

WJH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WHARTON JUNIOR HIGH

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#4QTRSTRONG



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Many thanks to everyone for all of your hard work and commitment to ensuring our students had the best welcome to start a new school year. It was really gratifying to see a ton of familiar faces as well as our new students and staff. I am extremely excited about this school year and encouraging everyone to strive to be #4QTRSTRONG everyday, because our students are counting on you.



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

- School starts at 7:40 AM.
- The cut off time to call in is 6:30 AM.
- Please make sure to be on duty by 7:15 AM daily.
- Be sure you're actively monitoring when you're on morning, lunch or afternoon duties.
- **This is Duty Week #1.**

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Lesson Plans are due by the end of the day **EVERY** Thursday.
- Classroom doors should be locked at ALL times.
- 10/10 rule; do not let student out of the class the first and last 10 minutes of class.
- Please make sure we are at our doors during transition each period.
- Make sure you're leaving a sub folder for your subs.
- Plan for bell to bell instruction each and every day.
- Contact parents for positive and negative reports.
- Check the ISS sheet daily so you can provide work for your students.
- **Grades must be entered weekly; 4 non-major and 1 major.**

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!

Faces of Wharton Junior High

Dr. LaShonda Willis Counselor

Hometown: Houston, TX
Birthdate: April 15th
Educational Experience: 31 years
Favorite Team: Houston Texans
Hobbies: Cooking, trail riding/camping, going to church and spending time with my grandbaby
Dream Vacation: Italy
People may not know: I ride a Soft Tail Heritage by Harley Davidson
Hidden Talent: I sing
Favorite snack or dessert: Queso Dip and chips
Favorite Book: The Bible and anything by Kimberla Lawson Roby
Person who inspired you: My God Mother



College/University:



Favorite Quote:

Philippians 4:6 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Faces of Wharton Junior High

Michael Swanigan ABC Teacher/ Athletic Coach

Hometown: McComb, MS
Birthdate: December 5th
Educational Experience: 23 years
Favorite Team: Philadelphia Eagles
Hobbies: Fish/Golf
Dream Vacation: Hawaii
People may not know: Played Football at Jackson State Univ.
Hidden Talent: Reaching Kids
Favorite snack or dessert: Brownies
Favorite Book: Rich Dad/Poor Dad
Person who inspired you: My Father



College/University:



Favorite Quote:

"No Fear"
-Unknown-

Faces of Wharton Junior High

Darrick Dickerson Teacher

Hometown: Odessa, TX
Birthdate: July 31st
Educational Experience: 0 years
Favorite Team: Minnesota Vikings
Hobbies: Hang out with friends, watch movies/shows,
Dream Vacation: Dubai
People may not know: I'm adventurous
Hidden Talent: I make people laugh without trying
Favorite snack or dessert: Cookies and cream ice cream
Favorite Book: Above the Line by Urban Myer
Person who inspired you: My Mother



College/University:



Favorite Quote:

"Apart from me you can nothing"
- Unknown -

Faces of Wharton Junior High

Philip Longino Jr. Teacher

Hometown: Missouri City, TX
Birthdate: March 14th
Educational Experience: 0 years
Favorite Team: Houston Texans
Hobbies: Fitness and golfing
Dream Vacation: N/A
People may not know: I'm an owner operator of a Homecare franchise (Qualicare)
Hidden Talent: N/A
Favorite snack or dessert: Oatmeal Raisin Chocoale Chip cookies
Favorite Book: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
Person who inspired you: My family



College/University:

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Favorite Quote:

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."
- Franklin Roosevelt -

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Faces of Wharton Junior High

DeWayne Webb Co Teacher

Hometown: Houston, Texas
Birthdate: June 16th
Educational Experience: 5 years
Favorite Team: All Houston teams
Hobbies: Traveling
Dream Vacation: Bali
People may not know: I read a lot
Hidden Talent: I cook
Favorite snack or dessert:
Cookies
Favorite Book: Harry Potter books
Person who inspired you: Teachers



College/University:

GRAMBLING
STATE UNIVERSITY*



Favorite Quote:

"You are only as good as the people around you."
-Unknown-

Faces of Wharton Junior High

Vincent Flores Teacher/Coach

Hometown: Temple Tx
Birthdate: January 11th
Educational Experience: 28 years
Favorite Team: Dallas Cowboys
Hobbies: Golf
Dream Vacation: European Cruise
People may not know: Went to college on a band scholarship
Hidden Talent: N/A
Favorite snack or dessert:
Banana Pudding
Favorite Book: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
Person who inspired you: Roger Staubach



College/University:



TARLETON
STATE UNIVERSITY

Southwest Regional Dairy Center

Favorite Quote:

"It ain't over till it's over."
- Unknown -

Faces of Wharton Junior High

Lynn Hemphill Librarian

Hometown: Wharton Tx
Birthdate: July 12th
Educational Experience: 4 year sub 2 years full time para
Favorite Team: N/A
Hobbies: Shopping
Dream Vacation: Hawaii
People may not know: I love to help other.
Hidden Talent: Planner
Favorite snack or dessert:
Strawberry cake
Favorite Book: N/A
Person who inspired you: N/A



Favorite Quote:

"If you think my hands are full, you should see my heart."
-Unknown-



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



WE ARE
#4QTRSTRONG

CAMPUS INFORMATION



2023 Wharton Junior High Football Schedule

7th Grade 8th Grade

Sept. 5 Royal @ Wharton (**Scrimmage**) Wharton @ Royal (**Scrimmage**) Sept. 12

Bay City @ Wharton Wharton @ Bay City

Sept. 19 Wharton @ El Campo El Campo @ Wharton

Sept. 26 Wharton @ West Brazos West Brazos @ Wharton

Oct. 3 Stafford @ Wharton Wharton @ Stafford

Oct. 10 Wharton @ Needville Needville @ Wharton

Oct. 17 Sweeny @ Wharton Wharton @ Sweeny

Oct. 24 Wharton @ Royal Royal @ Wharton

Oct 30 (7th grade)-(2nd place @ 1st place) (4th place @ 3rd place) (6th place @ 5th place) (8th place @ 7th place)

Oct. 31(8th grade)(2nd place @ 1st place) (4th place @ 3rd place) (6th place @ 5th place) (8th place @ 7th place)

All home games in Wharton starts at 5:30pm

Wharton Junior High 2023 Volleyball Schedule

7th and 8th Grade will follow the same schedule
B Team games will begin at 5PM & A Team games will begin after

Date	Opponent	Site
August 31	Royal	Away
September 7	Bay City	Away
September 14	El Campo	Home
September 16	West Brazos Tournament	
September 21	West Brazos	Home
September 28	Stafford	Away
October 5	Needville	Home
October 7	Bay City Tournament	
October 12	Sweeny	Away
October 19	Royal	Home
October 26	TBD	TBD



PLC - Monday - Friday

	Math	Social Studies	Science	Reading	SPED
Department Chair		Curtis Williams Sr.	Sonya Mata		
Department Members	Curtis Williams Jr. - 6th & 7th Julie Steingas - 6th & 7th Allias Collier - 7th & 8th Brianna Owens - 7th & 8th Fritz Zarate - 8th Algebra	Christopher Martin - 6th Philip Longind - 7th Curtis Williams Sr. - 8th	Brayn Fox-Smith - 6th Gina Garza - 7th De'Leon Harper - 7th & 8th Sonya Mata - 8th	Derrick Dickerson - 6th LaShonda Moss-Hill - 6th Dwayne Webb - 6th Coteach Crystal Scarlett - 7th Daniel Gaona - 7th Coteach Allison Pesina - 8th Sara Wind - 8th Kristina Gaona - Read 180	Vincent Flores - co teach Math Daniel Gaona - co teach ELAR Dwayne Webb - co teach ELAR Pamela Turner - Life Skills
PLC Period	8th period	6th period	5th period	3rd period	3rd period D. Gaona & D. Webb 5th period P. Turner 8th period V. Flores
PLC Time	2:46 - 3:40	12:54 - 1:46	11:58 - 12:50	9:37 - 10:29	3rd period: 9:37 - 10:29 5th period: 11:58 - 12:50 8th period: 2:46 - 3:40
PLC Meeting Room	Room 46	Room 36	Room 49	Room 33	Room 33 - D. Gaona & D. Webb Room 1A - P. Turner Room 46 - V. Flores

WHARTON JH AM/PM DUTY 23-24

Early Birds	Front Parking Lot	Student Drop Off (WHS Tennis Court)	Front Door
7:00 - Hemphill	7:00 - Bustamante	7:00 - Woods	
7:15	Front Parking Lot Drop Off	Student Drop Off (WHS Tennis Court)	
Red	K. Gaona, Williams Jr.	Ramirez, Webb	
White	Swanigen, Fox-Smith	D. Gaona, Yanis	
Blue	Martin, Flores	Chandler, Nickerson	
7:15	AM Holding Rooms (Classrooms)	AM Relief	
6th	Room 43 - Harper	Aragon, L. Hemphill, C. Graves, Moss-Hill	
6th	Room 44 - Banks		
6th	Room 45 - Wind		
6th	Room 46 - Steingas	Hall Duty (Restroom 40/50)	
7th	Room 48 - Garza	Koenig, Willis	
7th	Room 49 - Mata		
7th	Room 51 - Harper	Breakfast Line	
8th	Room 33 - Pesina	Hearse, Cisneros	
8th	Room 34 - Collier		
8th	Room 35 - Longino		
BA	Room 36 - Williams Sr.		
GA	Room 47 - Owens		
	PM Holding Rooms		
	Room 43 - Peddy		
	Room 44 - Linares		
	Room 35 - Grant Bryant		
	Room 36 - Armstrong		
1st 5 weeks	2nd 5 weeks	3rd 5 weeks	4th 5 weeks
Red 08/07-23	Red 10/10-26	Red 01/03-23	Red 03/04-04/04
White 08/24-09/14	White 10/30-11/16	White 01/24-02/12	White 04/05-26
Blue 09/18-10/05	Blue 11/27-12/14	Blue 02/13-29	Blue 04/29-05/17
40	38	34	46
			5
			163

Click the image above to view
the AM/PM Duty schedule.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

Business Professional Attire

No Nose Rings

Wednesday - College Shirt/Jeans or Campus Shirt

Friday - Spirit Attire (Must be a WISD Shirt)

PD Days - Spirit Shirt and Jeans are allowed

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday - Business Professional

Wednesday/Friday - Only days Fred Shirts can be worn

STUDENT SUPPLIES

All students in WISD will receive free school supplies from the campuses. We will begin distributing to all classes beginning this week. Please notify Mrs. Peddy and Mrs. Koenig for any assistance you may need. Please do not ask students to bring additional supplies.

STUDENT DEVICES

WJH received brand new student devices, please make sure we are taking care of them and monitoring our students.



CAMPUS INFORMATION

**ARE YOU INTRESTED IN
SERVING ON THE DISTRICT'S
DEIC COMMITTEE THIS YEAR?**

It's that time again to try and get our community involved. We are looking for teachers, paraprofessionals, parents, and business owners to be involved in our 2023-2024 DEIC Committee. Please email Melissa Castillo if you are interested in serving on this committee.

The deadline for submitting an application is Thursday, September 2, 2023. A public drawing will be held to select the representative(s) from the categories listed. Email all forms to mcastillo@whartonisd.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/08 - WJH Grade Level Assemblies @ WHS Auditorium

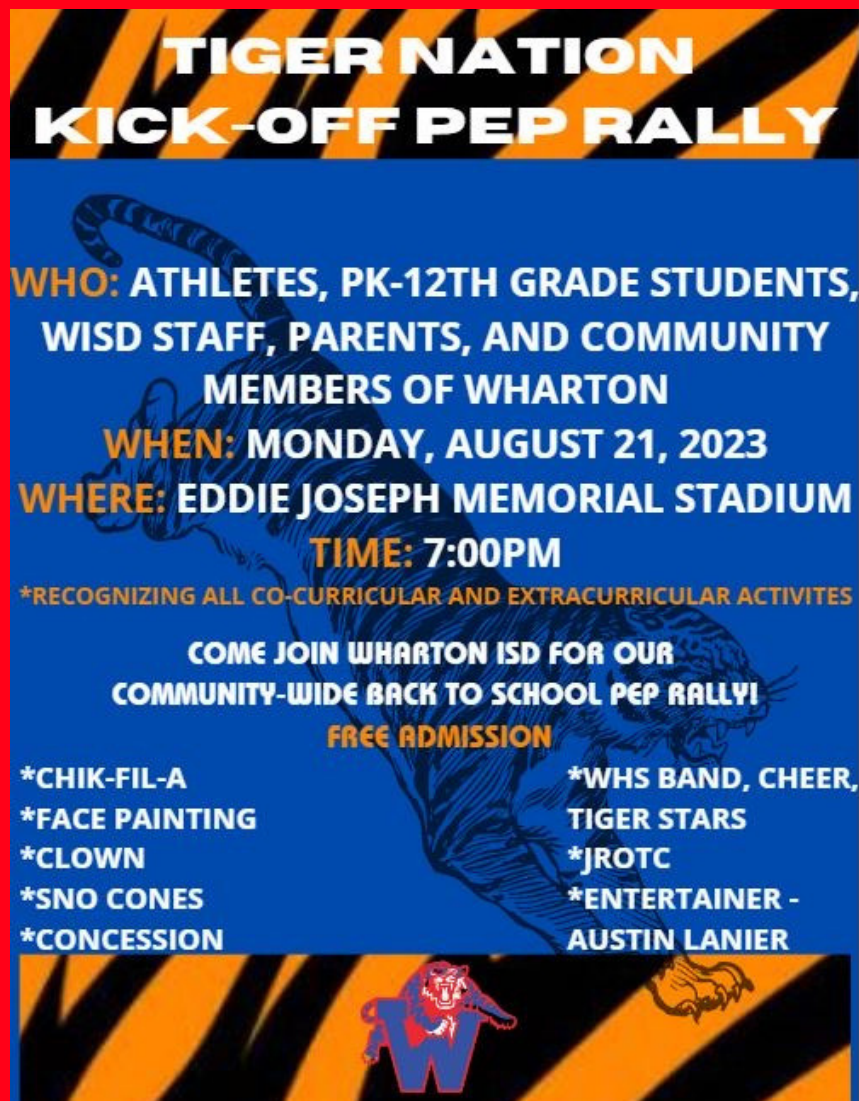
5th Period - 8th Grade

6th Period - 7th Grade

7th Period - 6th Grade

8/10 - Last Day for Benefits Enrollment

8/15 - WHS Charlie Brown Musical Interest Meeting



**TIGER NATION
KICK-OFF PEP RALLY**

WHO: ATHLETES, PK-12TH GRADE STUDENTS,
WISD STAFF, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS OF WHARTON

WHEN: MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

WHERE: EDDIE JOSEPH MEMORIAL STADIUM

TIME: 7:00PM

*RECOGNIZING ALL CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**COME JOIN WHARTON ISD FOR OUR
COMMUNITY-WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL PEP RALLY!**

FREE ADMISSION

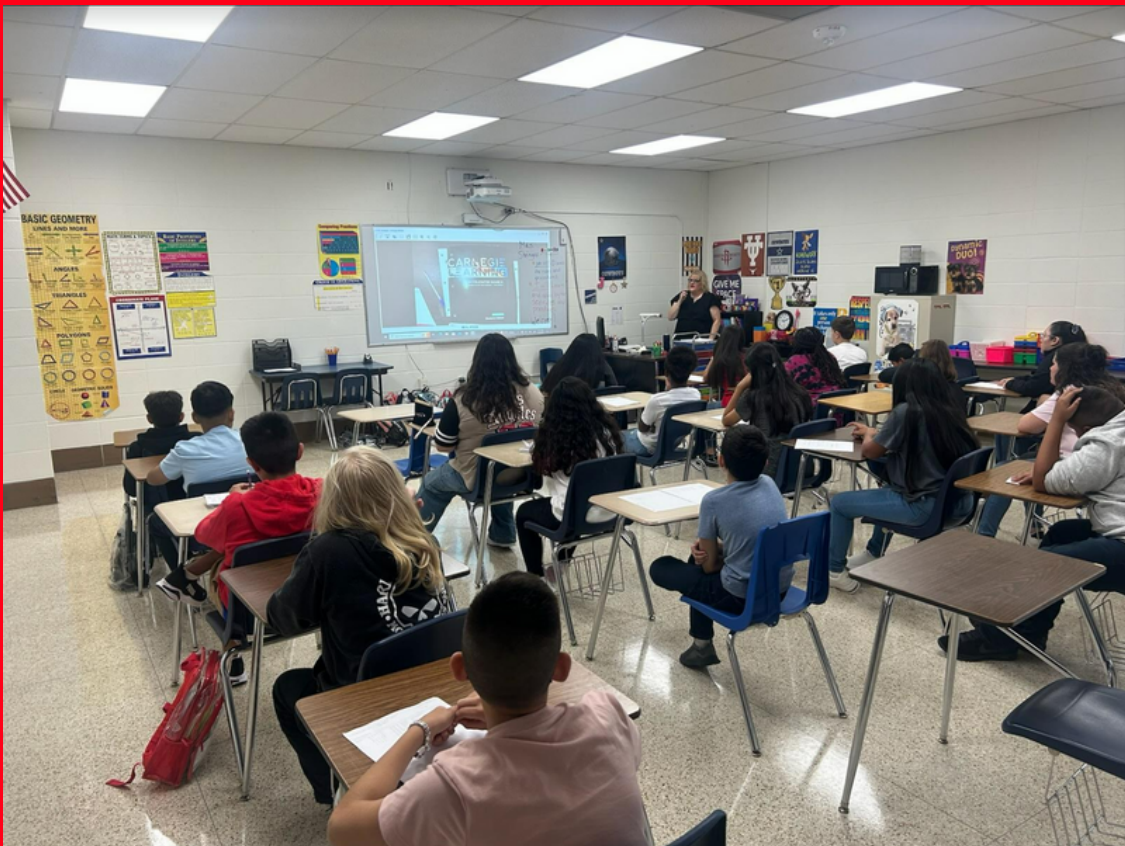
*CHIK-FIL-A	*WHS BAND, CHEER,
*FACE PAINTING	TIGER STARS
*CLOWN	*JROTC
*SNO CONES	*ENTERTAINER -
*CONCESSION	AUSTIN LANIER

The poster features a large, stylized illustration of a tiger's head and paws in the background. At the bottom, there is a small logo of a tiger's head next to a large letter 'W'.

FUNDAMENTAL 5 WEEKLY FOCUS

FRAMING THE LESSON

- Use "We will" and "I will" statements to introduce the learning objectives at the beginning of the lesson.
- WE WILL = What the group is learning; refer to your TEKS and include the level of Bloom's your students will be learning.
- I WILL = What the student will be able to do at the end of the lesson; the product in which the students will replicate that they have mastered the objective of the lesson.
- Include the learning and content objectives in these statements.
- Reflect on whether the objective was met at the end of the lesson.



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

NO
BIRTHDAY'S
THIS WEEK!

WHAT IS A FRED?

A FRED exhibits the following characteristics:

- Adds value to everything & everyone!
- Goes above & beyond in everything they do!
- Goes the extra mile!
- Helpful to everyone--- even when no one is watching!
- Extraordinary at their job & commitments!
- Kind to friends, family, and strangers!
- Stays in the moment!
- Positively influences on a daily basis!
- Goes beyond what is expected
- Isn't content with being "normal".
- Freds care about people
- Freds are creative problem solvers
- Freds go the extra mile in providing service.
- Freds work with passion to make their signature difference.
- Freds go beyond what is expected, doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!
PLEASE SUBMIT WEEKLY
FREDs TO MS. ALAMEDA
BY 12:00 PM EVERY
FRIDAY!**



LET'S HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

**IT ALWAYS
SEEMS
IMPOSSIBLE
UNTIL IT IS
DONE.**

Nelson Mandela

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