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Monday 2/2	Tuesday 2/3	Wednesday 2/4	Thursday 2/5	Friday 2/6	Saturday 2/7	Sunday 2/8
<p>"Snow Day"</p> <p>7th & 8th Grade Growth and Changes- *Lesson moved to February 23rd</p> <p>MathCounts Practice Competition at CFA- *Postponed</p>	<p>"Remote Learning Day"</p> <p>-see email for instructions</p>	<p>Middle School Science Olympiad- 2:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>Elementary Science Olympiad- 2:30-3:30 pm or as scheduled by Event Coaches</p>	<p>% NC Battleship and Bellamy Mansion Field Trip</p> <p>Spanish Club- 2:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>6th Grade & NCVPS Study Hall- 2:30-4:30 pm</p> <p>6th Grade Counseling Lesson- 3:30-4:30 pm</p> <p>Costa Rica Student Traveler Meeting- Guided Study</p> <p>Costa Rica Parent Traveler Meeting- 5:30-6:30 pm</p>		<p>Regional Science Fair- UNCW</p> <p>Willowdale Urban Farm WOW Event- 10:00 am-1:00 pm Sign Up Here *Postponed</p> <p>Drama Club Rehearsals- 2:00- 6:00 pm *See email for your specific times</p>	<p>Rescheduled Wolfpack Invitational-Middle School Science Olympiad</p> <p>Drama Club Rehearsals- 3:00- 6:00 pm *See email for your specific times</p>
Monday 2/9	Tuesday 2/10	Wednesday 2/11	Thursday 2/12	Friday 2/13	Saturday 2/14	Sunday 2/15
<p>7th & 8th Grade Growth and Changes- 8th- 2:30-3:30 pm 7th- 3:30-4:30 pm</p>	<p>Admissions Tour- 8:45-10:00 am</p> <p>Q3 Field Trip Committee Meeting- 10:55-11:45 am</p> <p>Middle School MathCounts- 2:30-3:45 pm</p> <p>Art Club- 2:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>4th/5th Study Hall and Counseling Lesson 2:30- 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Graduation Committee Meeting- 1:15 pm</p> <p>Middle School Science Olympiad- 2:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>Elementary Science Olympiad- 2:30-3:30 pm or as scheduled by Event Coaches</p>	<p>Chess Club- 2:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>7th Grade & NCVPS Study Hall- 2:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>7th & 8th Grade Counseling Lesson- 3:30-4:30 pm</p>	<p>"Owl Be Your Valentine" 2026 </p> <p>Nest Geography Bee- Abbreviated Schedule</p> <p>Drama Club Rehearsals- 2:30-3:45 pm Evie, Carlos, Jay, Mal</p>	<p>Brookdale Senior Living WOW Event- Sign Up Here</p>	<p>Morningside Senior Living WOW Event- Sign Up Here</p>

*Check out our [Spring Planning Calendar](#) to explore the 2nd Semester at WAAS.

Birthdays This Week!

Caroline Barker- February 6th

Cash Navejar- February 6th

Maddie Torok- February 7th



3rd Quarter Interim Reports-

Interim Reports for the 3rd academic quarter are available in Jupiter Ed as of this past Friday. Parents, please take time to review your student's progress and grades together as a family. The end of the 3rd academic quarter is Friday, March 13th. Report Cards for the 3rd quarter will go home on Friday, March 20th.



WAAS Yearbook and Planner Design Contest Winners!

Congratulations to Avie Arnold and Myra Shanker who are our Cover Design Contest winners this year at WAAS! Avie's artwork will be featured on the cover of our 2025-2026 WAAS Yearbook and Myra's artwork will be featured on our 2026-2027 WAAS Planner! Thank you for your creativity and the hard work you put into this special contribution to our school community! Both students also received an exciting cash prize for their wonderful designs!



Get Your Pictures in the 2025-2026 WAAS Yearbook-

Mrs. Ashley is working on our 2025-2026 yearbook and we would love to have your picture submissions! We can't guarantee that every picture will be used, but many will. Please submit any pictures from this school year that you are interested in being a part of our WAAS Yearbook to the email media@wilmingtonacademy.org. The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 27th. We appreciate your support!



Sign Up to Participate in the 2026 WAAS Talent Show!

Our WAAS Talent Show this year will take place on Thursday, April 16th at 5:00 pm in our Backlot. There is no cost to this event for participants, or audience members. Interested student participants should sign up for auditions, taking place Tuesday, March 24th after school. We are excited to see your many talents on display this Spring at WAAS!

[WAAS Talent Show Sign Up 2026](#)



WAAS Spring Middle School Dance 2026- “A Night in New York”

Thank you to our Student Leadership Association members for leading the planning for our Spring Middle School Dance this year! The dance will be held on Friday, March 27th from 5:30-7:15 pm. The cost of admission to the dance is \$10, and can be paid at the door, or paid via FACTS (please let Mr. Fischetti know if you would like to use FACTS).



Theme and Attire-

The theme for the dance this year is **“A Night in New York”**, and students are encouraged to dress **“NYC Cool”**. This is not a formal dance, and the purchase of new or expensive attire for the dance is not encouraged. Students can enjoy dressing in the style of the theme, or are encouraged to dress **casually**→ **semi-casually**.

Dress Code-

Attire for the dance should meet the standards for our **Friday dress down** code. An exception to this is that spaghetti strap dresses or tops are approved, provided they maintain a school appropriate non-revealing neck line, and meet length requirements. Students attending the dance out of dress code will be provided alternative clothing to wear for the event. Our intention is to create an event where students feel comfortable, confident, and included while still adhering to school expectations. If you, or your student has questions about attire, please reach out for clarification.

Dance Rules-

- The WAAS dance is for WAAS Middle School (6th-8th Grade) students only.
- Students will only be able to leave the dance with their parent, or an approved carpool driver.
- School rules apply at all times during the dance. Appropriate behavior and dancing is expected.
- No cell phones are not allowed at any time during the dance. The school phone will be available.
- Leave the cafeteria one at a time, no groups in the hallways. Other than going to the restroom, all students are asked to stay in the cafeteria dance space or approved classroom during the event.

Supporting the Dance-

The SLA students are interested in having large cardboard sections donated to build cityscape decorations for the dance. Also, parents interested in helping with, or donating toward food or other elements of the dance please reach out to Ms. Puritis. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars: Additional February & March Activities/Breaks at WAAS-

Additional February & March

Activities & Breaks at WAAS

- ♥ Nest Geography Bee - Friday, February 13th - Abbreviated Schedule
- ♥ WAAS Winter Break - February 16th - 20th
- ♥ Middle School Costa Rica Trip - February 15th - 20th
- ♥ Head of School Huddle - High School Enrollment & Transition - Friday, February 27th - 8:00 am
- ♥ Q3 Birthday Celebrations - Wednesday, March 11th
- ♥ Parent Huddle - SEL for the AIG Student - Part 1 - Wednesday, March 11th - 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- ♥ Nest Knockout Basketball - Friday, March 13th - Abbreviated Schedule
- Teacher Workday - Monday, March 16th

Spring Track and Fitness Club- [Sign Up Here](#)

Please use the link provided below to sign up for the Track & Fitness Club Spring season. Practices will take place on Mondays after school beginning Monday, March 2nd after school from 3:00- 4:00 pm.

We rely on parents to help carpool to practice, so for this registration parents please work together with your student on signing up. All ability and experience levels are encouraged to join in on the fun! We focus on enjoyment, learning and self-improvement.

The Spring season is focused on the one mile run, and we hope to offer a race option or two on the track at UNCW during the season.

[Track and Fitness Club Sign Up Spring 2026](#)



Upcoming WOW Community Service Events-WAAS Counseling Spotlight-

*Please sign up using the links below if you are interested in participating in these wonderful community service events! **Middle School service hours for 2025-2026 are due on Friday, May 1st.***

1. **Brookdale and Morningside Senior Living Visits**
Saturday, February 14th- 10:30 am- 12:30 pm and **Sunday, February 15th** 10:30 am- 12:30 pm- [Sign Up Here](#)
2. **Peaceful Pastures**
Thursday, March 12th- 3:15 pm- 5:30 pm
[Sign Up Here](#)
3. **The Miracle League-**
Saturday, March 28th- shift options of 9:15-11:30, 11:30-12:45, and 12:45- 3:00-
[Sign Up Here](#)
4. **First Fruit Ministry Food Pantry-**
Saturday, April 25th- 8:30-1:00 pm
[Sign Up Here](#)

**[Click Here for all WAAS Middle School Community Service Resources](#)*

Owl Outreach Club Spring Service Events!

Owl Outreach Upcoming Events (all are welcome!):

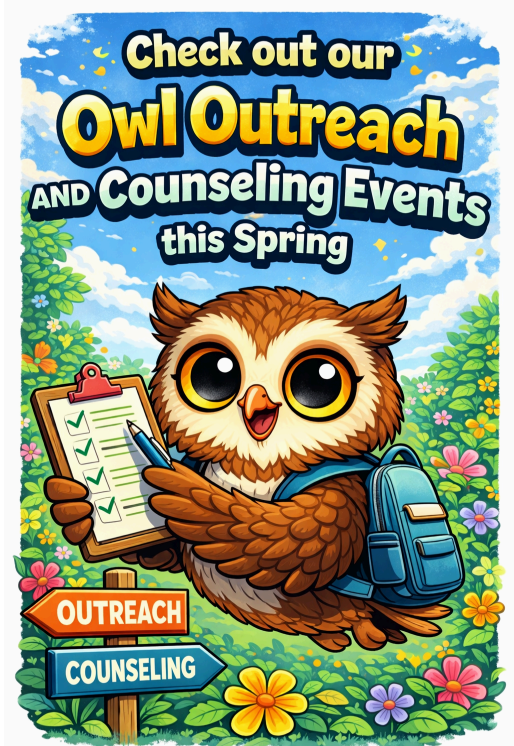
All students are welcome and encouraged to join us for Owl Outreach's Spring Service Events at WAAS:

2/24/26- Students will decorate doors in the building full of bright colors and motivational spring themes. Come join the creativity and fun!

3/24/26- Spring campus clean up and beautification project. Show pride in our campus by picking up trash, spreading mulch, and planting flowers!

4/28/26- WAAS teachers are the best and we want them to know it! We will create a heartfelt banner to be displayed during Teacher Appreciation Week. Bring your artistic skills and fun ideas!

Each session you attend and participate in equals 1 hour of volunteer credit!



Spring Counseling Lesson Topics- Looking Ahead

The learning and skill development is taking flight in our Spring counseling lessons. Please join us if you are able to!

All 4th/5th grade students are invited to attend these upcoming lessons from 3:30-4:30 pm with Mrs. McCoy:

2/10: Growth Mindset: Perseverance/Resilience

3/3: Executive Functioning Skills: Three Main Brain Skills that are used for executive functioning: WORKING MEMORY, SELF-CONTROL, and MENTAL FLEXIBILITY

3/17: Executive Functioning Skills: Recognizing strengths and weaknesses within 10 executive functioning skills

4/21: Executive Functioning Skills: Focus/Attention and Tolerating Boredom

5/5: Executive Functioning Skills: Managing Time

5/19: Executive Functioning Skills: Managing Emotions with Family/Friends

All 6th-graders are welcome to join the following lessons with Mrs. McCoy (3:30-4:30):

2/5 Mindfulness Can Change Our Brains

3/5 Establishing Privacy and Recognizing Boundaries of others online

5/7 Shattering Stereotypes

All 7th-graders are welcome to join the following lessons with Mrs. McCoy (3:30-4:30):

2/12: Memory Hacks for Easier Studying

3/12: Teenage Brain and Risk-Taking

4/16: Resilience When Plans Fall Apart

5/14: Navigating Shifts in Friendships

All 8th-graders are welcome to join the following lessons with Mrs. McCoy (3:30-4:30):

2/12: Memory Hacks for Easier Studying

3/19: Exam Prep this Spring

4/16: Breaking Down and Celebrating Success

Keeping Our School Community Healthy-

As we move through the winter months, we ask for your support in keeping our school community healthy. Parents, please keep your student home when they are sick, to focus on getting well as a priority. Students should remain home until they are fever & symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. **Please communicate with Mrs. Ashley and/or Mr. Fischetti when your student is sick, to excuse them from school.**

When a student is out sick and feeling well enough to complete work, **the student should email all of the teachers (one combined email) to ask if there are assignments they can begin working on while they are out of school.** Students receive two additional days to complete work for each day they are out sick, for up to a week of absence. After they are well and have returned to school students have the opportunity to stay after school until 4:30 pm Mondays-Thursdays if they would like to work on makeup assignments. We appreciate your support, and stay well!



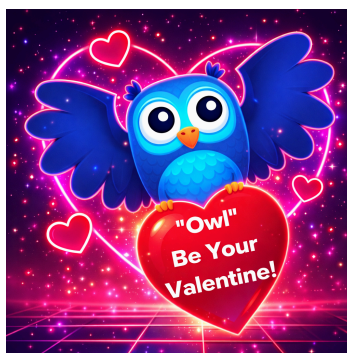
Recurring Information from Previous Wise Owl Newsletters-

"Owl Be Your Valentine" 2026-

For Valentine's Day, WAAS annually celebrates by encouraging students to bring in candy/ Valentine's for their classmates. On Valentine's Day (Friday, February 13th), all students are asked to bring in a piece of candy and/or a Valentine for their specific grade level classmates as outlined: (4th/5th-25 Students, 6th- 23 Students, 7th- 23 Students, 8th- 23 Students).

To be prepared to receive the candy and as a part of our celebration, students decorate a Valentine's bag in Art Explorations class. Students will decorate their bags this year in Art Explorations on Monday, February 9th, and Tuesday, February 10th. This year students will compete by grade level using the theme: **"Wings of Wisdom: Soaring Through Knowledge" – celebrating a love for learning, growth, and imagination.** Bags will be judged by WAAS staff and the 1st Place bag in each grade level will receive special recognition, and the student will receive a \$15 amazon gift card!

Owl Be Your Valentine 2026



Boys Middle School Tennis Sign Ups-

Please complete the quick survey below if you are interested in Boys Middle School tennis this Spring. The WAAS boys tennis season will take place March 4th - April 24th. Thank you to our coaches Neil Ray and Todd Doroski for leading our team this year!

Practices and matches are held after school, typically at Long Leaf Park or Empie Park. Matches will take place with other local private schools and public schools and a full calendar will be released in February. Most practices and matches will take place on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 pm. Middle School boys of all ability levels are invited to join. Additional information will be shared with those that sign up once the schedule is finalized. Thank you for your interest!

WAAS Tennis Interest Form- Middle School Boys Spring 2026



New Summer Camp Added!- STEM Stars

Mrs. Lodato will be leading a new Summer camp this year called STEM Stars. This Science, Technology, Engineering and Math based camp will be geared primarily towards rising 4th and 5th grade students and take place from July 20th- 24th- 9:00-12:00 We are excited for this new, fun, exploratory camp opportunity!



WAAS Summer Camp Sign Up 2026

WAAS Leadership Development Lab Opportunity this Spring-
Join Our Spring Extracurricular “Leadership Lab” for 7th and 8th Grade Students! 🦉🎓

This Spring, Mrs. McCoy and Mr. Fischetti are piloting a new student leadership development course at WAAS. **We are very excited to offer this course to 7th and 8th grade students who want to take their high school and future leadership preparation to the next level!**

Leadership isn't just about being in charge; it's about knowing yourself, working well with others, and making a positive impact. **Students will further reflect on, and develop 21st century skills, with a specific focus on confidence, self-awareness, integrity, communication, teamwork, initiative, resilience, decision making, and problem-solving.**

Students will participate in interactive activities, team challenges, discussions, and real-world leadership scenarios—all in a supportive and engaging environment. The course will be held over 4 sessions on Thursdays, February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, and April 30th from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. **At the end of the course students will receive a certificate of completion, and the ability to use this experience on their resumes and high school applications.** Parents or students, please use the link below to sign up.

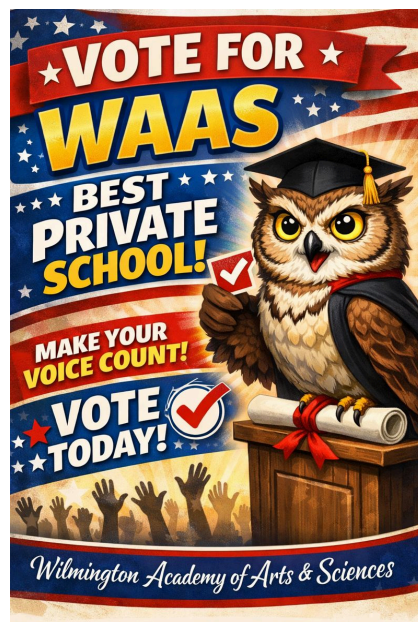
[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)



Vote for WAAS Best of Wilmington Private School's 2026-

Please take a few moments to vote for WAAS as the Best of Wilmington Private School for 2026. Voting is open until March 15th. Thank you!

[Vote Here!](#)



Foreign Exchange Hosting Opportunity Spring 2026-

To promote world language learning, local schools/ staff annually organize a French-American exchange between Wilmington and Strasbourg, France. American students host a French native speaker for two weeks which this year will be April 12th- 25th. The program is looking for families to host the students. Hosting students/ families would then have the opportunity to travel to France in the future. For more information, please contact Mrs. Haney at paigehaney28412@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration!



Upcoming February and March Birthdays!-

Mrs. Rivenbark- February 16th

Jackson Point- February 20th

Sophia Robinson- February 20th

Frankie Prather- February 25th

Mrs. Christmas- February 27th

Annelise Henderson- March 10th

Lenna Hoff- March 15th

Takoda Lac- March 19th

Breccan Hayes- March 21st

Ziva Panchal- March 25th

Hartley Hoff- March 27th

Bentley Burton- March 29th

Mr. Simon- March 31st

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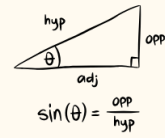
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Important Links/ Documents for Reference-

<p><u>Calendars</u> Academic Year Calendar 2025-2026 Academic Year Calendar 2026-2027 Google Calendar Full Year Planning Calendar</p>
<p><u>Policies and Procedures</u> Student-Parent Handbook Apparel Store Dress Code WAAS Field Trip & Club Policy/ Summary Community Service Resources</p>
<p><u>Celebrations, Enrichment, and Keys to Success</u> Owlsome Observations! WAAS Club Brochure WAAS Drama Website Reminders for Success / Best Practices for Student Learning at WAAS *Teacher Resources Slide/ Teacher Resource Guide</p>

Wise Owl Newsletters 25-26

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