



WILSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – FLORENCE CHAPTER
Post Office Box 538 ~ Florence, South Carolina 29503-0538

June 1, 2023

Theme: ***“Wilson Tigers Don’t Chase the Dream, We Make the Dream”***

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Celebrating 157 years of our Alma Mater’s existence is indeed a milestone in history. Please plan to be a part of this momentous experience as the Wilson High School Alumni Association – Florence Chapter will be celebrating Homecoming in conjunction with Wilson High School. We are now preparing for our twenty-eight (28th) Homecoming Reunion, which will be held October 5th thru 8th. The cost of the commemorative packet for the weekend will be \$100.00 per person to include all activities except Golf and Bowling Tournaments. Our annual bowling and golf tournaments will be held Sunday night and Friday morning, respectively. A flyer is enclosed with a schedule of events for the weekend.

On Friday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., you’re asked to pick up your **registration packets and parade numbers** from the lobby of the **Francis Marion Performing Arts Center**. The **“Tigers Day Party”** will be from noon to 4:00 p.m. and the **“Tigers Block Party”** will be from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Both events will be held outside the **Francis Marion Performing Arts Center** with music and vendors.

On Saturday, our Annual Alumni Homecoming Parade will be held downtown in Florence. Our parade theme is **“Wilson Tigers Don’t Chase the Dream, We Make the Dream.”** To promote safety at the parade, a **NO Candy Throwing policy** is still in place. **Parade participants are asked to adhere to all established rules. Persons in violation of this policy will receive citations from the Florence Police Department.** Tigerfest will be held at the Florence Memorial Stadium again this year. **Please note that Tigerfest will be a cashless gate and tickets can only be purchased online.**

Finally, on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., our annual **Hall of Fame Breakfast** will take place in the Commons Area at Wilson High School. At this time, we will honor Wilsonians who have displayed qualities as outstanding Tigers.

To commemorate the 157th Year Celebration, **ALL CLASSES** are asked to contribute \$157 (in addition to any previous donations to the school). This contribution will enhance our donation to Wilson, as well as secure a parade and tailgate spot.

Volunteers are needed to assist in all aspects of this great weekend. Please note the deadline for registration is **September 3, 2023**. All registrations (*classes, individuals, etc.*) after this date will pay an additional **\$50 late fee**. **No registrations (*classes, individuals, etc.*) will be accepted after October 4th**. However, no personal checks will be accepted after September 3rd. We look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,
Mark Bailey
Mark Bailey, President
(843) 319-0724

Wonza Johnson
Wonza Johnson, Homecoming Chairperson
(843) 632-2509

Enclosures



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Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 1, 2023

5:00 pm Registration, Bowling Tournament, Southgate Bowling Alley
5:30 pm Pre-Bowl/Warm Up, Bowling Tournament, Southgate Bowling Alley
6:00 pm Bowling Tournament, Southgate Bowling Alley

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Drop In – Registration, Hyatt Hotel 2nd Floor Balcony

Friday, October 6, 2023

9:00 am Golf Tournament – The Crossing Golf Club
Noon – 4:00 pm Tiger Day Party – Francis Marion Performing Arts Center featuring DJ Bug
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration/Parade/Permit Pickup, Francis Marion Performing Arts Center lobby
7:00 pm Homecoming Game – Wilson v. South Florence, Tiger Stadium
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm Block Party – Francis Marion Performing Arts Pavilion featuring entertainment by Level 10 Band and DJ Prince Ice

Saturday, October 7, 2023

8:30 am – 10:00 am Parade Line Up – Corner of Edisto and West Evans Streets
8:30 am – 10:00 am Grill and Food Drop Off – Florence Memorial Stadium
10:00 am Homecoming Parade - Downtown Florence
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm Tigerfest – Memorial Stadium (**Please note: There will be a cashless gate, tickets must be purchased online.**)

Sunday, October 8, 2023

9:00 am Hall of Fame Breakfast, Wilson High School Commons Area

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Homecoming 2023 – October 5th – October 8th

Registration Form

Homecoming Week Activities \$100.00 per person

Name _____ Class _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone # (_____) _____ Cell Phone # (_____) _____
Area Code Area Code

Email Address _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:	
Name _____	Relationship _____
Telephone: Home _____	Cell _____
<small>Area Code</small>	<small>Area Code</small>

Circle your Shirt Size: Small Medium Large XL 2X 3X 4X

I **will** not be attending the Homecoming. My donation is enclosed \$_____.

Please complete the table below:

ITEM	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Registration Package @ \$100.00 each		\$
<i>Additional <u>individual</u> tickets may be purchased for family and friends below that are not purchasing a packet.</i>		
Hall of Fame Breakfast @ \$15.00 each		
Bowling @ \$15.00 each		
Golf @ \$65.00 each (early registration)		
Tiger Day Party @ \$10.00 each		
Tigerfest @ \$10.00 each		
Total Amount Enclosed		\$

*Make checks payable to WHSAA. Please mail forms and required fees to:
 WHSAA, PO Box 538, Florence, SC 29503 – **Please include additional \$50 late fee if you're submitting this form after September 3rd. No checks will be accepted after September 3rd deadline.** Thank you for your attention and support!*

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The 28th Annual Homecoming Parade Entry Form

Parade Theme: “Wilson Tigers Don’t Chase the Dream, We Make the Dream”

Entries will be judged on Theme, Originality, Craftsmanship, and Overall Appearance.

Entry Due Date: September 3, 2023. Entries after this date will pay an additional \$50 late fee. No entries will be accepted after October 4th.

Type of entry (please check):

Float(s) Flatbed Boat Truck Car(s)

Car Club - \$100 Entry Fee + \$25 for each additional car (per car)

Motorcycle Group (limit 10 motorcycles) - \$100 Entry Fee + \$10 for each additional motorcycle

Horse Club Groups (Must use scoop to clean up per Florence Police Department.) \$50 Entry Fee

Business and Campaign - \$50 Entry Fee

Marching/Walking Group - \$50 Entry Fee

Other (please specify) _____ \$50 Entry Fee

- We agree that we will **not throw or distribute candy during the parade.** If I or the said group named below violate this policy, I understand that I/we will receive a citation from the Florence Police Department.
- WE agree **not to park in the WINN DIXIE parking lot at Cashua and Evans Streets.**
- Parade numbers can be picked up at the Francis Marion Performing Arts Center on **October 6th from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.**

Name of Organization: _____

Approximate number of persons participating: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell phone _____

Do you have activity liability insurance? Yes No

~ Authorization ~

I/we hereby agree to identify, save and hold harmless all sponsors and/or their representatives for my/our health, safety, or injury resulting from my/our participation in the Wilson High School Alumni Association Parade. As the lead person of my group, I/we are properly prepared for this event. This release is signed freely, voluntarily, and without duress. I/we are responsible for understanding and adhering to all rules and regulations of this affair.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU HEREBY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____

**WHS Alumni Association - Florence Chapter
Homecoming 2023 – October 5th – 8th
Class Registration Form**

WHS Class of (Year) _____ Homecoming Fee \$ _____

All classes are asked to contribute \$157 (in addition to any previous donations to the school).

This contribution will enhance our yearly contribution to Wilson High School, as well as secure a parade and tailgate spot.

<p><i>Will your class be participating in the parade?</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p><i>Will your class be participating in the Class Tailgate?</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p><i>Will your class be participating in the bowling tournament?</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p align="center">\$75 Additional</p>	<p><i>Did your class give a scholarship or give to Wilson during the 2022-2023 school year?</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
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<p>President/Class Organizer _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Home Phone # _____</p> <p>Cell Phone # _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p>	<p>Vice President _____</p> <p>Home Phone # _____</p> <p>Cell Phone # _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p>
<p>Secretary _____</p> <p>Home Phone # _____</p> <p>Cell Phone # _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p>	<p>Treasurer _____</p> <p>Home Phone # _____</p> <p>Cell Phone # _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p>
<p>Chaplain _____</p> <p>Home Phone # _____</p> <p>Cell Phone # _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p>	<p><i>When and where do you meet?</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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*Please send this form and payment to WHSAA, PO Box 538, Florence, SC 29503 by **September 3rd**. All registrations after this date will pay an additional **\$50 late fee. No registrations will be accepted after October 4th**. Make checks and money orders payable to WHSAA. **No checks will be accepted after September 3rd**. Thank you for your cooperation and support!*



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**Wilson High School Alumni
2023 Tiger Block Party
VENDOR AGREEMENT - \$150.00**

It is agreed, the undersigned (hereafter known as VENDOR) will rent booth space at the **Tiger Block Party** to be held on Friday, October 6, 2023.

VENDOR will utilize a designated space in the Downtown area of Florence, SC for the purpose of selling food to attendees of Tiger Block Party. The standard space shall be 10 feet wide and 6 feet deep. However, additional space may be utilized subject to the approval of the Wilson High School Alumni Committee.

The Committee limits the number of vendors and controls the specific categories. However, the VENDOR acknowledges the competitive spirit and accepts any and all other vendors as fair and equal competition. The Wilson High School Alumni Committee reserves the right to locate or relocate vendor space as needed. **VENDOR agrees to locate at the area designated by the Committee, without exception.**

VENDOR agrees to participate for the full duration of Tiger Block Party, which shall be from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. It is understood that setup shall not begin before 2:00 p.m. the day of the event and all setup must be completed by 5:00 p.m. Tear down may begin once the band has finished their final set and all vendors must be out of the area by 11:30 p.m.

VENDOR will forfeit booth space not occupied by 5:00 p.m. In the event of forfeiture, no refund of money will be made and the Wilson High School Alumni Committee reserves the right to substitute another vendor for that event and the balance of the concert series.

- **Electricity will NOT be provided. Please be sure you are self-sufficient.** Vendors will need to provide their own electrical generator if needed for lighting and vending.
- VENDORS must have or must obtain a Florence Business License. Proof of license will be requested prior to setup. All **VENDORS**, if applicable, **must meet South Carolina DHEC regulations.** If DHEC regulations are not met, no refund will be given.
- In the event of inclement weather, the Committee reserves the right to cancel the event. In the event of a total cancellation, a refund will be made to all VENDORS.
- If the event begins and is then called for inclement weather, no refunds will be given.

VENDOR Initials: _____

The VENDOR agrees to protect, save and keep Wilson High School Alumni Association, the Wilson High School Alumni Association Committee, The City of Florence, Francis Marion University and participating sponsors and their representatives, employees and agents forever harmless for any and all damages or charges

imposed for violation of any law or ordinance, whether occasioned by the negligence of the VENDOR or the representatives, agents or employees of the VENDOR or those persons acting under the expressed or implied authority of the VENDOR. The VENDOR assumes complete responsibility and liability for all loss, damage, or destruction of his/her property, employees, agents, and guests. The Wilson High School Alumni Association, the Wilson High School Alumni Association Committee, The City of Florence, Francis Marion University and participating sponsors and their representatives, employees and agents will not be liable for any loss, damage, or destruction of VENDORS property by theft, fire, accident, or any other cause. The VENDOR assumes full responsibility and liability for all injury to all persons or property or personal injury caused by the VENDOR or its agents, representatives, or employees. The VENDOR will indemnify and hold harmless the Wilson High School Alumni Association, the Wilson High School Alumni Association Committee, The City of Florence, Francis Marion University and participating sponsors and their representatives, employees, and agents against all liability whatsoever arising from any damage to property or personal injury or loss caused by VENDOR, it's agents, representatives, employees, or such other person.

All matters and questions not covered by this agreement are subject to the decision of the Wilson High School Alumni Association Committee. The Wilson High School Alumni Association Committee shall have the authority to promulgate, interpret and enforce all rules and regulations and to make any amendments necessary for the orderly conduct of Tiger Block Party.

All vendors that wish to participate in this event with food items and/or other types of vending agree to submit a donation of \$150.00 by September 3, 2023 in the form of money order, cashier's check or business check. Entries after this date will pay an additional \$50 late fee. No entries will be accepted after October 4th.

Please forward the donation to the address above or contact Rose Townsend 843-250-0534, Wonza Johnson 843-632-2509, or Mark Bailey 843-319-0724 to receive the donation.

This agreement becomes binding upon execution by signature of the VENDOR and the Wilson High School Alumni Association and upon payment of the required fee.

Agreed to this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Vendor Name (please print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

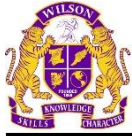
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Vendor's Signature: _____

Products to be sold: _____

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____



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The parade will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 am with the line-up beginning at 8:30 am at the corner of Edisto and West Evans Streets. To promote safety at the parade, a **NO Candy Throwing policy** is still in place. Persons in violation of this policy will receive citations from the Florence Police Department. Please return the enclosed Parade Entry Form to the above address by September 3, 2023 if you wish to participate. (Entry fee for businesses is \$50.00 per entry.) After September 3rd, an additional \$50 late fee will be added. No entries will be accepted after October 4th.

Thank you in advance for your participation and we look forward to your church participating in the parade.

Respectfully yours,

Leo Lewis

Leo Lewis, Parade Chairperson
(843) 615-2798

Wonza Johnson

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