



# wildcat News

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## Weekly Attendance:

9th Grade: 576  
 10th Grade: 546  
 11th Grade: 551  
 12th Grade: 362  
 Total Enrollment: 2035

## Staff Birthdays for the Week:

9/16 Maggie Oliva  
 9/19 Nora Ramirez  
 9/20 Sylvia Hernandez



“So we must put our differences aside, stand together with one voice and ‘ride for the brand.’ If we do that, we will not fail.”

— Management Quarterly, 22 December 2010

I find that one of our biggest strength as a campus staff is that we come together to find the best possible solution to serve our students. I am impressed, on a daily basis, to see our teachers and staff going above and beyond to ensure that our students succeed. As Miss Krink’s session during our first weeks back mentioned, keeping the mission in mind helps us put our differences aside for the sake of the mission. If we can continue to put our mission first, everything else will fall by the way side. If we do that, we will not fail our students.

I was fortunate enough to sit on a panel discussion that included RGV business leaders and education advocates this past Friday. One of the themes that emerged is that students and parents might not value an education if they have never seen what an education can do for their future. One business leader put it very succinctly when she said “they don’t know what they don’t know”. We have students at East that have never seen anyone in their family live a better life because of an education. They don’t know that the choices they make today, good or bad, will impact them for generations. The good news is that I have witness our Wildcat Family fighting this condition with tooth and nail. I believe that helping students make the connection between an education and a better way of life is key if we are to reach students that “will only be successful **because** of their teachers.”

Please remember that Open House is this Tuesday September 19 from 5-7. I asked that everyone contact their FAS students to invite parents to come out and meet our Wildcat Staff. If you have not done so yet, please make your phone calls as soon as possible. Also, if you have not done so yet, make sure you document these FAS parent calls on your parent contact logs.

As per Central Office:

“Effective Friday, September 15, 2017 - Please inform all teachers and club sponsors that any vendor(s) they want to use for fundraising purposes, **MUST** be cleared by the Business Office before they visit any of the campuses or departments. Those vendors need to see Belinda (Fuentes) Escamilla at the Business Office to fill out necessary paperwork that includes doing a criminal background check on the individual(s) visiting the schools, including the business owner if he/she visits the schools.” If you have any questions, please see Belinda Cavazos, our WEHS Bookkeeper.

Our attendance rate dropped below acceptable levels this past week. We came in at a 94.8. Please continue making contact with parents of students that are absent. We will continue with our Attendance Task Force making phone calls but it will take all of us working together to make a difference in our attendance rates.

## Sports Action

### FOOTBALL

9/21–Fresh White –No Game

9/21-Fresh Dark-No Game

9/21 Jv –No Game

9/22 Varsity –OPEN

### VOLLEYBALL

9/16 Jv @ Los Fresnos @

10:30am

9/16 Varsity @ Los Fresnos @

12pm

9/19 Jv @ Harlingen @

5:30pm

9/19 Varsity @ Harlingen @

6:30 pm

### TENNIS

9/16 Team Tennis vs Rivera @

8:30am

9/19 Team Tennis vs Harlingen

South @ 5pm

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

9/16 Javelina Invitational @

Texas A & M Kingsville @

8am

9/23 Islander Splash

Invitational @ Texas A&M

Corpus @ 9am

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

9/16 Mid Valley Track Club

Invite –Mercedes Livestock

Showgrounds @ 8am

9/23 Islander Splash-Texas

A&M Corpus (Varsity Only)

@ 8am

**GO WILDCATS !!!!**



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

**FAS:** The FAS activity for this week is to review progress reports with your students.

**College T-Shirt Day:** Every Tuesday is College T-shirt day. Encourage your students to wear a t-shirt from their favorite university.

**Schedule Changes/Course Overloads:** The last day for students to request schedule changes for the first six weeks was Friday, September 8th. Requests received after that date will be addressed at the beginning of the 2nd six weeks. If you have any leftover pink forms you can throw them away.

### Upcoming:

**Apply Texas–** Seniors will be completing college applications through the English 4 classes starting 9/11. The schedule is as follows: 9/18– S. Escobar, 9/19-S. Escobar

**Leaver/Dropout Recovery:** Leaver/dropout recovery continues this week. Teams from central office and our feeder schools are helping us in the search for our students who have not yet enrolled.

**Junior GPA Verification:** counselors will be verifying junior GPA on Tuesday, September 26 from 2-4 pm and will be unavailable at this time.

**College Fair–**The College Fair will be held at WHS on the morning of Wednesday, September 27th. Seniors will be attending.

**Financial Aid Night–**Financial Aid Night will be held on Tuesday, October 24th from 6-8pm. Volunteers are needed.

### Happening This Week:

**Monday, September 18th**

**Tuesday, September 19th**  
5pm Open House

**Wednesday, September 20th**

4pm AVID Site Team Meeting

**Thursday, September 21st**

**Friday, September 22nd**

No Game - OPEN

### Upcoming Events:

**Monday, September 25th**

**Tuesday, September 26th**

**Wednesday, September 27th**

4pm WEHS Technology Committee Meeting

**Thursday, September 28th**

Pep Rally Theme-Neon/Glow in the Dark

3pm Pep Rally

**Friday, September 29th**

7:30pm Wildcats vs Panthers @

Bobby Lackey Stadium

