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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 D-Day Breakfast: Cherry Strudel Lunch: Chicken nuggets and Steamed Broccoli	5 A-Day Breakfast: Sausage Egg and Cheese Lunch: Pizza Crunchers School Activities: Sports Banquet	6 B-Day Breakfast: Egg and cheese Lunch: Breaded Chicken Sandwich	7 C-Day Breakfast: Cinnamon Breakfast Round Lunch: Turkey Ham and Cheese Sandwich	8 D-Day Breakfast: Bagel Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Sandwich	9
10	11 A-Day Breakfast: Oatmeal bar Lunch: Buffalo chicken wrap	12 Regents: English & Algebra	13 Regents: US History & Living Environment	14 Regents: Earth Science & Algebra II	15	16
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Summer Vacation!						

May Monthly Horoscope



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Aries (March 21- April 19)

Think before jumping headfirst into a new decision or project. Take your time to think it through before putting in your full commitment.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)

Your relationships with friends and family are at its best. Don't get used to this for too long...something is going rock your world soon.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)

Your procrastination is catching up to you and you're stuck in a rut. Practice managing your time or you will be overwhelmed by the work that will catch up to you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Money is tight for you right now but you have a niche and you don't take advantage of it. This is your time to put your talents to use to make extra money on the side.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You've been selfish lately. Try doing something nice for someone close to you, just show that you care and randomly go out of your way for them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Things seem to be coming apart for a while so just try to stay positive and patient while the universe does its thing. It'll be better shortly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Watch your spending. You put the work hard in so don't let it go to waste on unnecessary things. Try to budget your finances better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You feel like you can't trust anyone right now but be sure not to push those close to away. You need them more than you think.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're extremely trustworthy and have a strong wit but watch what you're saying. Your opinion and advice could offend someone. Take a gentler approach on speaking so it doesn't damage someone close.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

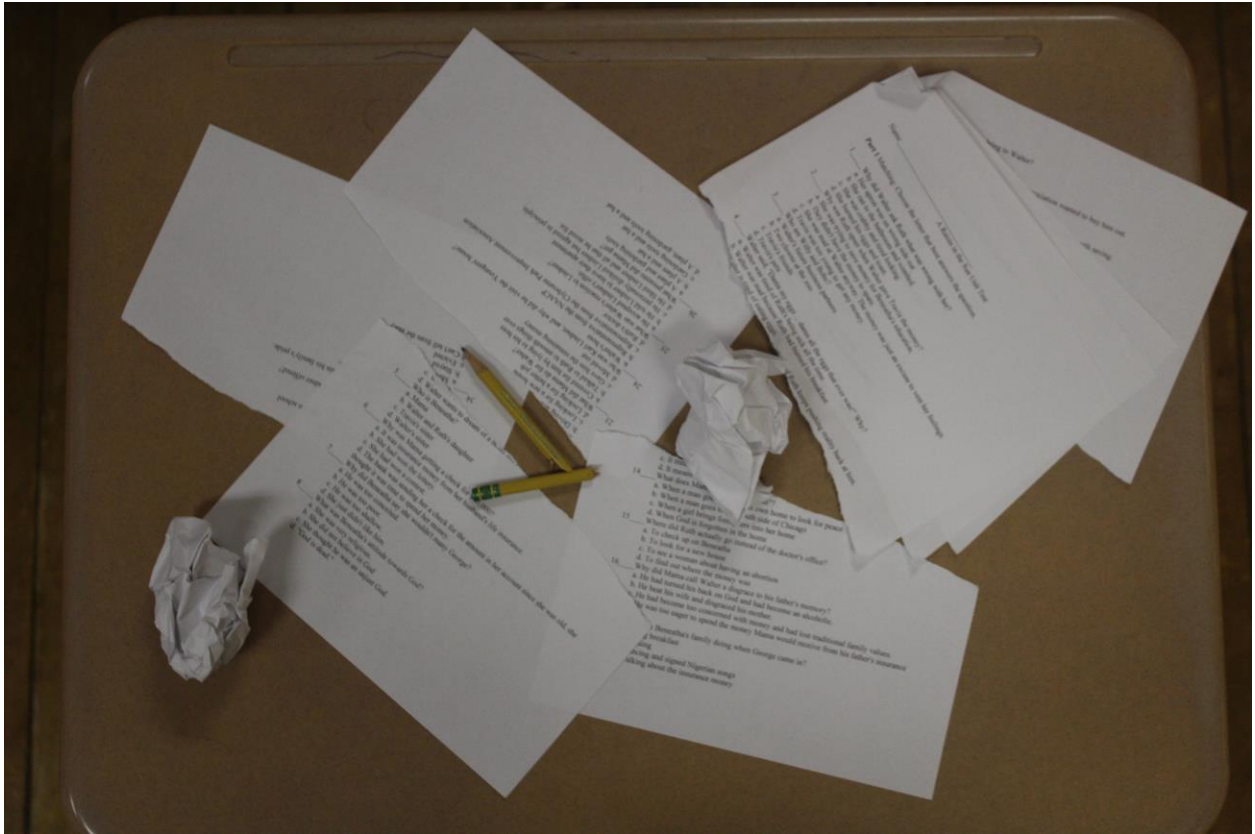
You've been stressed out. So it's time to slowdown and relax. Enjoy your life and summer with your friends and/or significant other.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

There are big opportunities coming your way but there will be obstacles in your way to deter you from succeeding. Stay focused and keep your eye on the prize.

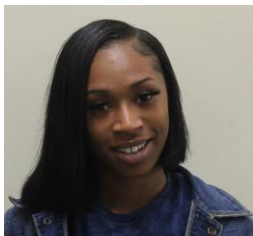
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have a lot of responsibilities on your plate currently and it is overwhelming you. Take your time to handle your responsibilities accordingly and don't put too much on yourself.



The Stress Test

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Its spring and the weather is getting hot and students are soon to get out of school and are get ready for summer—but high school students are stressing about tests they need and the amount of studying that they have to do to pass.

Graduation is around the corner and seniors are getting nervous about classes and tests they need to pass in order to graduate.

The New York state tests are coming up and if some students don't pass they won't be able to graduate or will have to attend summer school.

Since it is the last marking period some students are struggling to pass all of their classes and do their work. They are getting their last minute papers in and preparing for presentations.

Being a senior around this time is very stressful because there are so many events and activities that are taking place such as prom, senior skip day, talent and fashion shows, field trips and other activities that put a lot on us students.

These activities can be used as a stress reliever for students but can also be a distraction to students trying to get their work done. It's already almost summer so teens are ready to be out of school.

Due to the nice weather students don't really want to stay afterschool to do makeup work and attend reviews for test.

As graduation approaches quickly, seniors are excited and ready to be done with High School and become actual adults. They are leaving high school and going into the real world.

Sadly, some seniors they are struggling with grades or are worried about if they are walking the stage in June. This can be stressful because you have to work extra hard to pass all of your classes and hand your work in on time.

If you're a senior who really wants to graduate and get out of school then you would put the time in to make sure that it happens.



Prom Pressure

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Prom season can be the most stressful but yet exciting time of the year.

Yes, prom may seem like a lot of fun but the planning can be the worst part of it all.

For females you have many things to plan for. Such as hair, nails, makeup, dress, shoes, accessories... Then, on top of that, they have to stress about their date's look—to ensure that they match (if they have one).

For the males, all they really have to worry about is a haircut, their tux rather they rent one or buy one, and shoes.

Then you have things that both parties have to think of: transportation, prom tickets, corsage and boutonniere, plans after prom, and what time they should be ready.

Lavasha Perez, senior at Wilson Magnet high School feels that prom preparations are, “Very stressful. You have to book everything in advance and sometimes things don't fall through as they should.”

Although planning may be stressful, prom preparation and prom is all worth it.

When you make it to your hair appointments and love the outcome, do your last fitting to make sure everything fits alright or you have last minute running around to complete your prom day, it boosts your excitement!

Then it is prom day and it's time to get dressed.

You get to be a “star” and you have people taking pictures of you from every angle like they are the paparazzi.

They're making sure everything is okay and you are satisfied with your look.

After taking pictures, you get to prom and are surrounded by friends and all different kinds of music.

You dance, take more pictures, make jokes and spread good vibes.

Once you experience prom, it was all worth the stress and frustration for a lifetime of memories.



The New Kid

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My first day at Wilson, I walked in circles for five minutes before I found my first class. Before coming to Wilson, I was a student at Midwood, a school in the heart of Brooklyn.

I moved to up here around late February and started school mid-March. I've lived in Brooklyn for almost my whole life so moving up to Rochester was definitely a huge change for me.

During my first week of high school at Midwood, I joined the lacrosse team and met people who have become like family to me. I was never really alone after that.

Then again, it's sort of hard to feel alone with over 4,000 people around you.

During my first week at Wilson, I was nervous and really uncomfortable. I didn't know anyone and I didn't have that safety net I had with joining a team and meeting people that way.

The RTS is sort of different from the transit system in NYC. My first time taking the bus up here was filled with piles of snow everywhere, it was really dark out and the bus driver drove right past me.

My old school's building was about the same size as Wilson, maybe smaller, but the graduating class alone was over 1,000 students. We didn't have lockers or a swimming pool (but it was a tradition to tell freshmen that there was a pool on the roof).

I tried to be involved at Midwood. I joined SING, a student-run production that started at Midwood. The underclassmen, juniors, and seniors compete against one another and judges decide which production was the best based on the storyline, art, music, singing, dancing, and more.

It's definitely rigged though because the seniors always win.

Sometimes, after the winners of SING are announced, all the students come together and work on the winning production to prepare for InterSING: a competition between different schools that participate in SING.

Starting school at Wilson was a really weird experience for me. I went from being on the lacrosse team and being a part of clubs to being the new kid and not knowing anyone.

Despite all that, I've been able to make friends and keep my grades up. I still get lost sometimes but it's a work in progress.

This fall, I'll be going to RIT and I'll be the new kid again.

I feel like, maybe now, I'll be a little more prepared for it.



HBCU Pride

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HBCUs are historically black college universities.

The first HBCU was founded in 1865 in Ohio. HBCUs were created during the period of segregation and blacks weren't offered the same educational opportunities as whites.

Have you ever walked through the hallway and saw no one that looked like you?

Have you ever entered a classroom and didn't know where to sit because none of the other students looked like you?

As a black teen it is important to know that there are schools out there designed for people of color and that there's always a place to fit in.

HBCUs comfort students because they are surrounded by peers and faculty members that share a same culture as them.

There is also diversity within the schools. Just because it's a historically black school doesn't limit it to only accepting African American applicants.

HBCUs show the true essence of what African Americans are capable of. The students and staff empower and support each other in every aspect. HBCUs prove that people of color are capable of anything when they uplift each other.

Once you graduate from an HBCU, there are countless amounts of alumni organizations for all HBCUs or specific to your state such as the Atlanta HBCU Alumni Alliance.

For the past four years the Rochester HBCU UNCF host a college fair for students throughout the city school district to be introduced to over twenty-five different HBCUs.

At the fair students participate in on-site enrollment interviews, college prep workshops and get a few tips on how to pay for college.

The next convention is October 24th at the Riverside convention center. In room 21 Mrs. Williams can provide more information on how to attend the event.

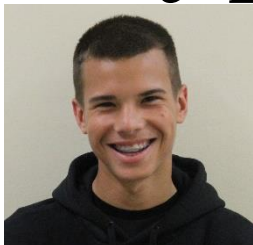
The illustrious Clark Atlanta University has a school motto which states, "I'll find a way or make one." No matter what the circumstances are self-reliance is the best reliance.

HBCUs not only offer an amazing education but you also life lesson that will stick with you for a lifetime.



Hype Beast Culture

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Over the last couple years there has been an increase in youth participation in some of the most popular fashion and style trends. At Wilson HS throughout the halls you will see many students wearing popular brands like A Bathing Ape, Supreme, and Off-White.

In today's fashion culture amongst teens, there is a lot of hype around the things we wear. Many students compete with one another to have the best outfits and sneakers.

Here at Wilson I was fortunate enough to win best dressed, but many other students deserved the spotlight as well.

The school setting is a popular outlet to display these outfits and kicks.

Many teens have gravitated to popular brands like Off-White, Supreme, Palace, Aime Leon Dore etc.

These brands have been popularized by many celebrity's including, A\$AP Rocky, Russell Westbrook, Fabulous and Tyler the Creator...now these are just some of the celebrities that have helped influence street wear brands.

Celebrities play a major role in promoting brands—especially to teens. With their influence brands are popularized and hyped.

The word “hype” is a common term to identify how cool the fashion style is or how popular the shoes are.

Some of the most hyped shoes are Virgil Abloh's “Off-White” and Kanye West “Yeezy” shoe catalog some of the shoes go for thousands of dollars.

A lot of students gravitate towards shoes as many believe the shoes make the outfit and others focus on clothing apparel the increase in youth participation in notable fashion trends has created a “Hype Beast Culture.”



Questions or Comments?

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Your letter may end up in future editions of the *Wildcat Times*

This is a letter from Management,

Another year of the *Wildcat Times* has passed and, while there were less students on the staff, the editions were incredible.

First, I would like to thank Ms. Roselli—your trust and support has been instrumental in making this publication happen.

Thank you Mr. Passero—your support and ideas are always appreciated (and will be sorely missed).

A Huge thank you to our Editor, Filicia Sinclair—posting newspapers, hanging advertisements, writing last minute stories...whatever I asked you to do - you completed spectacularly! This year's *Wildcat Times* was a success because of you and I can't thank you enough.

Thank you Mrs. Neil Adams—sorry for interrupting your classes so much for the camera.

Thank you to the Wilson staff—your willingness to go above-and-beyond for our students with interviews, pictures... Wilson truly is a great place to be!

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to our readers. You're the ones who drove us to put our best efforts forward each month and are the sole reason for our existence.

Thank You,
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