



**Wiregrass Ranch High School**  
**2909 Mansfield Boulevard**  
**Wesley Chapel, Florida 33543**

## **Newsletter-May/June 2015**

### **From the Principal.....Robyn White**

The last several weeks of school will keep everyone busy. With almost 900 AP exams, end of course exams, College Placement Tests, Industry Certification tests, Class of 2016 students preparing for SAT and ACT tests, plus all the senior activities and celebrations, there is something for everyone. Please stay up to date with all the school activities by reviewing the website for school information. Prom, senior activities and timeline, exam schedule, and summer assignments, can be all be found on the website. In June, all the summer assignments for 2015/16 classes will be posted on the WRHS website. Please make sure you keep up to date with readings, assignments, etc. The opportunity to change your selected courses for next year needs to be completed before the end of the current school year. We will send a letter home in late May with all the courses selected by your child. Please review closely with your child to confirm course selections and graduation plans. Contact us prior to the end of the school year should you have any questions. Just a reminder, our Guidance staff does not work in the summer. Should your child need to make up credits, please review the opportunities in ESY (extended School Year). Finally, as we end another successful year at WRHS, I want to thank all our parents, hard working PTSA, SAC, Athletic and Band Boosters for your support in making WRHS the "Best High School" in the bay area. Enjoy your summer and I will see you at all the end of the year celebrations and at graduation. Please use our website for all the up-to-date information during the summer months. Contact WRHS @ 813-346-6000 or visit our website @ <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

### **Cap & Gown Distribution**

On May 18 or 19, caps and gowns will be distributed during all lunches in cafeteria. 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 cap and gown and does not need to return it. To be eligible to walk during graduation, you must have your cap & gown.

### **Senior Timeline**

5/4-15	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
5/7	Tickets go on sale for Prom. Cost is \$65.00
5/11 -14	Senior Final Exams
5/15	Senior Make-Up Exams
5/16	Prom 8:00 pm -12 pm – Pepin's Hospitality Center in Tampa
5/18-19	Cap & Gown Distribution during all lunches in Gym
5/20	Senior Check-Out/ Senior Last Day
5/20	Senior Breakfast @ 9:00 AM at Marshall Center USF
5/21	Senior Grades Due Senior Awards Night @ 6pm in Gym
5/22	Senior Lock-In (8pm – 8am) in Gym
5/26	Senior notification
5/27-28	Mandatory Graduation Practice
5/28	Baccalaureate in Gym from 7pm-8pm
5/31	Graduation @ USF Sun Dome Arena, 10:00 am

### **AP exams**

The Advanced Placement exam window is May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the exam scheduled on the WRHS website for exact date and times. Please note: The schedule is set by the College Board and must be followed accordingly. All AP students should report to their testing locations early, for the exams begin promptly. There are no make-up days for AP Exams. Students need to be in attendance on the day their exam is administered. In addition, some exam administrations take 4 hours. Please arrange transportation accordingly. Please contact Mrs. Butcher at 813-346-6000, if there are any questions.

### **Senior Pranks**

Senior pranks become serious issues, resulting in criminal charges and recommendation for expulsion. These situations also impact participation in graduation. It is important to continue with positive behavior through the end of the year and to celebrate upcoming graduation in appropriate ceremonies.

We want all students to be successful and celebrating respectfully at graduation, please help support us with this focus.

### **Yearbook distribution**

Yearbooks will be distributed soon. Listen for morning announcements or on the WRHS website for details.

### **Prom**

Prom is May 16th from 8PM-12AM at Pepin's Hospitality Center!

### **Senior Lock-In**

Seniors, we will be having our 1st annual Senior lock-in. The event will take place on May 22 from 8pm to 8am in the Gym. We will have door prizes and competitions throughout the night. We will be showing a movie and have lots of surprises in store. Looking forward to seeing all the seniors there.

### **Front Gate Trial**

Parents and students in a continued effort to keep the WRHS campus safe, we are considering closing the front gates to limit traffic on and off campus for the 2015/16 school year. With this in mind, we will be doing a one-week trial, May 11-15, to work out some of the logistics. As of May 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a school employee posted at the gate to greet visitors and direct you to the proper location. All cars entering the campus after the start of school will check in and information will be logged daily so that we are aware of who is on campus. In addition, they will be checking students as they leave campus to assure that they have a legitimate reason. Students must have an early release tag or check out pass to leave. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor.

### **"Summer Learnin' @ The Ranch" website**

Although students and teachers have the opportunity to rest and recharge from June to August, learning does not have to stop during the sweltering days of summer. WRHS is proud to offer the "Summer Learnin' @ the Ranch" website to better equip students to reach their highest potential. This resource, which will be housed on the WRHS website, will include suggested and required reading lists, online course content for advanced classes, common supply lists, key dates and vital contacts. Research shows that as students read and engage their own academic growth, they have a greater chance of surpassing their peers in the competitive 21st century global economy. Check out the "Summer Learnin' @ the Ranch" website starting June 1st to see how your family can use this crucial time as an investment for the future. If students are scheduled for Advanced Placement classes, please review the summer reading requirements and assignments on the website.



## IT Academy News

Students are preparing for the Certification Exams and will be taking those exams in the next few weeks. Students should be practicing their review materials online at <http://education.certification-partners.com/ciw/#> and at <http://gmetrix.net/Login.aspx>. If you have questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Fraser at [dfraser@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dfraser@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## Class of 2016

Congratulations C/O 2016 as we are in the final month of your Junior year. Next year is going to be busy and exciting so make sure you are using some time this summer for scholarship searches and planning, as well as college searches, applications, visits and community service. If you are on a credit recovery plan, please be sure to complete everything assigned this summer so senior year can be a breeze. Please also make sure you have joined the C/O 2016 CANVAS page to be sure not to miss any up-to-date information next school year. The link is on your student planner.

## Swim and Dive Team

The WRHS Ranch 2015 swim season will begin Monday, August 3, 2015 at 2:30PM at the New Tampa YMCA. Students and parents, please be prepared with all necessary paperwork in order to participate. There will be an informational meeting for athletes and parents in July (time and date to be determined). For further information, please inquire at [wrhsswimming@gmail.com](mailto:wrhsswimming@gmail.com). Thank you and have a great summer!

## PTSA News

I can hardly believe that the school year is coming to an end. We have had a very successful and busy year. It was a year full of great accomplishments and a year of working with so many great board members, committee chairs and volunteers who work hard so our children can have great experiences. Thank you for all the hours you have dedicated to make our school and WRHS PTSA so successful!

### LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE YEAR

The last WRHS PTSA general assembly meeting of the school year took place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The PTSA budget was amended and new officers were elected.

### ACADEMIC PINS AND LETTERS DONATION

The WRHS PTSA is happy to announce that once again we were able to assist our school by generously donating \$1,000 to go toward the purchase of this year's academic pins and letters.

### STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 4<sup>th</sup> THROUGH THE 8<sup>th</sup>

The WRHS PTSA will be hosting a Staff Lunch on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Texas Road House for helping sponsor lunch and to all of our PTSA board members for making homemade desserts for our school staff.

### SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

This year we had 23 applicants apply for the PTSA Senior Scholarships. Applications are now in the review process and each of the selected scholarship recipients will be awarded \$350 at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Working together, we've been able to accomplish many amazing things for our school, our students, and our community during the 2014--2015 school year. Thank you for your contributions to our school, your dedication to volunteering, and your commitment to seeing all students succeed.

I look forward to once again serve as your PTSA President next year.  
Mari C. Blank, WRHS PTSA President



School Board Members: Steve Luikart Joanne Hurley, Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong and Allison Crumbley  
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## Boys Tennis Team-State & National Champions

Congratulations to the WRHS boy's tennis team for winning the 2015 State Championship in Altamonte Springs, Florida and also winning the National Championship in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This is Wiregrass Ranch's second team state title and first ever National Title. The members of the team are Agie Moreno, Pedro Fernandez, Foresight Okungbowa, Alejandro Feliciano, Sebastian Castillo-Sanchez, Daniel Moreno, Lorcan Kavanagh, Kris Cheung, Gary Lopez, Miles Ceasar, Chris Eaton, Evan Hogan and Yassin Mohamed. Go Bulls!

## Calendar

AP Exams	5/4-5/15	WRHS Graduation	5/31
Memorial Day (no school)	5/26	Last Day of School	6/3

## Cheerleading

### 2015-2016 WRHS Cheerleading Information

An Information Meeting for the 2015-2016 season will be on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in the WRHS Media Center beginning at 6:30 PM for anyone interested in the JV or Varsity Cheerleading squads.

Tryouts will be held June 8-10<sup>th</sup> in the WRHS Gym from 2:30 – 5:00pm. The 2015-2016 Cheerleading season runs from June 2015 – February 2016.

## Driver Education Summer Program

Driver Education will be offered this summer at Wiregrass Ranch High School. The course will span 11 days. The dates are from June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wiregrass Ranch High School. The course will provide approximately 30 hours of classroom instruction and the remaining time will be hands-on driving experience and practice. This course **does not** provide high school credit, but a certificate of completion will be awarded when the class is successfully passed. We require that the student have a ride available every day for drop-off and pick-up from school. *The cost of the course is \$175.* Please make the check out to **Moore Mickens**. The class times will vary each day as the course includes class time and driving skills scheduled at various hours of the day. In addition, the course has the following requirements:

1. **Student must have a learners permit.**
2. **Student must have access to a ride to and from Wiregrass Ranch for the above-mentioned schedule.**

This is a great course for anyone trying to improve his or her driving skills in preparation for the road test. There is limited space available for this course. It will be first come, first serve as we expect this class to fill up quickly. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Finkel at [gfinkel@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:gfinkel@pasco.k12.fl.us) or call at 813-346-6000.

## EOC Exams-Summer Retakes

Testing window for retakes for the summer End of Course is July 21 - 24. Subjects and other info will be available on the WRHS website.

## Early Release/Late Arrival

Letters for Early Release/Late Arrival, as well as a print out of your child's course requests will be coming in the mail soon. If your child is taking an online class as part of their school day, they may apply to come in 2nd period or leave after 6th period. In addition, as always, if your child has the ability to leave campus after 6th period, they may sign up for Early Release. We will do the best we can to accommodate these requests, but there are no guarantees. Please complete this application and return it to the school by the deadline posted on the letter. If you have any specific questions, please contact Shaunte Butcher at [sbutcher@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:sbutcher@pasco.k12.fl.us).