leadership will host their annual Black and White Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, February 27, from 6–9 p.m. at the Rocklin Event Center. This **adults-only event** features an '80s prom theme, silent and live auctions, a catered dinner, and entertainment. Proceeds support the general student body. To purchase tickets, please email Activities Director [Jesse Armas](#) or visit the WHS webstore to purchase tickets online.
- Seniors attending the **senior trip to Southern California** through World Strides, there is an informational meeting 1/12 during brunch in the small gym. See Mr. Armas in the student store with any questions.

## Library:

- **Wed 1/14** - Library will be **closed before school** for a staff meeting.
- **Jan 19-21** - The library is hosting the AP Lang Exhibit "Truth in our Modern Society." Students are welcome to tour the exhibits during PAWS and Lunch. *Seating will be limited to 25 seats from Jan 16th - Jan 22nd* and will be for studying only. Please plan accordingly.
- **Jan 27-30** - Drop-In Scrabble is back! You may play up to 2 words a day and must record the points you made. At the end of the week, the student with the most points will get a \$20 Barnes and Noble gift card.

## Whitney PTC:

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- **We are raising money** to support Student Groups, Teacher and Staff Appreciation, and Enrichment Programs. [Please consider donating to support these programs!](#)

## Counseling Corner:

- **Sierra College Dual Enrollment:** [Dual Enrollment Instructions for Spring 2026](#)
- **Course Preview:** 1/21 & 1/22. Students will be able to visit classes of interest and listen to a brief presentation.

## College and Career Center (CCC): [College & Career Calendar of Events \(link\)](#)

- **Pre-college Programs/Camps/Experiences:**
  - [Jessup Preview Day:](#) Friday, March 27th 9-3:30pm.
- **Sierra College:**
  - [Sierra College Workshops](#) with Mr. Turner: Tuesdays, January 13, 20 & 27, following Winter Break: 1:15-1:45 & 1:45 to 2:15pm in the College & Career Center. Bring your Chromebook as well as your Social Security Number if applying as a First Time Freshman for fall 2026.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** [Community Service Form to Complete](#)
- **Financial Aid (FAFSA/CADAA):**
  - [Sierra College Free Financial Aid Workshops](#): Extended date Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 3 – 5pm; No appointment needed.
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** [Scholarship page link](#) (scroll down to Scholarships)
  - [WHS Assist-A-Grad Scholarship Program](#)

- [Horatio Alger Association](#) for Seniors/Juniors/College/Trades
- **Military:**
  - Spring [ASVAB](#) is Monday Feb. 23rd at 2:15pm. [Signup form](#) to attend is mandatory.
- **General College Events:**
  - [The University of Nevada at Reno](#) has bus trips in Spring to see the campus! [Sign ups](#)
  - **SAT/ACT:** [Sign up](#). The SAT will be at WHS on: 3/14, 5/2, 6/6. The ACT will be available starting Dec. 13th.
  - Granite Bay-Rocklin Test Prep: [Spring 2026 SAT/ACT Prep Workshops](#)
- **Jessup University:**
  - [Scholarship](#): Up to \$16,000. You have to apply as a first time freshman. Great opportunity!

## **Athletics:**

- **Whitney Track & Field – 2026 Season**
  - Students interested in joining must be registered on FinalForms and attend the [mandatory Parent–Athlete Meeting on January 22, 2026](#), from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Theater. Anyone with a conflict should reach out to [Coach Woods](#).
- **Player of the Week:** Congratulations to senior wrestler Haiden Hertel who is this week's Player of the Week! In their holiday dual meet over winter break in Hawaii, Haiden moved up a weight class to secure a win for Whitney's team to capture 1st place in the tournament! Congrats Haiden!
- **Music Fundraiser @ Panda Express on Wednesday Jan 14.** Order online with code 3853114 or in person!
- **“Cats for a Cause”:** In partnership with the CIF, Whitney High School Athletics is proud to present “Cats for a Cause” in support of the American Cancer Society. Our athletic department is joining this “CIF Fights Cancer” campaign during the week of January 12-16th. Whitney is supporting this cause by bringing awareness through the athletic contests and a lunchtime activity with our student body. If you are able to donate, please [consider supporting this cause](#).
- **Academic Eligibility:** The first semester grading period ended on December 19, 2025. First Semester Grades impact the eligibility of all of our WINTER and SPRING Athletes. **Grades are now posted to Aeries and available to view on the portal.** As a reminder:
  - All students must earn a **GPA of 2.0 for the grading period**.
  - Students must have **no more than 2 NM on their grade report**.
  - Students will be granted two weeks from the end of the grading period to pass Essentials or make up Tests to raise their grade and meet eligibility requirements. Late homework or classwork will NOT be accepted for eligibility purposes.
    - **Students will become ineligible for participation on their team or in athletic contests beginning on Friday, January 23, 2026, if they have 3+ NC or a GPA below 2.0 for the grading period.**
- **Athletic Registration:** Spring sports are just around the corner!!! In order to try-out you must have:
  - A current [Physical](#);

- Signed forms by parent & student;
- Complete the [Athletic Registration link here](#).
- Have questions? Come to the Athletics Office located in the Admin building.
- **Full athletic schedule**, including fall playoffs, for all of our upcoming contests. **For tickets to our events**, please go to our school [Go Fan](#) page.

# PLAYER OF THE WEEK



**HOLIDAY DUAL HAWAII**

**HAIDEN HERTEL**

**Haiden moved up a weight class in the Holiday Dual meet in Hawaii to secure a win for WHS to capture gold! Congrats!!**

Jan 12 - Jan 17

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Monday**

**Tuesday** Women's Soccer vs. Granite Bay 5:30  
Women's Basketball vs. Oak Ridge 7:30

**Wednesday** Men's Basketball vs. Oak Ridge

**Thursday** Men's Soccer vs. Rocklin 5:30

**Friday** Women's Basketball vs. Folsom 5:30  
Men's Basketball vs. Folsom 7:00

**Saturday**



— happy new year

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