



# What's Up, Wildcats?



## Chat from 'Chini

Greetings Wildcat families and happy Friday!

Great things continue to Willow Canyon continues to happen thanks to the incredible efforts of our students, staff, and community!

Our Boys Basketball team has advanced to the second round of the playoffs as the #1 seed and take on Ironwood High School tonight.

Our Key Club has also been making a meaningful impact, raising \$900 that will be split between the Barefoot Foundation and the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. In a fun Meet at the Willow moment, winning students and teachers got to pie the losing team!

In partnership with Student Council, Key Club's Foster Care Drive was a huge success. Thanks to generous donations, we estimate we will be able to support nearly 600 children – from those awaiting foster placement to teens aging out through the YAP (Arizona Young Adult Program). Collected items included clothing and essential household goods to help young people begin living independently. Special thanks to Fixing Feet, Arizona Humane Society Thrift Shop, local churches, Sun City West Kiwanis, and our WC families and staff for their support!

Have a wonderful weekend, and remember to take time to be kind.

*Lisa Parachini -*  
principal 



### Upcoming Events

Testing info:  
ASVAB March 10-13  
AzSci & Aspire March 31,  
April 7  
ACT April 7

Festival of the Arts  
March 7  
10am-2pm

Prom - April 24  
Tickets on sale now - all  
debts must be paid

Graduation May 13





# Handbook Focus of the Week

## Deliveries to School

**Food or drink deliveries from outside companies will not be accepted for students during the school day (p 29).**

We have been getting an increase of deliveries to our front office. Please note that on page 29 of our Student and Parent Handbook, deliveries from outside companies such as Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc are not allowed. Deliveries cannot be accepted by our office staff and deliveries will be turned away. Thank you for your compliance.

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## Student Leadership

Student leadership helps keep our campus safe, respectful, and positive. Leadership isn't just about holding a title—it's about setting a good example, making responsible choices, and looking out for our fellow Wildcats and visitors.

Student leaders encourage fellow students to lead by speaking up about safety concerns, supporting their peers, and helping create an inclusive school environment. Small actions—like showing respect, resolving conflicts peacefully, and getting involved in school activities—make a big difference. WILDCATS!!! Let's be the difference!!:) Have a great weekend.

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## ACT PERFORMANCE IMPACT ON COLLEGE AND CAREER

### College Success: Readiness Benchmarks

The ACT sets "College Readiness Benchmarks." Scoring at or above these levels indicates a **50% chance** of earning a **B or higher** in first-year college courses.

**English:** 18

**Reading:** 22

**Math:** 22

**Science:** 23

**STEM:** 26 (Calculus & Physics readiness)

### Career Impact: Lifetime Earnings

Stronger academic preparation, as measured by the ACT, correlates with higher financial outcomes by age 28.

**Top Scorers (30+):** Individuals in this bracket earn significantly more than the national median, often due to access to high-tier degrees and networking at selective universities.

**Average Earners (20-23):** Typically enter stable career fields but may lack the immediate "merit scholarship" boost that higher scores provide.

**Merit Aid:** A score of **25+** often triggers automatic scholarships, saving students an average of **\$5,000–\$20,000** in long-term debt.

## Follow Us On Social Media!

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



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# 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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