



Wiregrass Ranch High School  
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## Newsletter-August 2015

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

Welcome back class of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Welcome to the Ranch class of 2019. As summer vacations come to a close, it is now time to start thinking about all the wonderful opportunities afforded students at WRHS. As you make final plans to return to school, Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, please review all the important information provided on our website and in the newsletter. Summer assignments are available on the website and should be completed according to the timeline provided by teachers. Students scheduled in Honors or Advanced Placement courses please make sure work is completed to be successful on the first day of classes. If you do not see your classes listed, there are no summer assignments to be submitted. WRHS will always provide an environment of rigor and relevant curriculum, offering 21 Advanced Placement courses, many on campus PHSC Dual Enrollment courses for college credit, plus numerous industry certifications for students in our Information Technology Academy, Culinary Arts program, and our Academy of Medical Professionals. WRHS has a 21st century approach to learning - be prepared to use technology every day. Students have access to WIFI, use of their own laptops and mobile devices including I-Pods, smart phones, I-Pads and other tablets. Text messaging, email, Twitter and Facebook are services we provide parents and students with important updates to events at the school. Many textbooks are available on-line and provide tutorial help with assignments. With the use of technology come responsibilities to our students to prevent loss or theft. Students should always secure valuables and do not leave them unsecured.

Because of the many successes of WRHS and the growth in our community, we are overcrowded and have important procedures to help make our school a safe and quality school experience for all students, parents and staff. Please review this information as we provide this information on our website, newsletter, orientation days and through messages sent by text, email or telephone. Traffic in the morning is always busy. With 40 buses arriving, 500 student drivers, 200 employees and hundreds of parents driving students to school, you **must** arrive early to prevent being late to school. Entering the campus after 7:15 am may lead to students arriving late to class impacting the quality of learning for everyone. Always follow the posted speed limits of 15 MPH at the entrance and 5 MPH in the parking lot areas. Entrance to the school is only accessible through the front entrance and everyone will exit through the service road by JLMS. This pattern will be followed in the morning and in the afternoon. In addition, the gates on the service road will be closed to traffic from 7:45 am to 1:00 pm. Everyone's safety is our number one priority. Arrive EARLY!

The start of the new school year brings with it both excitement and expectations. Please make sure you are familiar with the high school dress code as you make purchases prior to the start of school. Review with your child the attendance policy, tardy policy, and code of conduct information. All this information is available in the Student Planner that every child will receive the first week of school, or visit our website for information.

Finally, please join our very successful PTSA, Band and /or Athletic Booster organization. All of these volunteers help make WRHS an excellent school to learn, visit and work. We look forward to seeing everyone at Orientation Day and Open House. Contact WRHS @ 813- 346- 6000 or visit our web-site @<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 - 5:00 pm    Administration office hours - 7:00 - 5:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session hrs - 9:30 - 5:00 pm    2<sup>nd</sup> Session classes- 10:18 - 4:44 pm

### Orientation Day & Senior Night

Wiregrass Ranch High School will host three orientations for students this August. The first orientation will be held August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 p.m. and is open for the Senior Class of 2016 only. The second orientation is open to students in grades 10 – 11 on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The freshman orientation will also be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. All three events will provide students with the opportunity to pick-up schedules, select lockers, verify transportation, and learn about the exciting academic, athletic and club programs available at Wiregrass Ranch High. Orientation Day will include a guided tour of the campus and answers to frequently asked questions about the school for any new student. For information regarding orientations, call the high school at (813) 346-6000.

### Student Fees payment option

Student orientation, scheduled Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (seniors only) or Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, parents can use their credit or debit card (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover) to pay for all student fees and purchases, both in-person and online, with School Pay.

We're planning on having readers set up to take credit card payments, so parents don't have to stand in a long line with their checkbook in hand. Hopefully, it makes registration faster and easier for everyone. After registration, parents can go online to School Pay to buy Bull spirit wear and other items. Please note that a transaction fee will be charged. We hope to continue to add even more items to the store during the school year.

### Volunteering at the Ranch

The School Board of Pasco County requires that all volunteers must be approved prior to volunteering in any capacity in the school. All Volunteers must reapply each school year. Please visit the Pasco County website at [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us) and click on **Volunteer Application**. It is located on the bottom of the home page. Don't forget to register today! **WRHS Wants YOU!** We are actively looking for volunteers to tutor, mentor students, monitor the campus, or be a teacher and/or office helper. Please call us today if you are interested in helping us out! Any student who would like to receive future volunteer opportunities can email Mrs. Batchelor @ [jbachel@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jbachel@pasco.k12.fl.us) to be added to her volunteer email list. Volunteer opportunities are sent via email to students.

### Calendar

Senior Orientation Night (5-7 pm in Gym)	Aug .17
Orientation Day	Aug. 18
11 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> grade in Gym (8-12 pm)	
9 <sup>th</sup> grade in Gym (5-7 pm)	
First Day of School	Aug. 24
Labor Day Holiday (No School)	Sept. 7
Open House (6-8pm)	Sept. 15

## Portables and Rainy Days

With over 2400 students, we have 30 portables that most students will use during the day. Please plan on providing your child with rain gear or a small umbrella (to fit in book bag or locker) for rainy days. Florida weather is unpredictable and we do not cancel classes in the portables when it rains. Plan accordingly.

## PTSA

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope all of our WRHS families had a fun and restful summer. We have many exciting events planned for the year. The PTSA is here for you as an advocate and communication liaison. We keep parents informed about happenings at WRHS so that you can be an active participant in your child's high school experience. This is accomplished through e-mail blasts, PTSA's website, newsletters and General Assembly meetings. We share your questions and concerns with the administration and advocate on behalf of students and parents. So make sure you participate in some (if not all) that the PTSA has to offer.

### ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION (August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>):

The WRHS PTSA will have **discount coupons** for **Yearbooks** and **Spirit Wear** when you become a PTSA member on Registration Day. **August 17<sup>th</sup>** 5pm-7pm is **Registration Night** for Seniors, **August 18<sup>th</sup>** 8am-12pm is **Registration** for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades and from 5pm to 7pm for Freshman. Jersey Mike's will be selling their amazing Philly Steak sandwiches and **donating once again lunch for our entire faculty and staff!!!!**

### PTSA GENERAL MEETING / OPEN HOUSE:

We welcome you, and encourage you to participate in, the WRHS PTSA this year. Please join us at our first PTSA **General Assembly Meeting** on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** at 5:15pm outside the Gym. This is also the night of Open House, which begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

### DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL (September 15<sup>th</sup>):

Once again, the PTSA will be teaming up with The S.A.D.D. Club for a creative and exciting fundraising opportunity where test-driving Ford vehicles can result in **Big Cash Rewards For Our School!!!!** On **September 15<sup>th</sup>** (Open House) from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. PARKS Ford of Tampa will be on our WRHS Campus with a large selection of vehicles and they will donate \$20 for each test-drive up to \$6,000! So please don't forget to stop by their tent by the Cafeteria and take 10 minutes to test-drive a Ford.

### SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

The PTSA will again be sponsoring a few graduating student members with a monetary scholarship. **Make sure that your Senior has joined PTSA by October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 in order to be eligible for these scholarships.** Scholarship Applications will be available in Student Services after the Winter Break. Look for future announcements in the newsletter as well as on our PTSA website.

On behalf of the WRHS PTSA Executive Board and all the volunteers who give their time so freely and enthusiastically, I thank you for your support. If at any time during the school year, you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [president@wiregrasspts.org](mailto:president@wiregrasspts.org). Again, welcome back and have a great year!

Thank you and GO BULLS!!,  
Mari C. Blank  
WRHS PTSA President

## Student Meal Prices

The student meal prices for 2015/16 are as follows: Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.60 (tier 1), \$3.00 (tier 2); Reduced Breakfast \$.30 Reduced Lunch \$.40 (tier 1 or 2). Free and Reduced lunch forms will be available at registration or online @ [www.pasco.k12.fl.us/nutrition/free\\_reduced](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/nutrition/free_reduced).

## Dress Code/Security of valuables

Students shall wear modest clothing of such style and design as shall be consistent with community standards as determined by the school principal. As you make summer back to school purchases, please make sure clothing meets the dress code requirements (see the website for the complete dress code). Students must secure electronic devices, money, jewelry, etc. at all times. Failure to secure valuables may result in LOSS or theft, and the school is not responsible.

## Athletics & Activities

Boys and Girls golf will begin August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Quail Hollow gulf course. Starting August 17<sup>th</sup>, practice @ 3PM, Monday thru Thursday.  
Boys Coach - Mike Horrigan ([mhorriga@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mhorriga@pasco.k12.fl.us))  
Girls Coach – Jeremy Calzone ([jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us))

Volleyball tryouts on August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> at WRHS  
Coach –Michelle Davis ([volleyballchelle@gmail.com](mailto:volleyballchelle@gmail.com))

Swimming and Diving starts on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the New Tampa YMCA at 2:30pm. All athletic forms must be completed in order to participate. Any questions or concerns can be sent to:  
Girls Coach – Alisa Cimino ([acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us))  
Boys Coach – Kyle Gramm ([kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us))

Cross Country starts August 3<sup>rd</sup> at WRHS. Times may vary.  
Girls Coach – Don Howard ([dhoward@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dhoward@pasco.k12.fl.us))  
Boys Coach – Chris Loth ([cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us))

Football starts on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30pm – 8:00pm at WRHS  
Coach – Mark Kantor ([mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us))

Boys Soccer starts Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Girls Soccer starts Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at WRHS  
Boys Coach – Dave Wilson ([dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us))  
Girls Coach – Eddie Costa

## Additional Athletic Information

WRHS Athletic season passes are on sale and will be available at orientation) for the 2015-2016 school year. Family passes cost \$100, adult passes cost \$50 and student passes cost \$25. The passes are good for all home athletic contests (excluding FHSAA playoff events).

## Seniors

Attention Seniors: Senior shirts and hoodies will be on sale during senior orientation. Also, yearbooks will be sold during senior orientation for \$65 but will increase shortly thereafter.

## SAC

SAC members shall be elected for two (2) years. At the end of two years, they may be re-elected. If you are a current SAC member within your two-year term, please confirm with Denise Goodridge at [dgoodrid@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dgoodrid@pasco.k12.fl.us) that you are continuing to serve your term. If you would like to run for an additional term, please complete the attached nomination form. Any Parent or Business/Community Member that would like to be considered as a SAC member, can complete the attached nomination form. All nomination forms must be returned to the Front Office no later than Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place at Open House on September 15<sup>th</sup> and the first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Student Parking

Attention Students and Parents:

Student parking applications for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year will be available on the WRHS website, and in the Student Services office starting on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

To purchase a parking permit, for the 2015-2016 school year, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance
2. **Show Proof of Residency within the boundaries of the school using one of the following (the address listed must match the address on the student's driver's license):**
  - a. Copy of a utility bill
  - b. Copy of a properly executed lease agreement
  - c. Copy of a mortgage statement
  - d. Copy of an affidavit of residence
3. Be cleared of all school obligations from the previous school year(s)
4. Have an unweighted 2.0 GPA
5. Meet district attendance requirements

Spaces are limited, and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. It is the expectation that at the time of purchase, students have the documents/requirements listed above. **Parking permits will not be sold if these requirements are not met.**

Seniors will be able to purchase a parking space at Senior Orientation on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Parking permits will be on sale for juniors, and seniors, on Orientation Day, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-12pm. Sophomores will be able to buy a parking space during the first week of school. The cost is \$15.

*\*Students who purchase a parking permit are expected to sign-up and attend the Safe Behind the Wheel driver safety course, with Corporal Justice, within the first month of school. Dates and times for this course will be announced and posted. Failure to attend this free course will result in a student's driving privilege being revoked.*

## Asbestos Statement/Directory Info State Mandate

### NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS

#### NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for Wiregrass Ranch High School (WRHS) have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.



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