



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

Newsletter-November 2015

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 January will determine semester grades which are used by colleges as a selection criteria. The district's e-sembler program is an excellent tool to keep track of grades. Contact the school should you need information about e-sembler or questions in general about grades and/or attendance. Knowledgeable and involved parents help students succeed at school.

For the class of 2016 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. 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 @ <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

2nd Session hrs - 9:30 - 5:00 pm 2nd Session classes- 10:18 - 4:44 pm

Calendar

Report Cards	11/02
Veteran's Day	11/11
Progress Reports	11/20
Thanksgiving Holiday-no school	11/23-11/27
Winter EOCs	11/30-12/18
Winter Vacation/No school	12/21/15-1/4/16
Students return to school	1/5/16

FBLA

District Fall Leadership Conference: November 13th, at Sparta Manor, New Port Richey. The cost is \$14.00 and includes lunch and a special business speaker, followed by leadership breakout sessions.

Competitive Skill Events: December 8th @ WRHS

Performance event: December 10th @ JWMHS

Awards ceremony: December 17th at River Ridge Theatre

Please see our webpage for more information:

http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fbla/?page_id=260

FBLA State Leadership Conference: March 11-14 Orlando, Florida (Hilton Orlando)

Chorus and Band

JLMS band under the direction of Adam Hollenbeck and WRHS Band under the Direction of Patrick Duncan, will present a Winter Concert on Monday, December 7 at 7:00PM.

The Wiregrass Ranch Chorus under the direction of Solangi Santiago will present their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00PM. Finally, The JLMS and WRHS Orchestras under the direction of Justin Baggett will present their winter performances on Friday, December 12 at 7:00 PM. All performances will be held at The Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel. Admission is free.

All Pro Dads

The All Pro Dad organization was founded by Mark Merrill and former NFL coach, Tony Dungy. The All Pro Dad theme is "Family First." The focus of the meetings is to help coach dads on how to open up the lines of communication with their children by sharing success stories and have fun doing so. The platform offers the opportunity for a father to publicly recognize his child's achievements, both big and small. It also allows for the child to express what it is he/she appreciates; the little things that mean the most to him or her. Be advised that the All Pro Dad organization will hold its first meeting here at Wiregrass Ranch in the cafeteria at 6pm on November 16th.

eSembler

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 eSembler tab located under parent links on the parent page. You can also communicate with each teacher by sending them an email through eSembler.

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.

Art News

Many art and photography students entered works into the PTSA Sponsored Reflections Completion. This year the theme was "Let Your Imagination Fly". There will be an art exhibit of the entries in the school's media center after they are judged. Congratulations to the 2015 National Art Honor Society Members: Cara Adipietro and Miriam Raza are co-presidents, Brianna DuPriest is secretary and Brittany Ruiz is the Treasurer. The society is busy preparing for the "Winter Art Showcase and Fair."

Please mark your calendars; the fine art department will be showcasing the talents of students at the Barnes & Noble book fair "Winter Art Showcase and Fair" held on Thursday December 3rd, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be musical and drama performances- "Artist in Action", story telling, face painting, art exhibits, and more. Come and show your support and win prizes. If you cannot make the event Shop online from 12/3/2015 to 12/5/2015 using voucher code 11704327 using BN.COM/bookfairs and a percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit the fine arts department at WRHS. Flyer is attached to the newsletter.

Winter Formal Dance

A flyer is attached to the newsletter regarding the dance. Outside guests are permitted with an approved Guest Form (it can be found on the school website or can be picked up in Student Services)

Community Service Fair

Does your student need Community Service hours?? We will be holding our annual Community Service Fair in the WRHS on Thursday, Nov. 19th during all lunches. Students are welcome to attend and meet with representatives from several different agencies and organizations they can volunteer with. There will also be information regarding additional opportunities & how to get connected!

Great American Teach In

It's that time of year again! WRHS is welcoming individuals from various organizations, agencies, and companies to present career information to our students here at the Ranch! They will be coming in to share the week of Monday, 11/16-Thursday, 11/19.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in coming to present your career path to our students, we would love to have you. You must register on-line and be an approved volunteer with Pasco District Schools (https://webdb.pasco.k12.fl.us/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=vol_db&loadframes) & contact Mrs. Jennifer Batchelor (813-346-6015, jbachel@pasco.k12.fl.us) to provide your information and confirm a scheduled date/time. We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming College Info

Saint Leo University – Instant Admit Day: Attention Seniors! Are you interested in attending Saint Leo University? An admissions rep will be on campus Friday, November 6th from 10:00am-11:30am giving instant admissions decisions to students who submit a completed application, transcript, and copy of your test scores. You will need to complete the on-line application OR see Mrs. Batchelor for a hard copy of the application prior to meeting with the representative. Sign up in Student Services today!!

College Reps Coming

Juniors & Seniors interested in St. Pete College can meet with a representative to learn about the many programs and degrees this school has to offer. He will be here on campus on Tuesday, November 10th during 4th period.

PHSC will be here to present information to SENIORS ONLY who are planning to attend their school next year. Mr. Moore will provide information during a session scheduled for 5th period on Tuesday, Nov 17th.

Students who wish to attend either of these presentations must sign up in Student Services! See Mrs. Batchelor if you have any questions. Room 3-108A, jbachel@pasco.k12.fl.us

Scholarship Opportunities

Please review the updated scholarship list on our Student Services page. There is also very helpful information regarding scholarship search websites and the financial aid process.

American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program- This is a speech competition sponsored by the American Legion for more than 75 years! There are assigned topics for this school year. If you are interested in this competition, please contact Mrs. Batchelor so she can get you signed up! Room 3-108A, jbachel@pasco.k12.fl.us

Important Digital/Social Media and Introduction Content for Students and Parents

iPad students

Mrs. Kerrigan and Mrs. Freiser would like to welcome all the iPad students and their families to the iPad program this year. The iPad program is in full swing. Students, please remember that your iPad must be charged every night and brought to school everyday. Any iPad student without an iPad or a dead iPad will receive a classroom strike.

iPad parents, please help your student remember to charge his/her iPad each night so they can come to school prepared.

If you have any questions about the iPad program, please email Mrs. Kerrigan or Mrs. Freiser at:

Mkerriga@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mfreiser@pasco.k12.fl.us

Introducing the 2015-2016 iPad teachers:

Mr. Genaro, US History and AP Human Geography

Mrs. Farabaugh and AP Psych, Ms. Kincaid English 1

Mrs. Swain English 3, Mr. Sukhram AP Language Comp

Mrs. McLeod English 2, Ms. Minott Algebra 1

Mrs. Winslett Algebra 2, Mr. Podkomorski Pre-Calc.

Mrs. Podkomorski Anatomy, Mr. Horrigan Chemistry

Mr. Charneske Biology, Mr. Nissen AP World History

Mr. Quinlivan World History, Ms. Smith Geometry

Mr. Luttrell US History

Friday Meet-Ups: Friday meet-ups are opportunities for any iPad student to come to room 5-105 to receive assistance with using the iPad. Friday Meet ups take place every 2 weeks during all lunches. iPad students can get a pass to attend the Friday Meet up from any of their iPad teachers.

Media Release Opt-out: WRHS is an open campus, meaning that there are devices being used on our campus at any given moment. WRHS is also a very active school within the community, and we are always hosting newspapers, district office and other community members on our campus. These agencies may capture our activities and student's learning on video or with a digital photo. Sometimes these photos are posted on our district social media sites, or in media present within the community. If you would like to opt out and **not** have your child(ren)'s photo posted or taken while on campus, you must complete a media opt-out form. These forms can be found on the WRHS website.

<http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/>

The form is titled: Media release non-consent form

This form must be printed, completed and returned to your child's first period teacher.

WRHS Athletic Boosters

Athletic Boosters will be selling 8lbs Honey Baked hams normally \$75 for \$60. Pre-order through December 4th. Please email Stacy Hill at wrhswrestlemom@gmail.com. The next booster meeting is Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30PM in the cafeteria. Please join us.

WRHS PTSA

As the second quarter progresses, your PTSA continues to work hard to achieve this year's goals. 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 newest goals, we have adopted Anclote High School through a program initiated by Pasco County Council PTA called 3 P's (Pasco Pairing PTAs) where PTSAs adopt a Title 1 school or a school in need. This is our second 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 are currently holding a drive for much needed gently used blankets, deodorant and snack foods through December 11th. A marked bin is located in Student's Services. Please consider donating these items to help out this school in need.**

Our Reflections celebration will take place on **November 17th** where we will honor 7 finalists that will move on to compete in the County level. We would like to thank all 49 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 16-20th.

Lastly, we would like to thank Hungry Howie's for donating the pizzas for the Princeton Review strategy session and practice test.

As always, thank you for your continuous support!

Mari C. Blank

WRHS PTSA President



School Board Members: Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley and Steve Luikart
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Wiregrass Ranch High School
"Winter Art Showcase and Fair"
Art Department Fundraiser

See the annual
Wiregrass Mall
Tree Lighting

See

Artists In Action

- Drama Improv.
- Music Ensembles
- Art Showcases
- Face Painting

When:

Thursday, December 3rd,
5-8pm

Where:

Barnes and Noble-
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12/5/2015 using voucher code
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Tickets are \$25

Sale Dates: Seniors & Juniors 11.19.15 - 11.20.15

All classes 11.30.15 - 12.4.15

On sale in the cafeteria during all lunches

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