



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-April 2014

From the Principal.....Robyn White

The return of warm weather indicates that spring has arrived and graduation for the class of 2014 is only several weeks away. Spring Break allowed all of us to get recharged for the final 9 weeks of school and plan for an ambitious schedule through graduation. We have FCAT testing in April, Advanced Placement exams in May, required End of Course exams for Algebra, Biology, U. S. History, and Geometry, certification exams for our IT, CNA and EMR students, and all the traditional end of the semester testing for all students. Wow! Pay attention to all the testing dates for your child to be best prepared. Test results impact student graduation and class placement for the next school year. We want everyone to do well on these tests and believe our students are well prepared. Springtime is a time to celebrate the year's accomplishments of which there have been many. Please keep up with all the end of the year celebrations and plan to attend these wonderful activities. Upcoming school events such as Prom require students to meet attendance, debt, no OSS and other school requirements to attend. Prom information is in this newsletter and details will be provided on the website as the event gets closer. Finally, all seniors will have a meeting on Tuesday, 4/15/14, with administration and will receive a letter outlining all senior events. The letter will be posted on the website for parents to read. Student (senior) pranks related to trespassing, vandalism, school pranks etc., will result in possible arrest, suspension, and removal from all graduation activities including the graduation ceremony. We take pride in our school and pranks are unacceptable. As always, use our very informative website for all scheduled activities and events @ the Ranch. Contact WRHS @ 813-346-6000 or visit our website at <http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl>.

Teacher hours - 7:00 - 2:30 pm
Student Services - 7:00 - 3:00 pm
Administration office hours - 7:00 - 4:00 pm

Classes in session - 7:30 - 1:55 pm
Adult Education (Student Services) - Monday and Wednesday until 4:30 pm.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Wiregrass Ranch High School announces the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2014.

Congratulations to the class of 2014's valedictorian, Chelsea Chitty and salutatorian, Nikhil Thota. See you all at WRHS graduation May 31, 9:00 am at the USF Sun Dome Arena.

Graduation

The 2014 Graduation is scheduled for May 31st at 9:00 am. Graduation will be held at the USF Sun Dome Arena on the USF campus in Tampa. The school website will have all information pertaining to graduation services. For any additional information, please contact Assistant Principal Jimmy Dubose at 813-346-6000.

Dress Code Reminder

Parents and Students, as warm weather returns, please make sure that you review the dress code policy found in your planner. As a reminder: tank tops, halter tops, or clothing with thin straps (smaller than 3 inches) are not permissible; hats, bandannas, head coverings are not permitted on campus; low cut blouses are not allowed; sleeveless apparel is not allowed for boys; shorts and skirts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee; tops and shirts must be long enough to remain tucked inside pants or skirts; pants must be worn appropriately.

Students that are in violation of the dress code will be sent to Guidance/Student Services to call home for a change of clothes.

Prom News

Junior/Senior Prom 2014

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2013 Time: 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm

Location: Bayanihan Arts Center, Tampa, Florida

Ticket Price: \$65.00 Ticket Sales will begin in April

Theme: Gatsby

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Shue or Amy Munroe at 346-6000.

Please see the website for additional information.

Calendar

Report Cards	3/31
ePat	3/31-4/4
FCAT Testing	4/7-4/25
Good Friday -no school	4/18
EOC Exams	4/28-6/2
Progress Reports	4/30
AP Exams	5/5-5/16
Memorial Day holiday-no school	5/26
Graduation	5/31

Cap & Gown Distribution

On Wednesday, May 21, caps and gowns will be distributed during the senior breakfast. Students should try on their cap and gown immediately to be sure that it is the correct size. The gown should be carefully pressed for graduation. The student owns the gown and does not need to return it. All seniors should have already ordered their cap & gowns. *If you have not ordered your cap & gown, please see Mr. Dubose immediately.* To be eligible to walk during graduation, you must have your cap & gown.

Prom Safety information

Students and parents: all prom limos and party buses are subject to search as they arrive at the prom. Any student who arrives in a limo or party bus found to have alcohol in the vehicle or who have consumed alcohol, will be excluded from the prom. Parents will be contacted and the student will face suspension from school. There are NO REFUNDS. Seniors will also be excluded from graduation activities.

Senior Online classes

Attention Seniors taking an online class through Pasco eSchool or Florida Virtual School: The deadline for your classes to be completed is May 9th in order for your grades to count for graduation. If you have any questions or concerns with meeting this deadline please speak to your online teacher as soon as possible to create a new pace chart.



Senior Timeline

4/15	Senior Expectations Meeting/Gym/8:30 am
4/26	Grad Bash – Universal Studios
5/5-16	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
5/9	Online courses must be complete
5/17	Prom 7:30 pm -11:30 pm – Bayanihan Arts Center
5/19-20	Senior Check-Out/Senior Final Exams
5/21	Senior Breakfast/Seniors Last day/Senior Final Exam make-up Cap & Gown Distribution during Senior Breakfast
5/22	Senior Grades Due
5/22	Senior Award Night- 6PM - Gym
5/27	Senior notification
5/28-29	Mandatory Graduation Practice
5/29	Baccalaureate – Gym 7pm – 8pm
5/31	Graduation @ USF Sun Dome Arena, 9:00 am

End of Course Exams

Required students will be taking the US History, Biology, Algebra, and Geometry End-of- Course (EOC) Assessments starting on April 28. The EOC testing schedule is below. This is a computer-based test (CBT), and students will have an opportunity to participate in a practice test to become familiar with the software, item types, and online tools he/she will encounter and use during testing.

US History EOC	4/28 – 5/1	Biology EOC	5/5 – 5/8
Algebra EOC	5/12 – 5/15	Geometry EOC	5/19 - 5/23
Additional EOC Makeups	5/27-6/2		

Please see our website for additional information.

End of Course Exams-Review Sessions

In preparation for the upcoming US History, Algebra, Biology and Geometry EOC Exams, WRHS will be having review sessions covering some of the major content of these courses. For more information, the students can contact their subject area teacher, the school web site or contact Christy Rankin at crankin@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Yearbook

The 2014 BULLIEVE yearbook is only \$80. It's easy to order!

Buy online at yearbookforever.com and enter our school name.

Send email requests to djmartin@pasco.k12.fl.us

Bring order form and payment to room 4-104.

Order now, so you won't miss out when the yearbook is distributed next month!

Senior Breakfast

Attention Seniors; Senior Breakfast will be held at the Embassy Suites –USF in Tampa, on May 21st. Time and Tickets prices will be announced shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ashley Sims at 346-6000.

FCAT information

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, FCAT 2.0 will be administered this Spring April 7th through April 25th to all eligible students in grades 3-11. The following are the testing windows for WRHS students:

FCAT 2.0 Retake 11th and 12th grades is April 7-11, 2014.

FCAT 2.0 Reading 10th grade is April 14-18, 2014.

FCAT 2.0 Reading 9th grade is April 21-25, 2014.

Retake students are all Juniors and Seniors who have moved to Florida and not yet taken the FCAT, Juniors and Seniors who have yet passed FCAT and Retained Sophomores who did not pass FCAT. All students who are scheduled for FCAT 2.0 testing will receive testing information including dates and locations from their teachers. Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest and eat breakfast before coming to school on testing days.

Junior Parent Workshop

The Junior Parent Workshop is Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30PM in the WRHS Cafeteria. This is an informative session covering:

College Application Process

Starting your Senior Year (things to expect!)

Helpful resources for Financial Aid

Please RSVP by Friday, April 4th. Contact the Student Services Department at 813-346-6011 or Mrs. Jennifer Batchelor at jbatchel@pasco.fl.us.

PTSA

DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR WRHS PTSA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS!!!

The Wiregrass Ranch PTSA will be giving away 6 senior Scholarships of \$300.00 each. The deadline to submit your applications is April 4, 2014 by 2:30 PM. Applications and more information are located on the WRHS PTSA website. The site can be found at www.wiregrasspts.org.

Cheerleading News

Cheerleading tryouts for the 2014-2015 Season will begin June 9th, 2014. Please go to the school website for more information on the WRHS Cheerleading Page under Athletics.

Athletic Boosters

Take a night off from cooking and come out and support the WRHS Athletic Boosters.

April 7th from 4-10pm - Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse for all WRHS Athletics. **The team that has the most supporters will win \$150.00 for their sport to spend as they wish.**

April 16th from 6-9pm - WRHS Athletic Boosters Fundraiser Night at PDQ. Please let your PDQ server know that you are with WRHS and a portion of your bill will be donated to the WRHS Athletic Boosters.

April 30th at 7:00 pm - WRHS Athletic Boosters Meeting. All are welcome. May 2nd, in conjunction and cooperation with the Relay For Life event, the WRHS Athletic Boosters will be hosting a "Driven To Give" fundraiser.

Come out and test drive a new Ford, Lincoln or Mercury and they will donate \$20.00 for each test drive. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the WRHS Athletic Boosters and Relay For Life. Please plan on coming out between 3-8pm and test drive a new car for charity.

WRHS TEACHERS!!!! If you come out and test drive a car, your name will be put in for a drawing for one of two gift cards. The time is convenient for you as you are leaving school on Friday, please come out and support TWO good causes and enter a chance to win a gift card to an area business.

The WRHS Athletic Boosters supports all of the WRHS sports and greatly appreciates your support.



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