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Homecoming Week

The ASB announced the Fall Homecoming schedule.

Homecoming week is set for Oct. 11-15 with dress-up or dress down days. The themes for dress down days are: Monday, Lil' Kid Day; Tuesday, 80's day; Wednesday, Opposite Sex Day; and Thursday, Old People Day. Friday is Class Theme Day with Freshmen as Candyland; Sophomores as Clue; Juniors as Jumanji; and Seniors as Sorry! Disney Edition.

There will be a closed campus on Friday with clubs providing food during lunch period.

ASB Class Officers

Delainy Ward
Editor-in-Chief

These are your 2010-2011 ASB and Class Officers

ASB OFFICERS

Seniors, Kellie Felkins, president; Rosario Rubalcava, vice-president; Brianna Brothers, treasurer; Carlina Milani & Nathan Thao, co-rally chairmen; Jorge Mendoza, communications coordinator; Jessica Adhin, club coordinator; and Laura Ferreira, secretary; AJ Wagonman, athletic commissioner; Juniors, Derek Soeth, assistant treasurer; and Andrea Salcedo, academic concerns officer.

The following are WHS class officers:

Senior Class: Marcos Luna, president; Chandni Wadhwa, vice-president; Karen Izquierdo, secretary; Christian Perez, treasurer; and Julie Sheats-Hansel, rally/publicity.

Junior Class: Kaylen Wilson, president; Kasey Foley, vice-president; Adrian Mercado, secretary; Brittany Defaria, treasurer; Rebecca Ford, rally chairman, Courtney Dicharry and Nidia Sanchez, prom chairman.

Sophomore Class: Erika Click, president, Chanchal Wadhwa, vice-president, Steven Johnson, secretary; Delainy Ward, treasurer, Michaela Biggs, rally/publicity.

Freshman Class: Olivia Chavez, president, Kaylin Jones, vice-president; Omar Flores, secretary, Alyssa Beatty, treasurer; and Emma Collins, rally/publicity.

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Goose Island a new way of life

New principal ignites school spirit and pride across the classes

Mr. Smith has brought a new school theme, Goose Island, a school community within the Willows community to the halls of Willows High School.

Mickie Biggs
Managing Editor

Mr. Smith was hired as the WHS principal by the WUSD School board for the principal's position that became vacant by the exiting principal, Mr. Mort Geivett who was hired to become the new WUSD superintendent. Mr. Smith served nine years as WHS vice principal after being principal for seven years at Winters High School.

His duties now are to ensure the complete function of the school,

teachers' academics, testing, school safety, and activities. When Smith was vice principal, he enjoyed his interaction with the students; but did not enjoy having to call parents. Smith says his number one thing is to support the teachers. He sees what he calls the reverse pyramid; the teachers are on the top, and his job is to serve them and to serve the students. "I am considered the academic leader, but that does not mean I know more science than Mr. Chisholm,



Julia Storz, The Honker 2010

Mr. Smith bring a new energy and enthusiasm to the halls of the WHS campus.

or know more about said. "A strong discipline policy allows the teachers to be the

very best they can be in the classroom."

Mr. Smith is using the theme Goose Island to give all Honkers an identity to our school.

"This is not just a physical thing as the school itself, but also a movement," Mr. Smith said. "The school as a whole, them as students, us as adults, and the whole community, trying to show everybody we are

See: A2 New Principal

Freshmen Orientation provides first taste of high school activities

Approximately 80 freshman students attended the WHS freshman orientation.



Mr. Prinz, The Tatler, 2010

ASB officers register freshman kicking off the 2010 Freshman Orientation. From left to right: Kellie Felkins, Chandni Wadhwa, Brianna Brothers, Carlina Milani, Marcus Luna, and Karen Izquierdo

Jolene Pozzi
Staff Reporter

On Friday Aug. 14, the ninth grade orientation was held at WHS in the gym. The orientation was organized by the counseling department and Associated Student Body. They provided the new freshmen class with information about the rules, procedures and expectations as well as a guided tour around campus.

Classrooms were designated as informational stops. While on the tour they

stopped by a classroom where Mr. Smith talked to them about required graduation credits and the importance of good attendance. Mr. Perry spoke about the school rules and policies mentioning cell phone usage, wearing hats in class, and clothing wear.

In the career education room, Mr. Bryant, the schools junior/senior counselor informed students about some of the teacher's expectations, office slips and schedule changes. Another stop was made at the library where Amy, the attendance secretary,

informed them about the different office slips, and ID cards; Mrs. Babs Berens spoke about the library, the books and the computers.

The freshman day began with the Associated Student Body officers handed out name tags and informed broke the freshman into four individual groups. The groups consisted of nerds, hippies, jocks, and cowboys/girls. After being placed into the group, they went to another table where they were handed an object that had to do with the group they were in.

They learned the Alma-Mater and the school's fight song. Mr. Smith informed them that at the rallies points were given for their class yells, posters and good sportsmanship. He encouraged them to yell the loudest so that they could get a

See: A2 Freshman

Back to school brings parents to campus

Approximately 120 parents walked the high school campus during Back-to-School night taking a similar schedule going class to class as their son and daughter.



Mario Rosales, The Honker 2010

Mr. Garrett, ROP Wood instructor discusses his class requirements with a parent during back to school night

Linda Thurman
Staff Reporter

Parents and family attended the WHS "Back to School" night that was held Sept. 9, 2010. Parents and family members were introduced to teachers and received a brief description of the class their child is currently taking.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., the attending parents began with a small introduction in the cafeteria by Mr. Smith, as the principal, and Mr. John Perry as Lead Teacher taking over

the student affairs position. He also introduced Goose Island and explained where the inspiration for spirit based theme developed for the school and encouraged the parents to purchase a Goose Island T-shirt to support our teams during home games. He also introduced the new WUSD Superintendent, Mr. Geivett who said a few words. Parents were given instructions to listen

See: A2 Back-to-School

Mr. Perry takes lead teacher position to another level



Mario Rosales
Staff Reporter

Mr. Perry's job as lead teacher is to ensure that students attend school, receives a fair discipline solution to student issues, and advises students in proper behavior at both WHS and Willows Community High School as well as being responsible for the athletic program at WHS.

Mr. Perry felt that after 32 years in the class he needed to get out of it and do something different or

retire but he was not quite ready to retire. He is still furthering his education to gain his preliminary administrative credential. He does want to further his goals to make WHS a safe environment for all students and to ensure that every student can walk the halls without fear of being bullied or hurt. He also wants to encourage more students to work

hard in gaining and furthering their education.

He has taught at Williams High School for one year and WHS for 32 years, totaling 33 years of teaching. He taught at life science and physical education at Willows High School. He coached football for 20 years and baseball for

See: A2 Mr. Perry