

## Pioneers Release Hoop Schedule

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The 2013-14 high school basketball season is still a ways off, but Watauga High boy's basketball coach Rob Sanders has been hard at work putting together next season's schedule.

The WHS boy's and girl's teams will play a pair of games before the Thanksgiving holiday this year. That hasn't happened since the Marc Payne-era in the late 1990's. They will officially open the season on Friday, November 22 in Newland against Avery. The Pioneers travel to Moravian Falls to play Wilkes Central on Tuesday, November 26.

The Pioneers will play Avery in their home opener on Tuesday, December 3. The schedule will have a new look this season as well.

Longtime conference rival, Alexander Central, which will play in an Iredell-base conference next fall, will make a trip to Boone for a non-conference game on Tuesday, December 10. As of now, that is the only meeting scheduled between the schools, but according to Sanders, the schools may decide to play another game later in the season. But as of now, that issue is still listed as a "maybe."

The Pioneers will also play in the Ashe County Colvard Oil Christmas Tournament on December 27-28. WHS will play St. Stephens in its Northwestern 3A/4A Conference opener on Tuesday, December 17.

The Pioneers will play a 14-game conference schedule this season with the addition of Patton and Freedom, both Class 3A schools. WHS and South Caldwell will be the only Class 4A schools in the eight-team league. The Pioneers will play Freedom on the road January 7, and at home on January 31.

It will be the first time the schools have faced each other since 2008-09. WHS will play a 23-game schedule this season. The Pioneers will celebrate Senior Night on Valentine's Day, February 14 against South Caldwell. The NW3A/4A Conference Tournament begins Monday, February 17.

### **2013-14 WHS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

NOV. 22ND AVERY AWAY

NOV. 26TH WILKES CENTRAL AWAY

NOV. 29-30TH J.V. THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT ASHE

**DEC. 3RD AVERY HOME**

**DEC. 6TH ASHE HOME**

**DEC. 10TH ALEXANDER CENTRAL HOME**

DEC. 13TH ASHE AWAY

**DEC. 17TH ST. STEPHEN'S\* HOME**

**DEC. 18TH WILKES CENTRAL HOME**

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DEC. 27-28TH ASHE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT ASHE

JAN. 3RD FRED T. FOARD\* AWAY

JAN. 7TH FREEDOM\* AWAY

**JAN. 10TH HIBRITEN\* HOME**

**JAN. 14TH PATTON\* HOME**

**JAN. 17TH HICKORY\* HOME**

JAN. 21ST SOUTH CALDWELL\* AWAY

JAN. 24TH ST. STEPHEN'S\* AWAY

**JAN. 28TH FRED T. FOARD\* HOME**

**JAN. 31ST FREEDOM\* HOME**

FEB. 4TH HIBRITEN\* AWAY

FEB. 7TH PATTON\* AWAY

FEB. 11TH HICKORY\* AWAY

**FEB. 14TH SOUTH CALDWELL\*-SENIOR NIGHT HOME**

FEB. 17-21 NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A TOURNAMENT

### HOME GAMES IN BOLD

\* - NW3A/4A CONFERENCE GAMES