



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Wesley Chapel, Florida 33543

Newsletter-November 2014 From the Principal.....Robyn White

Traditionally, students start the school year with excellent first quarter grades. Maintaining the grades can be more demanding. As we begin second quarter, please continue motivating your child(ren) to continue to set high priorities related to school expectations. The combination of 1st and 2nd quarter grades, plus the semester exams in December will determine semester grades which are used by colleges as a selection criteria. The district's e-semblar program is an excellent tool to keep track of grades. Contact the school should you need information about e-semblar or questions in general about grades and/or attendance. Knowledgeable and involved parents help students succeed at school.

For the class of 2015 parents, please access all the information related to graduation activities, scholarship opportunities, Bright Futures and college requirements and deadlines using our very informative website and/or contact our Student Services Department. The Senior timeline is available on the front page of the website under Class of 2015. Please make sure that the cap and gown fees are paid prior to the Winter Holidays.

Finally, with the holiday season approaching, we realize that there are needy families in our community. Should you find yourself, a neighbor or friend needing assistance this holiday season, please let WRHS know since we have several supportive service clubs and PTSA to help make the season more manageable. Please come into the Student Services office and complete a very brief and confidential ABC form and we may be able to help.

Contact WRHS @ 813-346-6000 or visit our website for information or to view our newsletters online @ <http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Teacher hours - 7:00 - 2:30 pm

Classes in session - 7:25 - 1:56 pm

Student Services - 7:00 - 3:00 pm

Administration office hours - 7:00 - 4:00 pm

Calendar

Progress Reports	11/17
Thanksgiving Holiday-no school	11/24-11/28
End of First Semester	12/19
Winter Vacation/No school	12/22/14-1/2/15
Teacher Planning Day-no school for students	1/5/15
Students return to school	1/6/15

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America District XI (Pasco/Hernando) will be holding its Fall Leadership Rally. The theme this year is Game Show: "Who Are You?" Professionals from many areas will play a part in the Game Show where students will ask questions and determine their occupations. Wiregrass Ranch High school will be hosting this event at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey on November 14th. Breakfast will be provided for members at \$13.00 each-due by October 31, 2014. Members must adhere to the FBLA Dress Code.

FBLA competition will be held in January 2015. All members must sign up for a competition by October 31st. See Mrs. Fraser for details.

Band Competition

Hello all, we are excited about Wiregrass Ranch High School hosting their second Band Competition on Saturday, November 8th at Wiregrass Ranch High School. We need volunteers for tickets sales, concessions, parking, runners, movement of band equipment, clean up, etc. All adult volunteers must first register on the Pasco County website (www.pasco.k12.fl.us). Students can volunteer also and earn volunteer hours for the day. We look forward to your help and making our second band competition a even better success than last year at Wiregrass Ranch High School. Contact Mr. Duncan @ pduncan@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Chorus and Band

The Wiregrass Ranch Chorus under the Direction of Solangi Santiago, will present a Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00PM. The Wiregrass Ranch Bands under the direction of Patrick Duncan and the Orchestras under the direction of Dean Donataccio will present a Winter Concert on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00PM. Both performances will be held at The Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel. Admission is free.

eSemblar

Parents did you know you can check your student's grades without a parent conference? Log on to wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us and click on eSemblar tab located under parent links on the parent page. You can also communicate with each teacher by sending them an email through eSemblar.

ABC Committee

The ABC committee is starting to prep for the upcoming holiday season and we'd like to share some information with our Wiregrass families. ABC stands for Assist, Believe, Care and the goal of our program is to try to address those barriers that may interfere with the educational success of a child. The program does this by providing support to students and their families that are experiencing economic hardship or in an immediate family crisis. This year we are hoping to get the community and local businesses involved to support, these needs during the holidays and throughout the year. Please take note that if you have previously been assisted by ABC and would like to continue with support a new application must be filled out every year. If you would like to participate, are looking for assistance, or would like further information please contact Matthew Felderman at 813-346-6031.

Buy Your Yearbooks!

Don't wait to reserve your copy of the WRHS yearbook! Buy online at yearbookforever.com or order in Room 4-104. Yearbooks are on sale for \$70 now, but the price will increase throughout the semester! These are the days you will want to remember forever. Buy the yearbook now to help make it unforgettable.

December 3rd is the LAST day to purchase a senior ad. Please contact Ms. Martin at djmartin@pasco.k12.fl.us if you have any questions.

Cross Country

Girls Cross Country Wins Conference Title Again!
The girls cross country team won their 7th straight varsity Sunshine Athletic Conference title on October 18th at Anclote High School. Led by Kerry Reilly, Lauren Payne, and Brenna Moran, who all earned 1st team All-Conference status, the girls did what no other school has ever done by winning their 7th straight title. The Junior Varsity runners also won their race, the 8th straight JV Sunshine Athletic Conference title for our JV.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the JV Volleyball team for a 18-2 record and Varsity for a 13-9 record. Also, another Congratulations to the following student-athletes for the FACA (Florida Athletic Coaches Association) awards for 7A District 10: Player of the year: Madison Besterfield; All-State Team: Connor Bennett; All Academic Team: Courtney Rottum

Art News

Coming Soon... "We are Thankful for Art" Book Fair at Barnes & Noble - Shops at Wiregrass on November 20th from 5PM to 8PM. Part of the sales that evening will go back to the Fine Arts Department. Come and see the "Artist In Action", Art Exhibit, Drama Improvisation, Music, Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Story Time and Free Gift Wrapping for the Holidays. There will also be a chance to win a new Nook, PTSA Spirit Basket and more. It will also be the first night of the tree lighting. We hope to see everyone there! Many art and photography students participated in the annual PTSA "Reflections" competition. The theme this year was "The world would be a better place if, ". There will be an exhibit of students' work in the school media center November 6th-12th; all are welcome to view the entries and winners. Donors Choose.org project "Art Learning Stations" is in need of a few more donors, it is now at 50% and expires in January. My students are now working safe with wire after wonderful parents and Horace Mann Insurance paid for the last grant. Thank you all!

Community Service Fair

WRHS will be hosting its 1st Annual Community Service Fair on Friday, November 14th during all lunches!! Students will be able to come to the gym and speak to representatives from various agencies where they are able to volunteer. There will also be handouts and literature from agencies and organizations that are not able to attend. High School students in Florida are required to earn a specific number of volunteer hours as part of the requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarship program. There are also several other scholarships that have a community service component to them. If you know of an organization/agency that would benefit from participating, please have them contact Mrs. Jennifer Batchelor (jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us), or call 813-346-6015.

WRHS Athletic & Band Boosters and PTSA

The WRHS Athletic & Band Boosters along with our PTSA have joined forces to have a Thanksgiving and Holiday fundraiser from now until December 19th. Support WRHS and help our community. A portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase holiday meals for area families in need. It is simple – by purchasing Village Inn & Honey Baked Ham gift cards and Texas Roadhouse rolls with honey butter vouchers thru us you will save money and help WRHS.

- Get a head start on holiday gifts-everyone loves the gift of food!
- Buy a pie or two to take to holiday parties as your easy contribution or as a hostess gift
- Purchase your entire holiday meal(s) or a portion of it and make this holiday season EASY ON YOU!!
- Save your gift cards and keep your rolls frozen until after the holidays

You can find order forms in Student Services and the front office. Forms are also available by going to our PTSA's website at www.wiregrassptsa.org. Thank you for your support!

Other Athletic Booster News

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on November 11, 2014, at 7:30 pm in the WRHS cafeteria. Coming Soon!!! The WRHS Athletic Boosters website is currently under construction.

WRHS PTSA

As the second quarter progresses, your PTSA continues to work hard to achieve this year's goals. We assisted the S.A.D.D. Club with the Celebrate My Drive contest. We had a good show of votes; however, we fell a bit short. Thank you to those who took the time to vote daily. WRHS PTSA will once again provide holiday meals for our very own WRHS ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) families. The purpose of this Pasco County District program is to match community individuals and groups with needy children in order to

provide basic essentials, thus enhancing the possibility for the children's success in school. As part of one of our new goals this year, we have adopted Pasco High School through a program initiated by Pasco County Council PTA called 3 P's (Pasco Pairing PTAs) where PTAs adopt a Title 1 school or a school in need. This is our first year participating in this program and we are very excited! Our PTSA has been busy contacting area dentists for toothpaste and toothbrush donations. **In addition, we will be holding a winter clothes/blanket drive. A marked bin is located in Student's Services. Please consider donating these items to help out this school in need.** Your PTSA has teamed up with the WRHS Athletic & Band Boosters for the very first time to do a joint fundraiser. The fundraiser is going on right now until winter break. Support WRHS and help our community by purchasing Village Inn & Honey Baked Ham gift cards and Texas Roadhouse rolls with honey butter vouchers. A portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase holiday meals for families in need. See more details in this newsletter. Our Reflections celebration will take place on November 6th where we will honor 11 finalists that will move on to compete in the County level. We would like to thank all 70 students for participating and good luck to those moving on to the County level. You can view all these amazing and talented work of art at our Media from November 5-12.. Lastly, we would like to thank Wiregrass Mall for once again becoming a PTSA sponsor. As always, thank you for your continuous support!

Mari C. Blank
WRHS PTSA President

What to do with all that leftover turkey: Turkey Pot Pie

Yield: Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 onion
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 cups chicken or turkey stock
- 2 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 cups of shredded turkey
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- ½ cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1 prepared pie crust
- 1 egg beaten

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Melt butter in saucepan and cook chopped onion until tender. Stir in celery and carrots and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in flour and cook for 2 minutes. Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer. Add potatoes and simmer until tender. Stir in turkey, parsley and peas. Pour mixture into casserole. Top with pie crust and brush with egg. Bake for 30 minutes until crust is golden.



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