

### **Chat from 'Chini**

Greetings Wildcat Families and happy Friday!

The word is out that Willow Canyon is a great place to be! We are seeing our student enrollments increase over the past couple of weeks. As such we are working on balancing classes. This might cause a change in your student's schedule. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work on this.

It was great getting to see so many of you at Open House on Tuesday evening. We encourage all of our Wildcats to get involved and I hope that everyone found something that "fit" either at Open House or during Club Rush.

You may have heard about our request to use the sidewalks rather than cutting through the grass. Willow Canyon has the most beautiful campus and we want to do what we can to help it stay that way. Not only that, we are trying to be fiscally responsible and respectful with amount of maintenance needed for our landscaping. Thank you for your support in this!

Are you aware of our Wildcat Values that support our Winning Culture? W.I.N. = work ethic, innovative thinking and noble character. This is the driving force behind all that we do.

Take time to be kind and have a great weekend Wildcats!





#### **Upcoming Events**

Benchmark testing Aug 13 modified schedule

Arizona College Fair - Aug 19 (seniors only)

Picture day - Aug 12

Football @ NAU on Aug 30

Homecoming tickets on sale now!







## Handbook Focus of the Week

If you have not already, please take a moment and submit the annual student update. If this is not completed electronic access to vital information will be cut off until submitted. Information can be found on page 2 of the <u>Student and Parent Handbook</u>.

Student conduct expectations are outlined in the handbook and align with our Winning Culture WIN values. To review and clarify any expectations please see pages 63-64.

District and WCHS behavior expectations extend to travelling to and from school and release times via the "Good Neighbor Policy" (p 75). Please be aware that we expect WCHS WIN values to be displayed at all times.

Students are expected to adhere to the district bus behaviors and rules. According to the Student and Parent Handbook, "Failure to comply with rules established for bus riders, such as changing seats, keeping aisles clear, bringing dangerous items (animals, glass, skateboards, etc.), putting any body parts out the window, eating, throwing objects, or tampering with/opening emergency exits. Students whose behavior threatens the safety of others will be denied transportation. In addition to specific bus rules all school rules apply while riding the bus. Riding the bus is a privilege that may be revoked for violation of school rules on the bus" (p 71).

Dress code warnings have been being issued for the beginning of the year to ensure students are aware of the Dysart Schools' dress code. We will be asking students to change their attire if they are out of compliance. Continued violations could escalate consequences (pp 44-45).

## 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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