



# What's Up, Wildcats?



## Chat from 'Chini

Greetings Wildcat families and happy Friday!

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2026. This semester is filled with anticipation - planning for next year, ACT, AzSci, college acceptance letters and senior graduation! Please make sure that all information is up to date in Parent Square so you do not miss out on the amazing things going on here at Willow Canyon.

Winter sports are rocking it. Boys basketball is currently 10-1 and will be taking on Centennial Coyotes tonight. Girls wrestling is consistently winning on the mat and soccer is fiercely competing out on the field even when it's chilly out. Come on out to support our athletes!

In case you missed it, we are welcoming new head football Coach Bowen to our staff pending board approval. We are excited for the momentum and experience he brings to our Wildcat team in our quest to dominate the westside.

Finally, as safety is always our top priority, we are making changes to our student parking/parent drop off/pickup, sweep process and access to our C-building. All students who are late to campus must enter through the front. Other than nursing students, students will no longer be able to access campus via C-building starting Jan 20. Monday we will have new directional signage in the student parking lot as promised. Please bring your patience as we navigate these changes.

I hope you have the most amazing weekend and remember, take time to be kind!

*Lisa Parachini -  
principal* 



### Upcoming Events

Blood Drive  
Jan 14

Hoopcoming  
Spirit Week Jan 20-23  
Assembly Jan 23  
Dance Jan 24 - tickets on sale now!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
No school in observance  
Jan 19

President's Day  
No school in observance  
Feb 16

Festival of the Arts  
March 7  
10am-2pm





# Handbook Focus of the Week

## Due Process Announcements

We are providing due process announcements to remind students of our campus rules and expectations.

1. Bathroom reminders: there is only to be one Wildcat in a stall at a time. Violations will result in an automatic off-campus suspension.
2. WCHS is a closed campus. Students must remain on campus during the day unless called out by parent/guardian and they check out in the front office.
3. Parking lot reminders: all students must have a parking pass and park only in their designated spot. Violations and improper conduct can result in revocation of parking pass.
4. Tardies - we need you here on time each and every day. Progressive consequences can occur for being late.
5. Chronic absenteeism can result in loss of learning and can also result in loss of credit leading to needing to retake a class and possible delay of graduation. State law mandates students are present 90% of the time which equals no more than 10 absences per semester.
6. Dress code is still in effect each and every day. Please consult the handbook for dress code guidelines.
7. Keeping Willow clean takes all of us. Please pick up after yourself at lunch, in the classroom and around campus.
8. Winning Culture isn't just for athletes or competitors - it is for all Wildcats. When attending events please remember W.I.N.ning values and treat all with respect.
9. W.I.N. Values - Work Ethic, Innovation and Noble Character are how Winning Culture is made!

***Keep it Classy Wildcats!***

## Follow Us On Social Media!

Make sure to follow us on social media for up-to-date notices of all things Willow Canyon.





# Did you know...

Every year Willow Canyon reviews student and teacher performance, survey feedback and other forms of data to help guide our course for the following year. We use this information to set goals that align with our mission, vision and values. Collectively, these drive all that we do to ensure a Winning Culture.

## Mission - Vision - Values - Goals

**MISSION:** To provide a safe learning environment where students *WIN* everyday—mastering rigorous academics through strong *work ethic, innovative thinking, and noble character*.

**VISION:** Willow Canyon sets the standard as a premier high school relentlessly pursuing excellence and a winning culture.

**VALUES:** Winning Culture

### Goal #1

Willow Canyon will achieve a 1.0 growth score from Aspire to ACT (baseline .8 ELA, .86 math)  
Willow Canyon will increase AzSci proficiency rates by 1% and/or be above state average.

### Goal #2

All collaborative teams at Willow Canyon will implement PLC processes with fidelity with focus on student learning, collaborative culture/collective responsibility and results driven, as evidenced in the PLC self assessment on identified shifts.

### Goal #3

Willow Canyon will increase the quality of relationships and communication between staff, students, families and community as indicated on DUSD annual survey.

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