



Wiregrass Ranch High School  
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## Newsletter-Fall Semester 2018 From the Principal.....Robyn White

Welcome Back class of 2019, 2020, and 2021. Welcome to the Ranch class of 2022!

Coming off a fantastic year and a school grade of an "A", our theme for this year will be "Lead by Example" and we are hoping that that message flows through the community, parents, teachers, staff, and students. We are now recognized as the Number 1 high school in Pasco County and we want to SHOW how we got here and provide an example for others to follow. This includes areas of academic, athletic, arts, and character development. We are still interested in having parents in the school as volunteers and to sit on committees. We encourage each of you to get involved in some way. In addition, we will continue to include student VOICE on committees throughout the school to allow them a format for input. Like last year, we will mail home TWO newsletters this year (one at the beginning of each of the two semesters) and then post all important information on the website, Facebook, and Twitter. As always, we will continue to use the school connects messages to remind you of important events. We are hoping that through all of these methods, you will receive information about the happenings at the RANCH!

As summer vacations come to a close, it is now time to start thinking about all of the wonderful opportunities afforded students at WRHS. As you make final plans to return to school, Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, please review all the important information provided on our website and in this newsletter. Summer assignments for most of the AP courses have been available on the website since June 1<sup>st</sup> and should be completed according to the timeline provided by the teachers. 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 25 Advanced Placement courses, many on campus PHSC Dual Enrollment courses for college credit, plus numerous industry certifications for students in our Business Academy, Academy of Medical Professionals, our Culinary Arts program and our NEW Hospitality and Tourism Academy. Using a 21<sup>st</sup> century approach to learning, it is possible that students could use some type of technology everyday. Students have access to WIFI, use of their own laptops and mobile devices including iPads, smart phones, and other portable devices. With the use of technology comes student responsibility to prevent loss or theft. Students should always secure valuables and not leave them unattended. Be mindful of areas such as the lunchroom, classrooms, and the locker room as these are areas where students tend to carelessly leave valuables unsecured. Keep them locked up or with you at all times.

As you all know, we continue to be overcrowded and have important procedures to help make our school a safe environment and provide a quality experience for all students, parents, and staff. Please continue to review information provided on the website, in this newsletter, on orientation days, and through messages sent by text, email, or telephone. Traffic should continue to enter the school from Mansfield Blvd. at the light, but may exit the school either at the light or on to Wiregrass Road. The traffic in the student parking lot will remain as is, with traffic flowing into the parking lot on the east side (closest to the building) and out on the west side (closest to the fields). As you enter the parking lot, the **right lane** is for student drop off and the **left lane** is for parking vehicles. Traffic in the morning is always busy, so prepare in advance. With approximately 50 buses arriving, 500 student drivers, 200 employees, and hundreds of parents driving to school, you **MUST** arrive early to prevent being late to school. Entering the campus after 7:10am will 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. Traffic is **not an excuse** for being late to school. First period begins at 7:25am and all students should be in class at that time. Should you arrive later than 10 minutes to school, do not rush, just walk your child into Student Services and sign him/her in for an excused or unexcused tardy. Unexcused tardies include: missing the bus, sleeping late, alarm clock didn't go off, car problems, etc. For more information on attendance and tardies, please visit that section of this newsletter or the website. 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 the school year. Review the attendance policy, tardy policy, and code of conduct information with your child. All of this information will be included in this newsletter, on the school website, and in the Student Planner that every child will receive the first week of school.

Throughout first semester there will be many activities, please continue to check back to the website for important dates and activities. The calendars that are available are a good source of information. Please see information in this newsletter regarding Orientation Days and Open House.

Finally, as I mentioned in the beginning of this newsletter, we want parents involved in the school. We are all in this together and want to "lead by Example"! Please consider joining the PTSA, one of our Music Booster organizations, Athletic Boosters, or SAC. In addition, consider volunteering at the school at least once a month. We need volunteers to help with clerical work, mentors, tutors, and assisting with campus monitoring. Please see the information included in this newsletter to sign up as a volunteer TODAY! All volunteers help make WRHS an excellent school to learn, visit, and work. We look forward to seeing everyone at one of the Orientation times and Open House. Contact WRHS at (813) 346-6000 or visit our website at [wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us) for further information. Have a great FIRST SEMESTER BULLS!

Teacher hours - 7:00 - 2:30pm    Classes in session - 7:25 - 1:50pm

Student Services - 7:00 - 3:00pm

Administration office hours - 7:00 - 3:30pm

### Orientation Days & Times

Wiregrass Ranch High School will host three orientations for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. The first orientation will be held Friday, August 3 from 8am to 2pm for the incoming freshman class only. The second orientation will be held Monday, August 6, from 5pm to 7pm and is open for the Senior Class of 2019 only. The final orientation will be held Tuesday, August 7, from 8am to 12pm and is open to 10<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> graders and any 9<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders who were unable to attend their orientation sessions. All students new to Wiregrass Ranch High are encouraged to attend the orientation appropriate for their grade levels. These orientation events will provide students with the opportunity to pick up schedules, select lockers, verify transportation, and learn about the exciting programs (academic, athletic, and clubs) available at Wiregrass Ranch High School. For additional information regarding orientation, call WRHS at (813) 346-6000.

### Open House

Dear Wiregrass Ranch Families:

We are proud to invite all of you to this year's Open House at Wiregrass Ranch High School on **Monday, August 27, 2018, at 6:00pm**. For the 2018-2019 school year, we have adopted "Lead by Example" as our theme. Our faculty and staff are looking forward to meeting the parents and guardians of our WRHS students.

Upon arriving on campus, please report to the gymnasium to briefly meet with the principal, Robyn White. After the meeting, you will be released to visit your child's classes. Similar to last year, parents/ guardians will not be required to follow their child's schedule of classes; instead, you will be allowed to visit your student's classes in the order that you choose. Each class visit will last ten minutes with five minutes passing time between each class visit. Remember to bring a copy of your child's schedule with you if he/she will not be accompanying you to the Open House. If you need to

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obtain a copy of your child's schedule, one will be available for you in your child's first period class. Parents, we encourage you to visit the cafeteria and media center during your visit, as we have much information to share:

- PTSA
- Athletic Information
- Music Boosters
- Athletic Boosters
- Counselors/Student Services will have college information, Bright Futures and many other types of information available.
- Teacher Table – teachers who are unable to attend tonight's open house have provided information about their class, syllabus, etc.

**We are looking forward to meeting all of our Bull family members!**

## ***Student Meal Prices***

The student meal prices for 2018/19 are as follows: Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$3.25 Reduced Breakfast \$ .30 Reduced Lunch \$ .40 Free and Reduced lunch forms will be available at orientation or online by 7/16/18 @ pascoschoolmeals.com.

## ***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 back to school purchases, please make sure clothing meets the dress code requirements. 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.

## ***Tardy Policy***

Please talk to your children about the importance of arriving to class on time. It is imperative that students are seated in their classrooms prior to the tardy bell sounding. Students who are tardy to class will receive consequences-1<sup>st</sup> Offense-Student receives a warning and parent/guardian is notified by teacher; 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense-Student receives a lunch detention and parent/guardian is notified; 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense-Student receives one morning or after school detention; 4<sup>th</sup> Offense- Student receives three days of a morning or after school detention; 5<sup>th</sup> Offense-Student receives a Saturday detention. All others are referred to an administrator. Students who are tardy to school receive the same consequences.

## ***Portables and Rainy Days***

With over 2200 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.

## ***Protection of School Instructional Time***

The primary purpose of school is to provide instruction for students, and any infringement upon time designated for instructional activities is a failure to achieve that purpose. Therefore, classroom interruptions will be limited to emergency cases only. Please attempt to schedule all appointments after school. If you must check your child out from school, please plan ahead to allow time for a pass to be delivered to the classroom to retrieve your student. Calls to the classroom are prohibited. In addition, teachers will not be checking their email during school hours. Please allow teachers 24 hours to read and then respond to your emails and telephone messages. Deliveries of essential school-related items dropped off to Student Services during school time will be limited to the last five minutes of each class period. We will not be delivering flowers, cakes, balloons, etc. to student classrooms. We appreciate your cooperation, as we attempt to make this the best year yet!

## ***Security Notice***

Security Cameras may be used to record events at WRHS.

## ***On-Line Classes***

Parents and students, please remember to register in advance for all online classes. Do not wait until school starts on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. This will enable students to begin course work on the first day.

## ***Parent/Teacher Conference Procedures***

The WRHS faculty knows that parental involvement is the number one indicator of student success in school. To ensure a successful parent teacher conference, WRHS asks that the following procedures be followed. Before scheduling a parent teacher conference, please contact and discuss the issue or concern directly with the teacher by email or telephone. If, after this discussion, a face-to-face conference still needs to occur, contact the guidance secretary at 346-6011 in Student Services to schedule the conference. All conferences will be held from 7:00-7:25am or from 2:00-2:30pm.

## ***ABC (Assist, Believe and Care)***

The ABC committee would 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. If you would like to participate, are looking for assistance, or would like further information please contact Allison Kanewa at 813-346-6000.

## ***Academic Honor Code for WRHS***

As a student at **Wiregrass Ranch High School**, you have entered a community of student scholars and educators who are committed to excellence in education. Take the time to read and think about what you want your education to mean to you. It is assumed that all students will pursue their studies with integrity and honesty. This means that all work for which the student wants to receive a grade, credit or recognition will be the work of the individual student. Academic honesty is a very serious commitment to make, so please do not do so lightly.

Students have the responsibility to uphold the highest standards of **academic integrity** in the student's own work, to refuse to tolerate violations of **academic integrity** in the school community, and to foster a high sense of integrity and social responsibility on the part of your class and in the Wiregrass Ranch High School community.

Violations of the following infractions will result in severe disciplinary action by your teacher, which will include – but are not limited to – a grade of F on the assignment/test, a referral, and parental contact. The following are considered egregious infractions of the academic honor code:

### I. Cheating

- A. Copying, in part or in whole, from someone else's test
- B. Altering or interfering with grading
- C. Using or consulting any of the following during an examination: any sources, consulting with others, use of electronics equipment including cell phones and PDAs, or use of materials not authorized by the instructor
- D. Committing other acts which defraud or misrepresent

### II. Plagiarism

- A. Incorporating the ideas, words, sentences, paragraphs or parts of another person's writings without giving appropriate credit, and representing the product as your own
- B. Representing another's scholarly works such as written assignments or projects as your own
- C. Submitting a paper purchased from a research or term paper service, including the Internet
- D. Undocumented Web source usage

### III. Other Specific Examples of Academic Dishonesty

- A. Purposely allowing another student to copy from your paper during a test
- B. Giving your homework, written assignments or other academic work to another to plagiarize
- C. Having another person submit any work in your name
- D. Lying to a teacher to improve your grade
- E. Altering a graded work after it has been returned, then submitting the work for re-grading
- F. Stealing tests
- G. Forging signatures of parents or other students on documents
- H. Collaboration without permission of your teacher.

## School Clubs

WRHS offers a variety of student clubs sponsored by staff and faculty. Clubs are voluntary, usually meet once per month or after school and provide an opportunity for students with similar interests to get together and conduct activities that they enjoy. In addition to our school clubs, WRHS has several service organizations such as National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, etc. In early September, WRHS will be holding a "Club Showcase" for students to find clubs that match their interests. Listen for information on the date and time.

## SAC (School Advisory Council)

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 nomination form that is attached at the end of this newsletter. Any Parent or Business/Community Member that would like to be considered as a SAC member can also complete the nomination form. All nomination forms must be returned to the Front Office no later than Friday August 17th. Voting will take place at Open House on August 27th and the first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th.

## 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 our first semester.

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 (Freshman August 3, Seniors August 6th and Juniors and Sophomores August 7th):

The WRHS PTSA will have **discount coupons** for **Yearbooks** and **Spirit Wear** when you become a PTSA member on Orientation days. PTSA Membership is only \$5.00 per person.

### PTSA General Meeting / Open House:

We welcome you to, and encourage you to participate in, the WRHS PTSA this year. Please join us at our first **General Assembly Meeting** on **August 27th** at 5:30pm outside the Gym. This is also the night of Open House, which begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium. We will also be selling Spirit Wear outside the gym.

### Parks Ford Fall Driven to Give Event (August 27th from 4-8):

Once again the PTSA is having this creative and exciting fundraising opportunity where test-driving Luxury Lincoln vehicles can result in **Big Cash Rewards For Our School!!!** On **August 27th** (Open House) from 4:00pm. – 8:00pm, 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 Lincoln!

### 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 September 28, 2018 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 at [www.wiregrassptsa.org](http://www.wiregrassptsa.org).

### WRHS PTSA Watch DOGS Program:

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is a family and community engagement educational initiative. There are 2 primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program: 1. To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. 2. To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying. This year the PTSA is looking for a Chair for this new program that would help coordinate and run the two events of the year and assist with scheduling. Please contact Megan McNeil at [meganmccneil212@yahoo.com](mailto:meganmccneil212@yahoo.com) if interested. We are also looking for positive male role models to assist with morning arrival procedures to enhance safety and security at the school. If interested please contact Megan McNeil.

### ACT Princeton Review Practice Test And Strategy Session:

The Princeton Review practice ACT test and Strategy is an activity we offer every year. We are currently working closely with Princeton Review to schedule a date for the Practice ACT in the fall in order to continue to provide you with this valuable resource. More information will be coming soon and will be located on our website at [www.wiregrassptsa.org](http://www.wiregrassptsa.org) and in Student Services.

### National PTSA Reflections Program:

WRHS PTA is once again participating in this wonderful program. We are very proud of the results WRHS students achieved in previous years. The theme for this year is "**Heroes Around Me**". We invite you to express yourself in any of the categories. Participating is easy! Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized! **Deadline is Friday, September 28th.** Visit our PTSA website at [www.wiregrassptsa.org](http://www.wiregrassptsa.org) for entry forms and rules.

### WRHS ABC (Assist, Believe & Care):

WRHS PTSA will once again provide holiday meals and holiday wish list items 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.

### WRHS PTSA Store:

PTSA has many spirit wear items at the school store located in front of the cafeteria. It is open most mornings until 7:25 a.m. You can also view and purchase all items at our "online store" at [www.wiregrassptsa.org](http://www.wiregrassptsa.org) and click on the store tab on the top. You will receive a call when the order has been processed. At that time, pick up of items can be arranged. Happy shopping and thank you for supporting your PTSA!

On behalf of the WRHS PTSA Executive Board and all the volunteers who give their time so freely and enthusiastically, we 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 [meganmccneil212@yahoo.com](mailto:meganmccneil212@yahoo.com).

Again, welcome back and have a great year! Thank you and GO BULLS!!

Megan McNeil, WRHS PTSA President

## Athletic Coaches and Activities

### WRHS 2018-2019 COACHES CONTACT INFORMATION

Football – Coach Kantor – [mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Volleyball – Coach Holowiak – [rholowia@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rholowia@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Cross Country – Coach Loth – [cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Girls Cross Country – Coach Dieppol – [jdieppol@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jdieppol@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Swimming – Coach Gramm – [kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Girls Swimming – Coach Cimino – [acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Golf – Coach Horrigan – [mhorriga@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mhorriga@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Girls Golf – Coach Calzone – [jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Basketball – Coach Calzone – [jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Girls Basketball – Coach Gant – [jgant@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jgant@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Soccer – Coach Wilson – [dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Girls Soccer – Coach Costa – [eddy\\_costa@hotmail.com](mailto:eddy_costa@hotmail.com)

Wrestling – Jamey Kettler – [jkettler@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jkettler@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Varsity Cheerleading – Coach Trapani – [wrhscheerbulls@aol.com](mailto:wrhscheerbulls@aol.com)

JV Cheerleading – Coach Powers – [wrhscheerbulls@aol.com](mailto:wrhscheerbulls@aol.com)

Girls Weightlifting – Coach Kantor – [mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Weightlifting – Coach Kantor – [mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Tennis – Coach Wilson – [dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Girls Tennis – Coach Fye – [jfye@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jfye@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Baseball – Coach McDougall – [mdmdouga@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mdmdouga@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Softball – Coach Vazquez – [yvazquez@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:yvazquez@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Track – TBD

Girls Track – Coach McMillian – [tmcmilli@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:tmcmilli@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Boys Lacrosse – Coach Fitzsimons – [Tj.fitzsimons1@gmail.com](mailto:Tj.fitzsimons1@gmail.com)

Girls Lacrosse – Craig Havemann – [chaveman@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:chaveman@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Club Hockey – Contact Mr. Zimmerman – [gzmice@aol.com](mailto:gzmice@aol.com)

### WRHS FALL AND WINTER SPORTS SEASONS

**FALL** All fall sports start in August

Cheerleading – sideline squad

Cross Country – boys and girls

Golf – Boys and Girls @ Pebble Creek

Football

Swimming – Boys and Girls - @ Hunters Green

Volleyball

(Athletic Coaches and Activities Continued)

## WINTER

Competitive Cheerleading

Girls Soccer

Boys Soccer

Girls Weightlifting

Girls Basketball

Boys Basketball

Wrestling

Please see coaches regarding dates and times.

## Athletic Season Passes

WRHS Athletic season passes are on sale and will be available at orientation for the 2018-2019 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). Contact Dave Wilson at 813-346-6000 or email at [dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us) for more information.

## WRHS Band Boosters

The Wiregrass Ranch High School Marching Band is presenting "Mirage". We are hosting our annual competition on Oct. 6th and invite all to attend. We are seeking businesses to advertise in our competition program and students looking for volunteer hours. Please contact the Band Boosters at [wrhsbandboosters@yahoo.com](mailto:wrhsbandboosters@yahoo.com) for more information.

## WRHS Swim

WRHS Swim team will begin the season on July 30th with an administrative paperwork day and practice will begin the following day. The team will practice at the Tennis and Athletic Center of Hunter's Green. The practice time is 2:45 - 4:45 Monday through Friday. Participation requires all FHSAA and District School Board paperwork in order to participate. Please contact Coach Cimino at [wrhswimming@gmail.com](mailto:wrhswimming@gmail.com) or Coach Gramm at [kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us) with any questions or concerns.

## Art News

WRHS art teachers, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Rusch, and Mr. Holyoke displayed their works at the 2017-2018 Pasco County Art Specialists' Exhibit at the Center for the Arts. The closing reception was in May.

Please congratulate the winning Pasco Fair students: For 2D, seven students won an Honorable Mention: Tanuja Avireni, Rachel Flygare, Gabrielle Mesquita, Patricia Deogracias, Wesley Santana, Allie Zawadzki and Cassity Steele. Jovawn Edwards won 1st place for High School Photography & Charlie Smith won 1st place for the Agricultural Theme. For 3D, four students won an Honorable Mention: Abi and Ania Lopez, Angelica Pursell, and Morgan Thomas.

Congratulations to the WRHS Congressional Art Competition winners: Kaitlyn Merryman & Anna Speer. There were eighteen entries from our school.

WRHS art students participated in the Memory Project, ten students rendered portraits of Russian children.

AP Art student and National Art Honor Society, Patricia Deogracias is having a great junior year; her work will be displayed at the Dali Museum May 19 thru August 26 and she was awarded a scholarship to attend a pre-college studio art program at MassArt in Boston this summer!

Congratulations to Gabrielle Mesquita, a senior AP student who won Best of Show for her portfolio at the Art Institute! She was awarded a \$7500 scholarship! Gabrielle will attend the Art Institute in July. We are so proud of our art students!

## Bulls Pride Updates

New for the 2018-2019 school year:

Students must be on track to purchase a parking decal for the 2018-2019 school year.

Students will be on track for attendance if they have fewer than 5 unexcused full day absences or 30 unexcused class periods.

All freshman students will begin the year on track and remain so on track until privileges are lost.

Quarter 1 wrist bands will be handed out in classes during the first week of school.

## Culinary Trip to France

Do you want to travel? There is an opportunity to take a trip to France next summer in June 2019! We are hosting a custom culinary tour trip to France with EF Tours next summer and have paired up with the LOLHS' Culinary Program as well. We currently have 12 students traveling with us and we would love to have other students and teachers join us!

It's a once in a lifetime custom-made trip for 11 days to France. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Chef Jeremy Blythe at [jblythe@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jblythe@pasco.k12.fl.us). He can also be reached at 813-346-6000.

## Health News

Parents, students are not permitted to carry any medications except for inhalers, pancreatic enzymes, Epi-pens or diabetic supplies. In order for your child to carry these medications you must fully complete and return the self carry form **annually** or your child will not be permitted to carry or administer his/her own medications. This is for the safety of your child and others. Parents, please provide annually updated medical histories if your child's medical condition impacts him/her at school. On the first day of school, you will be receiving an emergency card, healthy student form, and flu vaccine consent. Please return these forms ASAP. The clinic assistant will be available to receive medications on August 10 from 8 to 2. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Your School Nurse

## Media Center

The Media Center welcomes all new and returning students to Wiregrass Ranch High School. We are excited about the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. We encourage you to stop by the Media Center and look through all the new books we've received! We also encourage you to utilize the Media Center for research, printing, and/or studying. The Media Center is open daily from 7:00am. to 3:00pm. Please note the following information/expectations when visiting the Media Center:

- Eating, drinking, and chewing gum are not allowed
- A Pass or On-Track Band **MUST** be presented to Media Center staff/peer (without a Pass or On-Track Band, you will be asked to leave)
- Respect each other and avoid distracting or disrupting your fellow users or the Media Center staff
- All students must sign in and out at the Circulation Desk unless with a teacher/class
- Push in chairs and/or stools
- Clean up any paper, pencils, notebooks, etc. in your work area before you leave
- Computers are to be used for academic purposes only
- There are no student restrooms in the Media Center
- No texting or phone calls

## Great American Teach In

We will be holding the Great American Teach In for our students during the month of November. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in sharing information about a career field with students, please contact Mrs. Batchelor. She can be reached by phone at 813-346-6015 or e-mail [jbachelor@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jbachelor@pasco.k12.fl.us). You can present to a single class or in a larger group setting. We are looking for representatives from all different career fields! In your email, please include presentation topic (career) as well as the date(s) and class period(s) you are available. Also, let us know if you prefer one class or if you are comfortable presenting to larger groups! You must also have a volunteer application on file for the school district. These may be completed by accessing the district website and clicking on 'Volunteer. Please refer to the WRHS website for dates for more details.

## Student Voice

Hey students, are you interested in having a voice in school-based decisions? I, Ms. White, am currently looking for students from all demographics and all grade levels that represent the school. If you are interested in any of the following, please send an email to [rwhite@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rwhite@pasco.k12.fl.us) and let me know which committee you may be interested in. Students will be selected and notified by the end of August.

**\*PTSA Student Liaison** - need 2 - 3 representatives (meeting evenings)

**\*Student Voice Committee** - need 5 - 6 per grade level. Freshmen, this is an excellent way to get involved. (this is NOT Student Council)

**\*SAC** - need 2 senior representatives. Please complete attached application.

## ACT/SAT Test Dates

Check the websites for a complete list of test dates and test center locations. The website for ACT is <http://www.act.org>. The website for SAT is [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Register early to prevent late fees.

## PSAT

PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 10th at WRHS. This is the official pre-test given by CollegeBoard. It is offered once a year and is the only way for juniors to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. We have a limited amount of tickets for 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students so they will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested for free. Tickets for 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are \$20. Please refer to school website for more info and specific sales dates.

**Please note: the test is from 7:30am to 11:30am.** Upon registration, students will receive a review booklet. Please be sure they take some time to look at this information prior to the test.

## Senior News

### Senior Seminar

All senior students will attend a presentation through their English classes. Date and time will be announced. They will receive important information regarding senior year activities, college/post-high school planning, and much more. Seniors who do not have English on campus, or are full-time DE students will be permitted to attend one of the presentations. Announcements will be going out via Connect-SchoolMessenger, senior class text remind and senior class CANVAS page.

### Senior Parent Night

This informative session for senior parents will be held early September. Date and time will be announced. You will be given much of the same information students received in the Senior Seminar presentations. We will be covering the college application process your senior students may be involved in right now! Additional information includes the Senior Timeline, resources to help plan for life after graduation, career planning resources, and much more. Contact Jennifer Batchelor, College/Career Specialist, if you have any questions. ([jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us))

### College Reps are coming!!!

Many in- and out-of-state colleges & universities will visit WRHS throughout the fall. Juniors & Seniors interested in learning more about prospective schools should listen for announcements regarding upcoming visits. You must sign up in Student Services in order to attend any of the presentations.

### College Fair

A College Fair will be held at PHSC early September. Details to follow. It is held at the Dade City Campus. PHSC – East Campus, 36727 Blanton Road, Dade City, FL 33525

## National Honor Society Applications

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for NHS (3.5 unweighted GPA, no referrals, junior or senior class) will receive an invitation to apply for NHS membership during the first 2 weeks of school. Completed applications will be due back to the NHS sponsors within 2 weeks and will be processed in a timely fashion so the induction of new members can occur at the end of the first quarter. Our NHS sponsors look forward to an active year of service and leadership activities with our new and returning members!

## Senior Pictures

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Students must be photographed by Gigante Productions and must be photographed by October 1 in order to be in the yearbook. Call immediately to schedule an appointment, (813)907-1078, appointments are filling up very quickly.

### Senior Ads

The Senior Tribute pages can be purchased online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Senior Tribute pages are some of the most beautifully designed and most memorable parts of our Yearbook. My editors and I will design the tribute pages based on your submission of photos and text and then send you a proof via email for your approval. The pricing varies depending on the size of your tribute and are as follows:

Full Page: Color/B/W: \$250  
1/2 Page: Color/B/W: \$200  
1/4 Page: Color/B/W: \$150  
1/8 Page: Color/B/W: \$100  
1/16 Page: Color/B/W: \$75  
1/32 Page: Color/B/W: \$50

The deadline for submission is Dec. 1, 2018. No submissions will be accepted after this date.

### Yearbook Purchase

Yearbooks can be purchased on [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) and are currently \$65. During orientation week, the price will be \$60 if you purchase a PTSA membership. Yearbooks increase in price throughout the remainder of the year, so buy yours now at the lowest price!

## Unity Day

Save the Date: Unity Day is scheduled for Friday, October 19. Stay tuned to morning announcements for details.

## Volunteering at the Ranch

The School Board of Pasco County requires that all adult 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.pascoschools.org](http://www.pascoschools.org) and click on **Volunteer Application**. It is located on the bottom of the home page. Don't forget to register today! Any student who would like to receive future volunteer opportunities can email Mrs. Batchelor at [jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us) to be added to her volunteer email list. Volunteer opportunities are sent via email to students.

## WRHS Parking & Driving Class

Parking decals for the 2018-2019 school year will be sold in the office of Student Services on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for all seniors, and August 3<sup>rd</sup> for all other grade levels, from 8 am to 12 pm. Students who are planning on purchasing parking decals this year will be required to pay \$30.00. Seniors will have an opportunity to decorate their parking spots this year for an additional \$20.00. More information on the decoration dates and times will be posted on the website. Parking spaces are limited, and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

To purchase a parking decal for the 2018-2019 school year, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a valid Florida driver's license and proof of insurance.
  2. Show proof of residency. The residency address listed must match the address on the student's driver's license and be within the boundaries of WRHS using one of the following:
    - a. copy of utility bill
    - b. copy of a properly executed lease agreement
    - c. copy of a mortgage statement
    - d. copy of an affidavit of residence (if applicable)
  3. Be cleared of all school financial obligations from the previous school year(s).
  4. Must be "on-track" or have an approved appeal.
  5. Complete the 2018/19 WRHS Parking Application and complete the WRHS Driver's Safety Class, located on-line on the WRHS website. If a senior, decorating their space, must have approved design and application prepared.
- The expectation is that students will have all of the required documents listed above when they come to purchase their decals.

## Communication and News

The newsletter will now be published twice a year and mailed home. For news and announcements throughout the year, we will be offering the following:

WRHS Website: [wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us)

Facebook Official Page: [www.facebook.com/theranch2016](https://www.facebook.com/theranch2016)

Twitter: [@WiregrassRanchH](https://twitter.com/WiregrassRanchH)

If you have any questions about School Connects or any of the communication tools listed above, please let us know. We look forward to a great year!

## Calendar

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| Freshman Roundup (8-2pm in Cafeteria)         | Aug. 3        |
| Senior Orientation Night (5-7 pm in Gym)      | Aug .6        |
| Orientation Day (8-12pm in Gym)               | Aug. 7        |
| First Day of School                           | Aug. 13       |
| Picture Day                                   | Aug. 24       |
| Open House (6-8pm)                            | Aug. 27       |
| Labor Day Holiday (No School)                 | Sept. 3       |
| End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr                    | Oct. 12       |
| Progress Reports                              | Sept. 14      |
| Picture Retake Day                            | Sept 27       |
| Teacher Planning Day (No school for students) | Oct. 15       |
| Report Cards                                  | Oct. 23       |
| Progress Reports                              | Nov. 16       |
| Thanksgiving Holiday (No school)              | Nov. 17-25    |
| End of Qtr 2 & Semester                       | Dec. 21       |
| Winter Break (No school)                      | Dec. 22-Jan 6 |
| Teacher Planning Day (No school for students) | Jan 7, 2019   |
| Students return                               | Jan. 8, 2019  |
| Report Cards                                  | Jan. 15, 2019 |
| Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday- (No school)   | Jan. 21, 2019 |



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