



# Williams High School E-News

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009

## Sports

- Oct. 28 - Tennis vs. Shepton @ Plano West HS
- Oct. 29 - 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Football vs. Vines @ Clark-East
- Oct. 29 - 10<sup>th</sup> Gr. Football vs. Allen @ Kimbrough
- Oct. 29/31 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Volleyball A/B District Tournament TBA
- Nov. 5 - Wrestling – Eastside Scrimmage @ PESH
- Nov. 5 - 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Football vs. Boyd @ Clark-Central
- Nov. 5 - 10<sup>th</sup> Gr. Football vs. Rock @ Clark-East
- Nov. 6 - 10<sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Basketball Scrimmage @ Vines
- Nov. 7 - 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Basketball Scrimmage @ WHS
- Nov. 9 - Wrestling @ Jasper
- Nov. 11 - 10<sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Basketball vs. Wylie E. @ WHS
- Nov. 18 - WHS Football Banquet @ WHS Cafeteria

## Events

- Oct. 28 - National Honor Society Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Nov. 7 - Fall Festival – Sponsored by PALS
- Nov. 10 - WHS Band – 9<sup>th</sup> Gr. All Region Auditions
- Nov. 13 & 14 WHS Choir – Jammin' With Java 7 p.m.
- Nov. 14 - Whiz Quiz Preliminary # 3 @ Vines 8 - Noon

## **WHS Football Banquet**

**We will have the end of the year football banquet for all 9th and 10th grade football players on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Williams cafeteria. Doors open at 7 p.m. and banquet should be over by 9 p.m.**

## **WHS Orchestra**

**Please congratulate the students below that were selected to participate in one of the Region 25 Orchestras. These students will participate in a concert on January 23, 2010, featuring the best string players in the region.**

### **Symphony Orchestra**

**10th - Michelle Zhou - Violin 1**

**10th - Ujwal Madhavapeddi - Viola**

**9th - Chase Kornis - Viola**

### **Philharmonic Orchestra**

**9th - Victor Tieu - Violin 2**

**9th - Daniel Turlington - Violin 2**

## **Pep Rally Cancelled**

**Due to the rainy weather we have been having, the Fall Pep Rally was rescheduled and ultimately cancelled. Once the weather stabilizes, we may reschedule the event.**

## **Plano East Soccer Booster Garage Sale**

**We will be having a garage sale on Saturday, November 7, in the west parking lot at Williams High School from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come find some great deals! If you would like to make donations or have questions, please contact Shelley Jolly at 972-470-9301.**

## **FALL Festival**

**Food, Fun, Free! WHS' Pals will sponsor our annual fall festival on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> in the north parking lot at WHS from 12noon to 2pm. Please bring your little ones and be prepared to have fun!**

## **WHS Yearbook**

**We need your pictures! Do you have pictures of your student that you would like to have a chance at being in the yearbook? Please submit your .jpg files to me for consideration in the 2009-10 Yearbook! We are looking for pictures of Williams students doing their thing during school, school related activities, and even fun photos of non-school related activities.**

**Thanks! For more information, or to submit your photos, contact Lisa Greco @ [Lisa.Greco@pisd.edu](mailto:Lisa.Greco@pisd.edu)**

## **National Honor Society News**

**Applications are still being accepted for the 10th grade National Honor Society. Come to room N108 and pick up an application form. There are service hour forms also available. There are meetings today before and after school. The next scheduled meeting will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**For more information contact Donna Hagerty, WHS National Honor Society Sponsor @ 469-752-8300 Ext. 38359, or e-mail [Donna.Hagerty@pisd.edu](mailto:Donna.Hagerty@pisd.edu)**

## **National Junior Honor Society News**

**The 9<sup>th</sup> grade National Junior Honor Society's upcoming meetings will be announced at a later time. All service hours for this semester need to be turned in to T104 by December 10th.**

**For more information, contact Linda Becker, WHS NJHS Sponsor, @ 469-752-8300 Ext. 38370, or e-mail [Linda.Becker@pisd.edu](mailto:Linda.Becker@pisd.edu)**

## WHS Choir Booster Club News

*Have cell phones you are no longer using? Don't let them pile up or collect dust! Support the WHS Choir Booster Club by dropping your old cell phones in the box in the WHS Office or Choir Room. Your phone donation will help raise funds for the Choir Booster Club!*

Choir is currently selling Passbooks as a fundraiser. If you would like to buy one, please see a choir student, or contact us to purchase. Thanks!!!

Mark your calendars....November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> is Total Harmony and Fusion's annual *Jammin' with Java!* You don't want to miss WHS Pop Choirs perform! Stay tuned for more information.

Are you a Choir parent? You can still support your WHS Choir student by joining the Choir Booster Club! Membership is only \$10 per family. Your membership will contribute towards the success of the WHS Choir! Contact Staci Witten @ [staci@swpassociates.com](mailto:staci@swpassociates.com) or Ann Romagnolo @ [Ann.Romagnolo@pisd.edu](mailto:Ann.Romagnolo@pisd.edu) for more information.

## Williams Speech Department

### **HELP WANTED!!!**

We are excited about the opportunity to host the Annual Warrior Classic Speech and Debate Tournament on November 20-21. The Warrior Classic has been one of the largest Speech and Debate Tournaments in the Metroplex. We cannot do this without your help! We are searching for people willing to volunteer to judge. A judge handbook is available.

Any parent interested in helping with this contest is encouraged to contact Pam Ballow at 469-752-8300, ext. 38410, if you are interested. I will schedule a training session for you!

## **Spanish Club News**

**Spanish Club meets every third Tuesday of the month after school from 4:30-5:30. Anyone who is interested in Spanish culture and language is welcome to join. Dues are paid once a year and the members participate in activities like making sugar skulls for Day of the Dead, making rain sticks in the spring, making piñatas, discussing important dates and facts about the Spanish speaking world and even learning to salsa dance.**

**Club sponsors: Maria Martino and April Nevill. Contact April Nevill at 469-752-8300 x38419 or [april.nevill@pisd.edu](mailto:april.nevill@pisd.edu)**

## **French Club News**

**The Club meets twice a month on Tuesday afternoons, in Room E-107. Madame Ristevski is the sponsor. Club dues are \$7.00. The Club is open to all students who are currently taking French and to those who are native French speakers. For more information, contact [Harriet.Ristevski@pisd.edu](mailto:Harriet.Ristevski@pisd.edu)**

## **Free Computer Classes!**

**Free computer classes are being offered at the Harrington Library (just down the street from Williams). Thanks to a Lone Star grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Plano Libraries are able to offer free classes at several branches.**

**The upcoming classes at Harrington are:**

**Beginning Computer Skills: Nov. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Beginning Internet Skills: Nov. 19, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Intermediate Internet Skills: Dec. 3, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Microsoft Word (2-part class): October 24 & 31, 9-10:30 a.m.**

**For more information and to register (two weeks prior to class), scroll to the bottom left of the Plano Library page and click on the "Free Classes" box at:**

**<http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Libraries/Pages/default.aspx>**

## **PISD Parent Portal/WHS Website**

Online access to the Plano ISD Parent Portal is now available and provides direct access to Parent Viewer information (grades/attendance). Reports available online enable you to view details such as assignments, quizzes and tests along with the grade, score weights, due dates, and maximum values. Missing assignment reports are also an option for you to view.

You also have the ability to sign up for automatic email subscriptions and are able to schedule the following types of reports:

- Unexcused absence
- Detailed attendance
- Grade summary
- Detailed grade information
- Grade notification

The Parent Portal will also give you direct access into your child's myPISD.net classroom information. Teachers are providing class calendars, important class files, informational bulletins, and other instructional material via their class pages.

The Parent Portal will eventually be the primary resource for all online services provided to our parents. This site will also give you school and district-wide information as well as links to other often used services.

New users may register for this parent portal online at <http://parent.mypisd.net> to setup individual account information for access. Existing users of Parent Viewer will use their current Parent Viewer Email address (Username) and Password to begin accessing the new Plano ISD Parent Portal.

In addition, you can find teacher contact information (emails and phone numbers) on the Williams High School webpage at: [www.k-12.pisd.edu/Schools/Williams](http://www.k-12.pisd.edu/Schools/Williams) and click on Home Page. Our building tutorial schedule is being added to the webpage so that you will know when tutorials are available for each subject both before and after school should your child need extra help.

## **Reminders**

- **Please remember attendance is extremely important for our students. If your child must be absent, please call the WHS attendance line at 469-752-8300 [3] and let us know that they are going to be out. You must also send a written note within three days of the absence.**
- **Get your friends to sign-up for ENews. Have them do the following steps.**

**Log onto <http://www.pisd.edu/Enews.htm>**

**Click on the sign-up button.**

**Complete brief survey and begin receiving ENews updates.**

**Thanks in advance for your help.**