

# WHS Student Bulletin

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## Upcoming Events...

**MON (May 8) Final Day for Discount! YEARBOOKS** for \$80 instead of \$95! Visit the front office for complete info.

**WED (May 10) 7pm Spring Music Concert** WHS Band, Jazz Band, String Orchestra and Drum Line perform in our Theater for free

**FRI (May 12) Food Trucks & the Arts Special Campus Event -- "Product 2017"**  
4:00-6:30p.m. Art Expo & Proj Showcase  
7:00p.m. Talent Exposition (Theater)



## WHS helps celebrate Windsor's 25th Birthday at special Parade

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**Club Carnival** last Friday was a success as Clubs raised funds and awareness. Page 3



**Student Exhibitions of Creativity -- Friday, May 12th** (4:00 - 7:30 p.m.) A collaboration between Nueva School for the Performing Arts, WHS Art Department, Axis STEM, and WHS Boosters.

Food Trucks, Installations, Performances, and Gallery of Visual Art. Attend this FREE event!

The WHS Event Planning class is hosting the **Soft Paws Animal Rescue** during Fine Arts Night. It has been proven that puppies and kittens evoke a similar response in the brain as art and drama and music. We know we love them but we don't care why! Support Soft Paws by donating any of the items listed below. Come pet a kitten, hug a puppy and support the arts!

**Items needed:** Dog leashes, harnesses, collars, water and food bowls, beds, towels, blankets. Dog/Puppy and Cat/Kitten food of all kinds are always needed. They could use beds, doghouses and cat trees. Also treats for cats and dogs are always appreciated. 4 to 6 pm in the main Quad (May 12)

friday may 12th  
student work exhibition  
4:00pm - 6:30pm  
- free art exhibition & project showcase

talent exhibition  
7pm @whs theater  
- donations appreciated

food trucks provided by Boosters

## May 15-19 is Senior Week!

**Thur & Fri this week** -- All Seniors need to pick-up bracelets at break & lunch in front of B-124 to enjoy all the snacks and Pasta King lunch next week!



**Monday** -- Wear a College Shirt and grab a Taco on the Sr. Steps!

**Tuesday** -- Lunchtime Games on the Quad.

**Wednesday** -- Senior Shirt Day along with pizza given out in the Quad. Wednesday is also Cap & Gown order pick-up in the Small Gym.

**Thursday** -- Otter-pops and Lawn Games!

**Friday** -- Pasta King lunch and Kick-off to Summer Dance (8:00-10:00 p.m. in the Big Gym) Kick-off to Summer Dance is free for all students, thanks to the generosity of the Senior class!

**Senior Parents -- We need your help!** Please volunteer to serve lunch, and join your students at the Kick-off to Summer Dance! Contact Carrie Carstensen at ccarstensen@wusd.org or call 837-7767 ext. 2202

**SAT (May 13) 6pm Dinner-Theater Event** WHS Booster's present a Murder-Mystery Dinner Theater in our Multi-Purpose Room. Lots of fun while raising money for WHS! see page 3 for more information

**TUE (May 16) 6:00pm -- WHS Library Mental Health Basics for Parents & Teachers** What you will learn in this presentation:  
✓ Indicators of mental health conditions in teens.  
✓ How to help those who face challenges  
✓ What it is like to live with mental illness

**FRI (May 19) 7pm Spring Choral Concert**

## Windsor Jaguar Troupe 1995 – 2017

### Julie Raven-Smart honored at the close of her 40th stage production at Windsor High

by Grace Curtin-Fiano

“*Everything is a Production,*” and has been for 22 years, under the watchful eyes and careful direction of Julie Raven-Smart. She is one of the “original nine” founding members of WHS. Julie joined the staff, in the fall of 1995, and the Jaguar Troupe sprung to life.

*Clue* marks her 40<sup>th</sup> and final production in her beloved “house” that she christened “Thalia,” after the Greek muse of comedy. Julie has been the guardian of “Thalia” and a tireless advocate for the performing arts, since the inception of WHS and before Windsor was an established town.



Beyond that, she has dedicated her entire career, her heart and soul, to WHS and the families in the community. She has changed the lives of hundreds of students. “*Raven was the original intervention program. She saved countless kids who were lost, had enormous issues and were struggling emotionally, socially and academically. Under her care, they began to emerge as confident young people. I’m in awe, really,*” shared Michael “Mac” McCaffry, one of the “original nine,” who attended *Clue* to witness the 40<sup>th</sup> and final show, as a tribute to his former colleague.



Alumni throughout the region surprised Julie as they took the stage and presented her with an award that they created in honor of her life’s work.

Throughout her 22 years, Julie has shared her expertise, creativity, advice and impressive knowledge base with all of her colleagues, throughout the district. Her technical wisdom has served every program on this campus, as she creates magic “in the booth,” for *all* campus presentations. She has collaborated with music and choral teachers to direct and produce musicals and has supported NUEVA, all with the desire to provide a thriving performing arts program, at WHS. She has also worked in partnership with a variety of community groups, assisting them with their presentations, taking their original ideas to a new level with her technical prowess.

As a performing artist, Julie once quipped, “*You know, my students need to see me on stage, taking the same risks I am asking them to take.*” So, in addition to teaching, directing and being the Theater Coordinator our accomplished actress’ credits include:

*Our Town:* Mrs. Gibbs, Cloverdale Performing Arts

*Romeo & Juliet:* Nurse, Shakespeare on the Green

*All’s Well that End Well:* Countess of Rousillon, Shakespeare on the Green

*Twelfth Night:* Maria, Shakespeare on the Green

A.J. Riley (pictured below) was one of the many alumni who returned to honor Theater Teacher, Julie Raven-Smart.



Before the final curtain was drawn, alumni throughout the region surprised Julie as they took the stage and presented her with an award that they created in honor of her life’s work bearing the Jaguar Troupe emblem:

**For our Amazing and Talented Julie Ann Raven-Smart Thank you from Generations of Students for your 22 Years of Outstanding Dedication and Excellence Original Theater Arts Director WHS Jaguar Troupe 1995 – 2017**

This beautiful plaque will be installed, in the theater, as a tribute to Julie’s legacy.

The alumni, ranging from 18 to 33 years of age, showered her with beautiful bouquets, tears, loving words of praise and gratitude for being an influential mentor and role model.

*“If there is one thing that I have taught all of you, it is to push through. Push through that fear, the anxiety, reach down inside yourselves and find your voice, your strength. If you do that, you will always be fine.”*

**Parents of past and present students left their seats and joined Julie on stage, hugging her and thanking her for touching and changing the lives of their children.**

*“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.” - Pericles*

**Thank you, Julie Ann Raven-Smart, for being an artist of the heart.**



## Robotics Competition Win for Axis STEM!

Congratulations to Axis STEM for receiving the Outstanding Engineer Designing Process Award from *The Tech Challenge 2017: Rock the Ravine*, presented by Dell Computers.

It was a spectacular event where The Tech's mission -- inspiring the innovator in everyone -- took center stage. This signature program of The Tech invited teams of students in Grades 4-12 to use the engineering design process to solve a real-world problem. Participants spent months collaborating and becoming deeply engaged in the challenge while documenting their progress and designs.

The program culminated in a thrilling two-day showcase where teams put their solutions to the test in front of judges. *Congratulations, again, to Axis STEM for your award!*



## WHS helps Windsor celebrate its 25th Birthday at the Windsor Day Parade!

Windsor Day Parade May 6th -- This is the 3rd year in a row that Windsor High School has participated in the Windsor Day Parade! This year we had a total of 5 floats that participated as subgroups of Windsor High School's entry. We had a float for our band/drumline class, Leadership, Cores, as well as Cheer and Athletics.

And we had our very own Mrs. Ganister and Mr. Elin as two of the parade judges! *Go Jaguars!*



## Club Carnival May 5th

Friday May 5th was the last Club Carnival of the school year, and it was a success! Many clubs attended this carnival, including Project Grad! Congratulations to all of the donations that you've received, and Leadership can't wait to see all the clubs again next year!



## Attention 9th & 10th grade students attending from outside the Windsor District

If you currently have an Inter-district Transfer Agreement (IDT) or live outside of Windsor Unified School District boundaries, you need to complete an Inter-District Transfer Request for the 2017-2018 school year. Your IDT must be approved or you will not receive classes at Windsor High.

IDT request applications are available at [wusd.org](http://wusd.org) -- Click on "departments" followed by "educational services" and then select "Interdistrict Transfer Form"

**WUSD is looking for Bus Drivers** -- contact the Human Resources Department for more information.

## COUNSELING & CAREER CENTER NEWS --

**Attention Seniors --** If you are enrolled in *Odyssey* for credit recovery, time runs out at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday (May 18), which is the deadline to complete all graduation required credits in Odyssey.

**Internship Students --** Be sure to check your e-mail accounts for the class evaluation form.

*Have your employer complete the form and return it to Ms. Taddei by Friday, May 19th.*

**Santa Rosa Junior College Summer 2017 Schedule of Classes is now online!** >> <https://classes.santarosa.edu/>

High School students should submit their Concurrent Enrollment ASAP!

For other **enrichment opportunities** for all grades, be sure to check out the hundreds of programs on NAVIANCE on the ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS under the COLLEGES tab. <http://connection.naviance.com/windsorhigh>

**Are you looking for a job?** *Head up to the Counseling Center and check out the job postings board*

**Burbank Housing is looking for students to volunteer this summer** working with children and distributing fresh produce in Windsor. Stop by their table on Friday, April 7 during lunch for more information or contact Cheyenne Danbrova at [cdanbrova@burbankhousing.org](mailto:cdanbrova@burbankhousing.org) or 707-303-1025.

### SENIOR Reminders!

- ✓ **Make sure to stop by the library and check and see if you owe any Library fines.**  
*You will not be able to pick up your diploma until all fines are cleared.*
- ✓ **Cap & Gown distribution is next Wednesday (May 17) 12:15 – 12:45 in the Small Gym.**

**SENIORS --** **Before you can pick up your graduation tickets, you'll need to complete the WHS Senior Exit Survey.** Log into Naviance, click on surveys and update your plans for after graduation. *E-mail Ms. Taddei at [jtaddei@wusd.org](mailto:jtaddei@wusd.org) if you have any questions.*

### Project Grad News --

**Seniors --** Having one last fabulous night is a great way to close out your senior year, so get your ticket and get your friends on-board too. Forms are available to be picked up/dropped off in the office (as well as an updated list of names if you need to refresh your memory) or use Paypal on our website [www.windsorhighprojectgrad.org](http://www.windsorhighprojectgrad.org)

**Parents --** Sign-up to help at WHS Project Grad through our [online sign up form](#).

**Volunteers are needed now!** <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448aba62babf94-whsproject/>



**ADA Seating/Sign Language Interpreting for Graduation.** ADA reserved seating is available for handicap guests. If needed, 1 caretaker can accompany ADA guest. If your guest is deaf or hard of hearing, a Sign Language Interpreter is available. Contact Carrie Carstensen at 837-7767 x 2202.

## SPORTS --

**Dance Team Tryouts** -- Friday (May 12) from 4 – 6 and Saturday (May 13) from 4- 6 in the Small Gym.  
*All genders are welcome to tryout.*

**FOOTBALL** -- **Spring Practice** starts Monday, May 15 at 3:45 p.m.  
(meet in the weight room)

**GIRLS GOLF** -- **Lunchtime meeting** in Ms. Buckman's room  
(K-110) Wednesday (May 10)



**TUE (5-9)** 4:00pm -- JV/Varsity Girls Softball vs. Montgomery (*dismiss: 2:30*)

**WED (5-10)** 4:00pm -- Frosh Baseball vs. Casa Grande (*dismiss: 2:30*)  
4:00pm -- Varsity Baseball vs. Montgomery (*dismiss: 2:30*)  
4:00pm -- JV Baseball at Montgomery (*dismiss: 2:10*)  
T.B.D. -- Track NBL Trials at Cardinal Newman (*dismiss: TBD*)  
5:00pm -- Girls Lacrosse NCS Playoffs WHS vs. Branson at College of Marin

**THU (5-11)** 4:00pm -- Varsity Girls Softball at Casa Grande (*dismiss: 1:50*)

**FRI (5-12)** 4:00pm -- Varsity Baseball at Casa Grande (*dismiss: 1:50*)  
4:00pm -- JV Baseball vs. Casa Grande (*dismiss: 2:30*)  
T.B.D. -- Track NBL Finals at Cardinal Newman (*dismiss: TBD*)

**SAT (5-13)** 8:00am -- Varsity Badminton - NCS Tournament of Champions  
3:30pm -- Frosh Baseball vs. Rancho Cotate