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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 D-Day</b> Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Cereal Lunch: Cobb Salad  School Activates Boys V Tennis  PM: IB Biology	<b>2 A-Day</b> Breakfast: Pancakes Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Wrap Vegetable Wrap  School Activities  V Baseball Boys & Girls Track  AM: IB Biology	<b>3 B-Day</b> Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Muffin Lunch: Breaded Chicken Sandwich Turkey-Ham Wrap  School Activities  Boys JV Golf Boys V Tennis V Softball  PM: IB English	<b>4 C-Day</b> Breakfast: Waffles Lunch: Hamburger  School Activities Boys V Tennis JV & V Softball V Baseball  AM: IB English  PM: IB Math & IB Math Studies	<b>5 D-Day</b> Breakfast: Bagel Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Sandwich  School Activities JV & V Softball  AM: IB Math & IB Math Studies  PM: Computer Science	<b>6 Saturday</b> School 9:30-11:11:30 Fischpera
7	<b>8 A-Day</b> Breakfast: Waffles Lunch: Soy Butter & Jelly  School Activities Boys V Tennis V Softball V Baseball  AM: IB Computer Science  <b>Half            Day</b>	<b>9 B-Day</b> Breakfast: Sausage and Cheese Lunch: Salad  School Activities  Boys V Golf Boys V Tennis V Softball Boys Varsity Track  AM: AP CALC PM: IB HOTA	<b>10 C-Day</b> Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait Lunch: Flat bread  School Activities Boys V & JV Golf Boys V Tennis V Baseball JV & V Softball  AM: IB HOTA AM: AP Language Skills USA exam	<b>11 D-Day</b> Breakfast: Turkey, Ham, & Egg Sandwich Cereal Lunch: Salad Pizza Chicken wrap  School activities Boys V Tennis V Baseball JV & V Softball  AM: AP World PM: IB Chemistry	<b>12 A-Day</b> Breakfast: Yogurt Lunch: Tacos  AM: IB Chemistry PM: IB Psychology	<b>13 Saturday</b> School 9:30-11:30 Roselli
14	<b>15 B-Day</b> Breakfast: French Toast Lunch: Chicken Nuggets  AM: IB Physics	<b>16 C-Day</b> Breakfast: Pancakes Lunch: Wrap  AM: IB Physics PM: IB Spanish	<b>17 D-Day</b> Breakfast: Sausage and Cheese Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Wrap  School Activities V Baseball  AM: 1B Spanish AM: AP US History	<b>18 A-Day</b> Breakfast: Waffles Lunch: Breaded Chicken Wrap Egg Salad  AM: 1B ITGS PM: IB French	<b>19 B-Day</b> Breakfast: Bagel Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Wrap  AM: 1B French AM: AP Lit NYSESLAT Testing Ends	<b>20 Saturday</b> School 9:30-11:30 Passero
21	<b>22 C-Day</b> Breakfast: French Toast Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Salad Popcorn Chicken  School Activities V Softball  Field Testing: Global	<b>23 D-Day</b> Breakfast: Sausage, Egg & Cheese Lunch: Pizza  School Activates  Boys V Golf Boys V Tennis V Softball  Field Testing: Algebra 2 & Geometry	<b>24 A-Day</b> Breakfast: Pancakes Lunch: Turkey-Ham Wrap  School Activates  Boys V Golf Boys V Tennis V Baseball JV & V Softball Boys & Girls Track	<b>25 B-Day</b> Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Pizza  School Activates  Boys V Golf V Baseball	<b>26 C-Day</b> Breakfast: Yogurt Lunch: Tacos  School Activates  Boys V Tennis V Baseball V Softball  <b>Mock Algebra 1            For First Time 9<sup>TH</sup>            Graders</b>	<b>27</b> V Softball
28	<b>29</b>  <b>Memorial            Day</b>	<b>30 D-Day</b> Breakfast: French Toast Lunch: Tacos  Post-Assessments Begin				



# Prom Overrated?

May 26, 2017



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It's June and prom is coming up fast... but is prom really going to live up to all the hype<sup>1</sup> that the students have created? Prom is one of the most talked about events for every high school senior.

Students plan what color they are going to wear, whom they are going to take...

Female students plan extravagant hairstyles and outfits, spending around \$500 to \$1000 total.

Male students go to tailors to get their suit or tuxedo custom fit.

Sometimes students rent a limo or cars to arrive to prom in style.

All of this costs a lot of money.

As a kid, youths watch Disney shows and series that depict prom as one of the most exciting thing to do in high school. Students are having fun with their friends, dancing, and it looks like the best time of all their high school years. But that is only the fantasy that Disney wants you to think.

Sometimes prom is not really what they television fantasies lead us to believe.

Asia Hicks, Wilson Magnet High School senior, said that, "prom wasn't really as exciting as she thought out it would be."

Hicks explains that people would just stand on the sides and wouldn't go dance.

For the most part, it seems like Hicks's prom was a non-event.

Students spend, at least, \$500 dollars on the prom to look nice and have a great time. But when it comes down to dancing, most tend to be shy and just stand around the dance floor, looking at each other.

After the months of build-up, ordering dresses/suits weeks before prom, and styling hair, everything seems to go down the drain when no one wants to start the party.

So this year, let's make 'Moroccan Nights' a night to remember.

It is up to us to justify the hype.

If we don't, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, after we've spent hundreds of dollars, the most common complaint will be, "is that all it was?"

Let's live up to the hype.

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<sup>1</sup> Hype-An object or event that people are excited to get or go to/ making a person enthusiastic about what they are doing



# Full-Time Educator, Part-Time Singer

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When not teaching code or encouraging her students, Mrs. Blanco, computer science teacher here at Wilson Magnet High School, sings in a contemporary band and in a church choir.

Blanco mostly performs during Sunday services. At her church, while they do perform traditional hymns, Blanco and her band perform modern songs.

This is not a usual church band, Blanco says that it has, “drums, guitars and more.”

She adds, “We don’t only sing gospel music or traditional church songs. We play modern music. Not rap but modern, church music.” With her interest in modern music, she gets a taste of the music her students are into today.

Blanco believes that being part of the band helps her to help her strengthen her belief. The strength she gains helps to motivate her on a day-to-day basis.

This motivation also helps her to connect and bond with her students.

She practices and prepares just like students would when studying for a test.

On top of that, she sings in class, sharing the list of songs that she performs with her students, allowing them to express their feelings about her music.

Because of her musical background, Blanco sees the importance of music in others’ lives and allows her students to play music class.

After school, you may often hear music coming from her room while she prepares herself for evening.

Music has become a major focus in Blanco’s life. She routinely sings with her family before and after her concerts.

The inspiration that Blanco receives while performing affects her motivation to work with the band, her willingness to be a member of this church, and opens up new ways to connect with students here at Wilson High School.

Sometimes your hobbies can have a major impact on your life. Just ask Mrs. Blanco, she’ll tell you a story from a song in her heart.





# May the Fourth Be With You

May 26, 2017



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Today, in a galaxy very, very near, Earth celebrates a very special day where fans of Star Wars can show their love of the franchise. Their force finally awakens on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Star Wars is a science fiction franchise created by George Lucas, 40 years ago, that has grown to include movies, books, comics, video games, toys, and animated shows.

This 1977 film has become one of the highest-grossing movie series of all time and is now entrenched in mainstream popular culture.

May the 4<sup>th</sup> was chosen for Star Wars day as it closely resembles the iconic line from the original film, “May the force be with you.”

On this day, fans attend conventions, cosplay parties and just have an overall good time enjoying their favorite Star Wars film.

There are events organized around the world ranging from costume contests to museum exhibits to tours of space centers.

One worldwide organization is the 501<sup>st</sup> legion. This group specializes in recreating the imperial “bad guys” from the films to spread their love for costuming and Star Wars.

Mr. Burns is an English Teacher at Wilson as-well-as a resident 501<sup>st</sup> member.

This past May the 4<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Burns visited Dudley Elementary School in the morning and Syracuse’s Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital in the afternoon.

Burns says, “Being at the hospital was rewarding and a great honor. Seeing smiles from children, many of whom too sick to get out of bed, and their families is a feeling that I will never forget. I am humbly thankful to everyone involved for giving me the chance to visit.”

While the hospital visit shows that Mr. Burns may really have a heart, the visit to Dudley was also rewarding.

Burns states, “The visit was a blast but the best was when a parent approached me the following day. She said, ‘My daughter came home with Star Wars cards wanting to know what it was. I put in the movie and today she just had to have the Princess Leia hairstyle for school.’ Mission accomplished!”

So if you have yet to see a Star Wars movie, now is as good a time as any. Next year, maybe you can join Mr. Burns in spreading the love while saying, “May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you.”



Photo taken by a patient’s parent from inside their child’s hospital room