Willows High School

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WHS Principal's Report: November 5, 2026

Student enrollment as of 10/30/26 is 441
Average Daily Attendance rate for the month of 96%

We are sitting at 12.0% **Chronically absent** which is around 53 students. This includes our SPED regional programs. We are trending upwards. We are meeting with students and contacting guardians regarding attendance. This is a team effort with Ron Bazan, Elvira Sandoval and Kaitlyn Swaihart.

Daily Detentions are continuing during lunchtime and after school T/TH.
23 Students are on on **closed-campus lunch** as a result of tardies.
Saturday School will be held on 11/7/2026 for discipline and attendance recovery. 30 students are scheduled.

Sports update:
Fall sports are coming to a close,
congratulations to our **Volleyball** team making the playoffs and hosting a home game against Williams. We did not get the result but overall had a good season.
Girls Tennis season came to a close with younger athletes passionate for the future.
Swimming has multiple athletes moving on to Masters. Sections results are as followed.

- The relay team won second place and both The 200 medley and the 200 free relay in sections yesterday.
- Overall, the Willows Swim team placed fifth for division two with only four swimmers.
- Tavian Bobadilla placed first and division two for the 50 back and the 100 back.
- Jake Flowerdew placed third in the 100 freestyle and sixth and the 50 freestyle.
- Tiago Bobadilla placed Second and the 50 breaststroke and third in the 100 breaststroke.
- Cade Christy placed fifth in the 50 butterfly and seventh and the 100 freestyle. The relay team advances to masters on Saturday 10/31/2026.
- Jake, Tiago and Tavian all placed top 16 within their races when division one and division two are combined. They will get to swim in individual races on Saturday as well as the relays.

Cross Country has League Finals next week 11/4/2026. We have the honor of hosting at Stony Gorge. Coach Lagrande and the speedy Honkers are set to have a great finish of the season.
Football has two regular season games left against Paradise and Durham.
Senior Night 11/6/2026 for Cross Country, Swimming, Cheerleading and Football teams.

We will be kicking off winter sports in the month of November.

Overnight sports trips for approval:

Girls Basketball will be on the road for two Tournaments. Sparks, NV 12/3-12/5 and Trinity 12/10-12/12. These are excellent opportunities for these players to be exposed to different competition

Wrestling Temecula Valley Tournament in Jan. 27.

FFA:

- Hosted students from Murdock Elementary for the **Barnyard Bash** on 10/22. Complete with petting zoo, pumpkin patch and many Ag. autumn games.
- Freshmen attended the **Greenhand conference** in Gridley on 10/14
- Attended the **Shashta College Field Day** on 10/08 and placed **2nd highest team composite** for CA water.
- The date of the Fair in Orland has been moved from May 10-16 to **May17-23**

WHS Band Our Honker **Drum Major Leo Gonzalez placed 4th** of 14 and our team placed 2nd at the Golden Eagle Band Spectacular in Loomis. The WHS Concert Band continues fundraising efforts in preparation for its planned trip to Chicago

The **College/Career Indicator (CCI)** on the California School Dashboard is satisfied when students demonstrate readiness for college or a career through completion of qualifying coursework, assessments, or career preparation pathways. Students can meet the indicator through multiple pathways, including completing A–G coursework with qualifying grades, passing an Advanced Placement (AP) course, completing a CTE pathway, or meeting other state-approved college and career readiness criteria.

Below are the statistics. **Willows High is markedly higher than the state average** and nearly double that of nearby Orland High School.

	2025	**2026**
●	WHS 73.3%	WHS 76.4%
●	Orland High 31%	Orland High 43.4%
●	State 51.7%	State 55.6%

AP: 78 unique students are enrolled in 98 **Advanced Placement (AP) exams for 2026-27**
AP English Literature and Composition **33 students,** AP Spanish Language and Culture **33 Students,** AP U.S. History **25 Students,** AP World History **18 Students**

Blood Drive

WHS students stepped up to make a difference! Under the guidance of advisor Emily Spooner and in partnership with Vitalant, several WHS students hosted a community blood drive in the WHS gymnasium on October 29. The event collected **21 liters of blood—enough to potentially save 42 lives!** We are proud of our students for demonstrating leadership, service, and a strong commitment to giving back to our community.

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Hi Impact Staff:

Inspired by a similar activity at Churchill County High School, **WHS students recognized educators who have made a meaningful impact** on their educational journeys and their lives. **Great educators do much more than teach content—they encourage, challenge, mentor, and inspire students, often making a difference that lasts well beyond a student's time in their classroom.** This activity gave our students an opportunity to express their appreciation and recognize those lasting contributions.

Each recipient was surprised with a visit to their classroom, where students presented a certificate and took a photo and video with the honoree. The photos were then shared on social media to celebrate these educators and their impact on our students and school community. Here are the educators recognized by WHS students:

Cathy Fleming, WIS
John Calonico, WHS
Tara Berens, Murdock
Freddy Vargas, WHS Cheer Coach
Staci Alves, WHS
Karen Evans, WIS
Michael Tate, WIS
Pam Steward, WIS
Sherry Brott, WHS
Wyatt Alpert, WHS
Tim Street, WHS
Nikeedra Laufer, WHS
Robert Stupey, WHS
Elizabeth Hanson, Murdock
Kathy Poldervaart, WHS (retired)

Class of 2027 Senior Trip To Universal Studios

Submitted by Corrie Hurlburt, parent Nikeedra Laufer Advisor to class of 2027

We have **$39,283** as of October 15th 2026

-Buses to and from Universal Studios:	$19,000
-Tickets to get into Universal Studios/Grad party: $139 x 101=	$14,039
Total cost to go on trip with 100% attendance:	$33,039

-The tickets include a 1-day park admission, food voucher & souvenir bag

We (parents) will provide snacks for the ride down and back. The kids will just need to bring money if they want more food or if they want a souvenir.

-We still have 3 more fundraisers for the class to do:
Wood & ½ & ½ beef raffle. Burrito sale, Egging the yard, & 50/50 raffle at Winter Homecoming.

Left to still pay for their senior year is:

Senior t-shirts	$2000

Winterball	$750
Field for graduation	$800
	$3550

WHS Staff Advisors to the class of 2027:

Nikeedra Laufer, Rachel LaGrande, Robert Stupey, Ryann Vierra

Submitted by Amy Baker, WHS Secretary

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Account Statement Report - Class of 2027 (212)

From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Date	Number	Type	Description	Name	Notes	Amount	Balance
07/01/2026			Balance Forward				$ 38,917.02
08/26/2026	2792	RECEIPT	Senior parking spot #212	Lopez, Cristobal Nicolas	Class of 2027	25.00	38,942.02
08/26/2026	2793	RECEIPT	Senior parking spot #212	Ontiveros, Aaralyn Madison	Class of 2027	25.00	38,967.02
08/26/2026	2795	RECEIPT	Senior Parking Lot #212	Montes de Oca Sanchez, Alyssa	Class of 2027	25.00	38,992.02
08/27/2026	2799	RECEIPT	Senior parking spot #212	Flores, Raul	Class of 2027	25.00	39,017.02
08/27/2026	2803	RECEIPT	Senior parking spot #212	Hurlburt, Adrianna Rochelle	Class of 2027	25.00	39,042.02
08/27/2026	2804	RECEIPT	Senior parking spot #212	Taylor, Syneka Raeann	Class of 2027	25.00	39,067.02
08/27/2026	2809	RECEIPT	Senior parking spot #212	Hamilton, Faith Michelle	Class of 2027	25.00	39,092.02
09/09/2026	2832	RECEIPT	Senior Parking spot #212	MacDonald, Emery Ann	Class of 2027	25.00	39,117.02
09/15/2026	2873	RECEIPT	Senior Parking Lot #212	Randolph, Cora Noelle	Class of 2027	25.00	39,142.02
10/12/2026	2993	RECEIPT	Closed Campus homecoming #212	Laufer, Nikeedra	Class of 2027	177.00	39,319.02
10/15/2026	18006	CHECK	PO #20085: Riembursement (PO# 20085)	Gallardo-Cano, Nataly Isabel	PO #20085: Riembursement	(35.72)	39,283.30
						$ 366.28	$ 39,283.30

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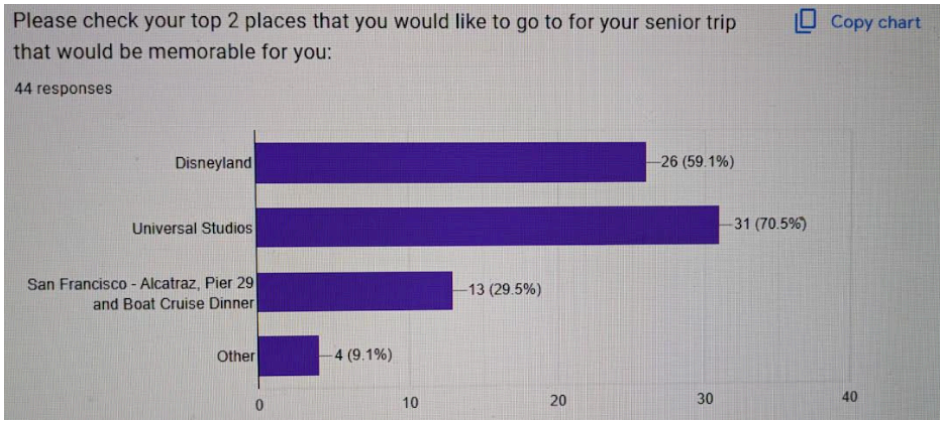
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Survey conducted during 2025-26 Academic year



Survey conducted in Sr. Class Assembly in Oct., 2026

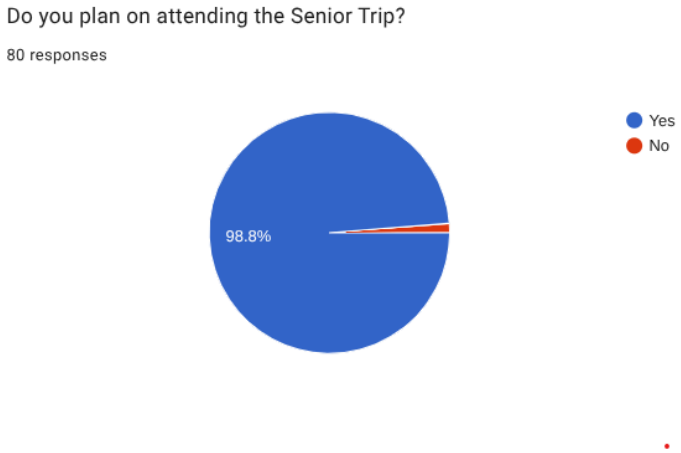
Option 1: Universal Studios Hollywood - Grad Bash

Travel to Universal Studios Hollywood on May 26 or 27 for a full day of rides, attractions, and entertainment, followed by a **Private Grad Bash** event from 9 PM to 2 AM. The package includes a **souvenir bag, Grad Bash sticker, one meal voucher, and private lounge access.** The listed ticket price is $139 per student, and buses cost $19,000. **Students would not pay for the trip itself and would only need spending money for extra food or souvenirs.**

(Grad Bash Includes Dance)

77 responses





Trip supervision: At least 2 staff chaperones and 20:1 student:chaperone ratio.
ASB is in agreement.
Trip is planned for May 26-27 to leave early on the 26th and return on the 27th without a hotel stay.

WASC visit is Nov. 1-3 Agenda below. Meetings as requested by the WASC committee.

Sunday Nov. 1
5:00 PM Sunday Meeting — School Site Council & Parents with Dinner in 101
Students: Cora Randolph, Axel Bribriesca, James DiMaggio, & Qadan Sanchez

Monday Nov. 2
7:30–8:30 AM Morning Leadership Meeting-
- James L., Principal, John C.AP/AD, Tim Street WASC Coordinator, Hunter Thompson, Counselor

9:00–10:00 AM Guiding Coalition Teacher Leadership Meeting
(Staci Alves, Amanda Hutson, Nikeedra Laufer, James Lothschutz, Ian Brooks, Patrick Sears, Tim Street)
10:00- 11:00 AM Visit Classes- Classroom visits
11:00–11:38 AM Student Visit 4th Period- Qadan Sanchez, Carla Hernandez, Ripley Springstead, Omar Garcia, Ady Hurlburt, Olivia Vasquez, Tom Dimaggio, and Colby Masters, Jasmine Gonzalez, Jonathan Cain, Carla Hernandez, and Mia Taylor.

11:38 AM–12:10 PM Lunch Teachers and Staff: Lunch Provided by WHS Culinary Art and Mr. Sanchez.
12:10–2:00 PM Visit Classes
2:00–3:00 PM District Office Representatives
- Superintendent Emmett Koerperich,
- Michelle O'Dell, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
- Shelby Jones, Director of Business Services
- Ron Bazan, Director of Student Attendance
- Lexi Edmondson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, HR Specialist.

3:00–3:30 PM Debrief Meeting with Principal

Tuesday Nov. 3

8- 9:30 AM	Classroom Visitations
9:30- 10:15 AM	Leadership Team
10:15- 2:00 PM	VC meets alone
3:00 PM	Report out to staff and stakeholders in Room 101