

APRIL 2019 UPDATE

Willow Bend Academy

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 18 PSAT 8/9
- 19 Easter Holiday
- 22 Easter Holiday
- 26 PSAT 10

MAY

- 23 Last day of class
- 23 Graduation Rehearsal for seniors @ 7 p.m.
- 25 Graduation Ceremony

JUNE

- 10-27 Summer Session 1

JULY

- 8-25 Summer Session 2

NHS Packs Meals for Haiti

Willow Bend Academy's National Honor Society chapter volunteered for Feed My Starving Children on Friday, March 22. At the Richardson packing plant, they packed Manna Pack rice meals, consisting of vitamins and minerals, dehydrated vegetables, soy, and rice. Along with the many other volunteers present, they packed over 32,000 meals, with the NHS group contributing about 3,300 of those. The volunteers prayed over the packed boxes, which makes them ready to be shipped to one of 70 countries the organization helps. That night the food was being assembled for Haiti.

For more information about Feed My Starving Children, visit www.fmsc.org.



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR

SUMMER SCHOOL

Finish the year's courses or get ahead on next year's courses. Willow Bend Academy offers two summer sessions (see dates to the left). Summer classes are accelerated in that a one-semester course can be completed in three weeks. Classes meet Monday through Thursday for a total of twelve academic days of four hours each. Sessions meet at the regular morning and afternoon times.

\$630 per On Campus session or \$500 per Home Study session, including the \$200 nonrefundable deposit.



Superintendent's Corner

Why Good Friday is "Good"

The school will be closed on April 19th and 22nd in celebration of the Easter holidays. Easter is the most important of all Christian celebrations. We remember the death by crucifixion of Jesus and his return to life on Easter morning. Many churches will offer Good Friday worship services during the afternoon and evening in addition to the traditional Sunday morning worship.

The celebration begins with Good Friday, which is "good" because it commemorates Jesus' payment for all our sins forever. ALL people sin and deserve punishment. That's the "bad news". The good news is that Jesus paid our punishment. That payment is a free gift. It allows us to spend eternity in heaven with God and other believers.

Jesus paid for our sins by becoming our eternal sacrifice. Being crucified was nothing unusual. It was the common method of execution by the Roman government, and two other men were crucified with Jesus. Jesus, however, is the ONLY one to have been buried and returned three days later to life as our Risen Savior.

Since Jesus paid our penalty, there is one thing we must do. We must trust and accept His payment. That's it! Jesus offers forgiveness and allows us to either accept, ignore or reject it. There is a Christian song that reads:

"He paid the debt he did not owe.
I owed the debt I could not pay.
I needed someone to wash my sins away.
And now I sing a brand new song,
Amazing Grace the whole day long
Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay."

Enjoy the holiday and reflect on the greatest gift ever offered to mankind.

Ed Pilkington, Superintendent

Prepare for the Coming School Year

Reserve a spot for your student for the next school year. The sooner a student is registered, the more likely he or she is to have a choice of teacher and session (either morning or afternoon). Registration paperwork can be found on our website, or you can pick them up at school. Submit completed and signed paperwork, along with the registration fee of \$500, to the Admissions Office to complete registration.

Graduation Information

Seniors, graduates, and their parents/guardians: watch your email inbox for a message coming soon with more information about the graduation ceremony, the picture slideshow, and graduation materials pickup.

Also, don't forget to check your student's progress report often to ensure your student is working at a rate to finish all tests in time to participate in graduation.



Yearbook information coming soon!

Students will receive flyers in school with details on how to order and customize their own yearbook.



TreeRing

Willow Bend Academy

March's Academic Accomplishments

ARCHER AWARD

The student who achieved the highest average of all tests and passed the minimum number of tests

Middle School

Eunjeong Jang 94.17%

High School AM—domestic:

Nicola Librea 95.00%

High School AM—international:

Sam Luo 97.50%

High School PM:

William Ye 93.50%

HONOR ROLL

Students who achieved a test average of at least 90% and passed the minimum number of tests

Middle School Campus

Eunjeong Jang, Kasen Schneider

High School Campus

Payton Allen, Sean Borjigin, Aurora Kanalas, Sharon Lam, Megan Le, Nicola Librea, Sam Luo, Steven Ly, Luke Masselink, Riley May, Hannah McKnight, Linh Nguyen, Shiori Ohama, Adam Purtell, Ryan Ting, Stella Tran, Mark Von Ahnen, William Ye

OLYMPIC SCHOLAR

The student who passed the greatest number of tests

Middle School (tie)

Gary Gammon, Leah Generale, Eunjeong Jang, Kasen Schneider, Siddartha Surapanani 6

High School AM—domestic

Tyler Watts 12

High School AM—international

Stella Tran 12

High School PM (tie)

Faith Reynolds, Mark Von Ahnen 7

TOP SCHOLAR

Students who passed more than the minimum number of tests

High School Campus

Sean Borjigin, Jackson Boyd, Rosa Eung, Maria Gabelmann, Aurora Kanalas, Megan Le, Nicola Librea, Steven Ly, Mark Ma, Hannah McKnight, Jonah McLaughlin, Canyon Mitchell, Linh Nguyen, Faith Reynolds, Emmy Rogers, Stella Tran, Thanh Truong, Mark Von Ahnen, Tyler Watts, Lubing Xie, Kai Yang