

## WHS Releases Basketball Schedule

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The Watauga High men's and women's basketball teams have released their schedules for the 2011-12 season.

The Pioneers will begin regular-season play the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, November 29, when they open the season in Roan Mountain, TN, against Cloudland. It will be WHS's latest starting date on the schedule since the 1996-97 season. The Pioneers opened the season on December 6 that year at Wilkes Central.

The Pioneers will play their first three games on the road, their longest road trip to start a season, since 1997-98. The Pioneers played their first five games on the road that year. They travel to Avery on Friday, December 2, and to West Caldwell on Tuesday, December 6. The Pioneers play their home opener against Avery on Friday, December 9.

The Northwestern 3A/4A Conference opener will be Tuesday, December 13 against Fred T. Foard. WHS will host the Pioneer Holiday Classic on Wednesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 29 at Lentz-Eggers Gym. The four-field, however, has yet to be announced.

Originally, the WHS men were invited to play in the Frank Spencer Holiday Tournament in Winston-Salem, but by the time WHS responded their spot had all ready been filled.

"It's an honor for our program to be invited to such a traditional tournament like that," said WHS coach Rob Sanders. "I'm sorry it didn't work out. But we'll host our own tournament like we have in past years."

WHS hasn't played in the Frank Spencer Tournament since the Carter Lentz era. The playing dates for the NW3A/4A Conference tournament, or the state playoffs have not been finalized. Hickory High will host the conference semifinals and championship games at Kraft Gymnasium. The higher seeds will host first-round games; the top seed will receive a first-round bye.

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### **\*NORTHWESTERN 3A/4A OPPONENTS**

NOV.25/26TH J.V. THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT ASHE  
NOV. 29TH CLOUDLAND AWAY  
DEC. 2ND AVERY COUNTY AWAY  
DEC. 6TH WEST CALDWELL AWAY  
DEC. 9TH AVERY COUNTY HOME  
DEC. 13TH \*FRED T. FOARD HOME  
DEC. 14TH ASHE COUNTY HOME  
DEC. 16TH \*HICKORY AWAY  
DEC. 20TH CLOUDLAND HOME  
DEC. 22ND WILKES CENTRAL AWAY  
DEC. 28 /29TH PIONEER HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT HOME  
JAN. 3RD WILKES CENTRAL HOME  
JAN. 6TH \*ALEXANDER CENTRAL HOME  
JAN. 10TH \*SOUTH CALDWELL HOME  
JAN. 11TH ASHE COUNTY AWAY  
JAN. 13TH \*HIBRITEN HOME  
JAN. 17TH \*ST. STEPHENS AWAY  
JAN. 20TH \*FRED T. FOARD AWAY  
JAN. 24TH \*HICKORY HOME  
JAN. 31ST \*ALEXANDER CENTRAL AWAY  
FEB. 3RD \*SOUTH CALDWELL AWAY  
FEB. 7TH \*HIBRITEN AWAY  
FEB. 10TH \*ST. STEPHENS HOME