

# Wynne High School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

November 23 Brown's Graduation Supply Co. will be here to take Sr. orders

November 29 PTSA meeting 6:30 HS Conf rm

December 1-4  
Drama Club's production of "It's a Wonderful Life"

December 6  
Literacy Fun Night  
At the WHS Library

December 6,7 &9  
Science Family nights

December 11 ACT Exam

Semester Exams  
December 16 Periods 3-4  
December 17 Periods 1-2

December 18-January 2  
Christmas Break

## Principal's News

Beginning with the ASVAB, the high school will administer over 22 state and national exams during the course of the year not counting 5 ACT exams that are given on Saturdays. Test taking is a crucial part of the high school experience and can lead to numerous opportunities and scholarships.

The Learning Institute provides interim assessments (chunk tests) in mathematics and literacy to us. Our assessments are modeled closely after the appropriate state assessments that the students will take at the end of the school year, and help to determine strengths and weaknesses in curriculum and instruction. The Institute provides immediate feedback through an assortment of reporting services on the TLI Web Portal so that teachers and administrators can take the "academic pulse" of their classrooms and schools on an almost daily basis.

Another set of important exams we will give this year are our end of course benchmark exams. Including, Algebra 1,

## AP Duties

There are two assistant principals at Wynne High School this year. Both Assistant Principals share the following duties:

- Morning/Lunch Central Campus duty
- Cafeteria duty
- In between class duty
- After school duty

## Another Fun Literacy Night Planned *by Ms. Cindy Watson*

Everyone is invited to attend an exciting evening at Wynne High School celebrating literacy through a reader's theater, book talks and live music. Did I mention that all of the presentations will be performed by our extremely talented students?

The celebration will be held on Monday, December 6 at the Wynne High School Media Center (Library). The theme for the night is "Read Before Bedtime!" Everyone is invited to wear

Keith Watson, Principal  
Sandra Smith & Steve Morris  
Assistant Principals

*by Mr. Keith Watson*

Biology, Geometry, Algebra 2 and Literacy, these exams decide our placement in regards to our adequate yearly progress towards no child left behind. Our Algebra 1 scores this year were even better than last year. 87.3 percent proficient or advanced as was our Algebra 1 scores, 80.3 percent of our Geometry students were proficient or advanced. Literacy scores are a major concern because we only had 56.9 percent score proficient or advanced thus causing us to continue to be in school improvement.

According to ACT research, 2/3 of the new jobs will require some kind of education or training after high school. While it is true that not every student will enroll in college or graduate from college, Wynne High School is committed to helping each student be "college ready". Whether students choose to attend college, vocational training, go into the workforce or join the military, our goal is for them to be prepared.

*by Ms. Sandra Smith*

- Volleyball game duty
- Football/basketball game duty
- Assigning students to d-hall
- Assigning students to ISS/AEP
- Assigning OSS
- Teacher evaluations
- Holding parent conferences

your pajama pants and tops.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Pizza, Chip and Dip, and yummy desserts will be served while the students display their various talents and projects.

Also, Ms. Bundy Hickey, our high school literacy coach will do a short presentation and you can ask her any questions you may have concerning your child's education.

## How to Read a Short Story

Reading is a very important part of our lives. Here are three tips to help every reader remember short stories, or passages.

### 1. Preview

This technique will help you read faster and understand more. In three minutes, or less, skim and scan the story to figure out who the characters are and anything else that may be happening. Notice the pictures for clues. Read the title, the sub-heading, any bold print, and think about what they mean to you.

### 2. Read

Think about the conflict in the story. It is the part that keeps us reading. Make notes in the margin, underline important events, and think about being the teacher. What questions would you ask if you were the teacher?

### 3. Remember

Organize the story in your thoughts and on paper. Visualize the important events in your mind. Picture the way things may look and imagine smells and sounds. Quickly retell the story to someone.

Reading is like a sport; the more you practice, the better you get! Read things you enjoy and the other stuff just gets easier and easier.

Attend a  
**PTSA**  
meeting!



*by Ms. Carol Woodruff*

To build on your teen's interest in reading...Look for books and articles that feature their favorite sports teams, rock stars, hobbies, or TV shows. Give him/her a gift subscription to a special interest magazine.



## ACT Test Taking Tips

Read the directions carefully. This may be obvious, but it will help you avoid careless errors.

If there is time, quickly look through the test as an overview.

Answer questions in a strategic order:

- Answer easy questions first
- Difficult questions next

On difficult questions, eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can, then make an educated guess among those remaining.

Review your test to make sure that you:

- \*have answered all questions
- \*didn't mis-mark answers
- \*didn't make simple mistakes

Answer every question. Your scores on the multiple-choice tests are based on the number of questions you answer correctly. There is no penalty for guessing on this particular test!

## Note from the Nurse

Parents remember:

Students are not allowed to carry any medications in their pockets or backpacks. This includes Tylenol, cold meds, prescription meds, or OTC (over the counter) medicines. This excludes emergency medications that have already been signed for in the school nurses office. This is in accordance with

the school policy and for all students' safety.

- On average, teenagers drink less than half of amount of water recommended per day.
- Most mild to moderate headaches improve after drinking an 8-ounce glass of water.

*by Valarie Roebuck*

## Procedures

### Driver's Test

Students should pick up the green form (Driver's Form) from the Building 1 office. This form is used to request the official form you take with you to the test. It prompts us check the GPA criteria required to take the test. Please allow 2 days to process this request. You are not allowed to pick up the green form on the Friday of the test.

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