



What's Up, Wildcats?



Chat from 'Chini

Greetings Wildcat families and happy Friday!

We are entering testing season. Next week students will be taking benchmark assessments which provide us baseline data on where they are at this moment in their learning. We use this benchmark to plan instruction according to their needs so that they can be successful on high-stakes tests such as ACT and AzSci. It is imperative that students have support in taking this test seriously, getting a good night's rest and eating a good breakfast. No other preparation is necessary other than just doing their best.

We are looking at ways to promote student success and are asking families to support this by donating items for giveaways. These could include gift cards to fast food restaurants, snacks, etc. If you have the ability to donate, please drop off items to our front office. We appreciate any and all gifts. Thank you in advance.

I wanted to thank you for all your feedback, suggestions and support you have provided during the changes made to promote the safety of our students and campus. It is a combined effort among students, staff and stakeholders to ensure a transition of such magnitude is implemented with fidelity. Your patience is appreciated.

Next year we will have some changes to our administration staff. We will be saying goodbye to both Ms. Lo Mazzo and Ms. Cashatt. Ms. Lo Mazzo will be retiring after a long career in education including 20 years at Willow Canyon. She is a cornerstone of Willow Canyon and her leadership was instrumental in all things Willow. Ms. Cashatt will be moving on to be principal of Surprise Elementary. While here only a short time Ms. Cashatt was instrumental in refining instruction that will help move Willow's quest for excellence in being a premier high school. We thank them both for their contributions and wish them all the best in their new chapters.

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

*Lisa Parachini -
principal*



Upcoming Events

Benchmark testing
Jan 28

Presidents Day
No school in observance
Feb 16

Winter Play
You Can't Take It With You
Feb 11-13

Festival of the Arts
March 7
10am-2pm



Handbook Focus of the Week

Student Identification and Privileges - High School

To ensure school safety, we must be able to easily identify all individuals on our high school campuses. All district high school students will be required to wear a school identification badge, which should be visible. Expectations will be determined by site administrators. Bus riders need to have identification in order to ride the bus. There is no cost to students for the original ID badge, but should a student lose, damage, or deface their badge, there will be a replacement fee.

All students will receive one free ID badge. If students forget their badge, they may get a one-day temporary ID pass that will need to be returned the next day. If students lose their badge, they may purchase a new ID card at the bookstore. Students must carry their identification cards in their possession while attending extracurricular activities or other onsite school events outside of the school day. At all times students are expected to comply when requested by school personnel to present/display their identification badge.

Students must be on track with credits for graduation with their cohort to earn the privilege to purchase a parking pass, attend prom, or earn a shortened senior schedule.

**Please note: The cost of a replacement ID badge is \$5. If fee is not paid upfront, the fee will be placed on the student's account.*

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Handicap Parking on Public School Property

Accessible parking is a legal right for individuals with disabilities and an important safety and accessibility issue at our schools. Handicap parking ensures that students, staff, and visitors with mobility challenges can safely access campus. Federal and state laws apply to all public parking facilities, including schools. Vehicles must display a valid Arizona disability placard or license plate and the person with the disability must be a driver or passenger in the vehicle at the time of parking. Encourage families and staff to apply for disability placards through the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division.

Let's Go Wildcats!!!
SRO Matthews
Willow Canyon High School

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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