



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-Fall Semester 2019

From the Principal.....Robyn White

Welcome Back class of 2020, 2021, and 2022. Welcome to the Ranch class of 2023!

Coming off a fantastic year, our theme for this year will be "Remember Your Why" and we are hoping that that message flows through the community, parents, teachers, staff, and students. We want to constantly remember why we are here and the goals we set for ourselves. 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 12th, please review all the important information provided on our website and in this newsletter. There were no summer assignments for this year, so we hope that everybody enjoyed the summer and are ready to return rested and ready to learn. 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, and our Hospitality and Tourism Academy. It is the goal for WRHS to see each student take a college level course or earn at least one industry certification prior to graduation. Using a 21st 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 7:24am 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. In addition, please remember that if you come on campus for any reason, you are required to sign in at the FRONT OFFICE. In order to do this, you must show a photo ID.

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, as we move to a new format.

Finally, as I mentioned in the beginning of this newsletter, we want parents involved in the school. 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 Freshmen Orientation and Open House. Contact WRHS at (813) 346-6000 or visit our website at wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us for further information. Have a great FIRST SEMESTER BULLS!

Teacher hours - 7:00 - 2:30pm Classes in session - 7:24 - 1:50pm

Student Services - 7:00 - 3:00pm

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

Orientation/Open House

Please see attached flyer with details.

Student Meal Prices

The student meal prices for 2019/20 are as follows: Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$3.25 Reduced Breakfast \$.30 Reduced Lunch \$.40 Free and Reduced lunch forms will be available online. Please keep a lookout on the Pasco County Website for Free/Reduced Lunch forms.

Security of Valuables

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 report to the nearest tardy table to receive a pass to class and their consequences. Tardies will now be school-wide and not per period. The 1st Offense-Student receives a verbal warning, 2nd Offense-Student receives a final warning and a letter addressed to parent and student of future consequences, 3rd Offense- Lunch detention and parent/guardian is notified; 4th Offense-Student receives one morning or after school detention; 5th Offense- Student receives three days of a morning or after school detention; 6th Offense-Student receives a Saturday detention. All others are referred to an administrator. Tardies to 1st period are included in this policy. There will be an additional minute given to those students who travel long distances between classes and tardy counts will reset each quarter.

Dress Code

WRHS administration retains the right to make additional decision regarding the appropriateness of student dress and appearance, and will make the decision whether a student's appearance meets the school and District standards. The Principal's or designee's decision regarding the appropriateness of dress is final.

- Students are not permitted to wear pants, shorts or skirt less than 4" above the knee and are not permitted to wear cut-off, torn, or tattered pants with holes in them that expose skin or undergarments "4" inches above the knee.
- All Pants must be worn securely at the waist.
- No undergarments can be exposed.
- Blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit. Muscle shirts and tank tops are not permitted. Spaghetti straps, strapless tops, or off the shoulder tops are not acceptable. Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line, stay tucked in, and not slide off the shoulder during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
- Pajamas or other costume type attire may not be worn at school unless previously approved by the principal for special school activities.
- Students shall not wear hats or head coverings on the school campus during the regular school day unless previously approved for medical or religious reasons or special school activities as determined by the principal or her designee.
- Students shall wear shoes for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds. Slippers are not acceptable.
- Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted or attached to the body or clothing which are offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum shall not be worn to school or school functions.
- Clothing that advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or identifies them as members of an antisocial group or gang shall not be worn to school or school functions.
- Jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not present a safety or health hazard or cause a major disruption to the educational process. Spiked jewelry, wallet chains or dog collars shall not be permitted.

Visit the Student Code of Conduct if you would like to view the entire Dress Code Policy.

Consequences:

- 1st Violation: Verbal warning issued by IA or Administrator, and the student will be required to change into appropriate clothing.
- 2nd Violation: Lunch Detention issued by IA or Administrator, and the student will be required to change into appropriate clothing.
- 3rd Violation: After School detention issued by IA or Administrator, and the student will be required to change into appropriate clothing.
- 4th Violation: 3 days After School detention issued by IA or Administrator, and the student will be required to change into appropriate clothing.
- 5th Violation: Saturday School issued by IA or Administrator, and the student will be required to change into appropriate clothing
- 6th + Violation: A referral will be processed for Defiance by IA or Administrator

Portables and Rainy Days

With over 2300 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 12th. 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 7:00-7:24am 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 Carmen Baez 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. September 4th, WRHS will be holding a "Club Showcase" during all lunches, for students to find clubs that match their interests

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 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 16th.

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. Make sure you participate in some (if not all) that the PTSA has to offer.

ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION (Freshman round up is August 1, August 6 virtual orientation/open house)

The WRHS PTSA will have **Spirit Wear** for sale. PTSA Membership is only \$5.00 per person. We are working on having membership available on line on our website as we see the need to move online.

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 PTSA **General Assembly Meeting on September 20** at 5:30pm outside the Gym. This is also the night of WRHS homecoming, in the Gymnasium.

Parks Ford Fall Driven to Give Event:

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!!!** We are working on the best time to bring this amazing opportunity to our school. And we hope when we do we will have our amazing bull's families come out and support our school!

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 27, 2019 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.

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 and in Student Services.

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM:

WRHS PTSA 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 "**Look With in**". 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 Monday, September 30.** Visit our PTSA website at 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 our schedule for the store will be put up on our website. You can also view and purchase all items at our "online store" at www.wiregrassptsa.org and click on the Store tab on the top. You will receive a call when order has processed. At that time, pick up of items can be arranged. Happy shopping and thank you for supporting your PTSA!

Student liaison:

This year we will have a certain amount of spots available for student members on our board. Please check student services after an

announcement during the first couple of weeks of school will be made. There will be a criteria to join and approval from our principle.

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 WRPTAPRES19@gmail.com Again, welcome back and have a great year!

Jennifer Loaiza, President

Athletic Coaches and Activities

WRHS 2019-2020 COACHES CONTACT INFORMATION

Football – Coach Kantor – mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Volleyball – Coach Holowiak – rholowia@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Cross Country – Coach Loth – cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Cross Country – TBA
Boys Swimming – Coach Gramm – kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Swimming – Coach Cimino – acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Golf – Coach Horrigan – mhorriga@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Golf – Coach Calzone – icalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Basketball – Coach Calzone – icalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Basketball Coach Crain – pkessel@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Soccer – Coach Wilson – dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Soccer – Coach Costa – eddy_costa@hotmail.com
Wrestling – Coach Ketter – iketler@pasco.k12.fl.us
Varsity Cheer – Coach Danielle Hammer – coach.danielle20@gmail.com
Girls Weightlifting – Coach Kantor – mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Weightlifting – Coach Kantor – mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Tennis – Coach Wilson – dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Tennis – Coach Fye – jfye@pasco.k12.fl.us
Baseball – Coach McDougall – mdmdouga@pasco.k12.fl.us
Softball – Coach Vazquez – vvazquez@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Track – Coach Brown – sjbrown@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Track – Coach McMillian – tmcmilli@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Lacrosse – Coach Fitzsimons – Tj.fitzsimons1@gmail.com
Girls Lacrosse – Craig Havemann – chaveman@pasco.k12.fl.us
Dance – Christal Shurley – cshurley@pasco.k12.fl.us
Club Hockey – Contact Mr. Zimmerman – gzimice@aol.com

WRHS FALL AND WINTER ACTIVITIES/SPORTS SEASONS

FALL - All fall sports start in August
Cheerleading – sideline squad
Cross Country – boys and girls
Dance
Golf – Boys and Girls @ Pebble Creek
Football
Swimming – Boys and Girls - @ Hunters Green
Volleyball
WINTER
Competitive Cheerleading
Dance
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 on-line for the 2019-2020 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 for more information.

WRHS Swim

WRHS Swim team will begin the season on July 29th 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. Contact Coach Cimino at wrhsswimming@gmail.com or Coach Gramm at kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us with any further questions or concerns.

Art News

Art students have had many art works on display in the school and community. In November, works were displayed at The Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel and at school for the Mental Health Awareness Week. 3D art students entered works in the Art of Recycling contest.

In January, WRHS art students exhibited works and volunteered at the Suncoast Arts Fest at the Shops at Wiregrass. Congratulations to Madison Wade who won the Emerging Artists Award at the Suncoast Arts Fest for the drawing she completed of her Wiregrass Ranch science teachers.

Congratulations to Patricia Deogracias for her senior portfolio that was on display at the 2019 Florida State Fair. Out of 350 students from 80 schools in 20 counties that entered portfolios, only 32 were chosen. Abby Gallo won a Medal design contest for TW Foundation Defeat Suicide 5k 2019. Anna Speer won 2nd place at the Modern Moose Art Contest.

Students and art instructors entered over fifty art works into the Pasco County Fair in February. The following artist were awarded with the following ribbons:

2019 WRHS Pasco County Fair Winners

Painting

1st place for painting-Tanuja Avirneni

Honorable Mention -Nicole Vega

Mixed Media

Honorable Mention -Cat Solorzano

3D

Honorable Mentions -

Ella Kelsch and Vivi Nguyen

Drawing

Honorable Mentions -

Hannah Andrews

Anna Speer for 2 works

Photography

Honorable Mentions -

Peyton Dignam, Colin Richardson, Gabe Marshall and Charlie Smith

Professional Photography

1st Place- Mrs. Paula Roush-Smith

Congratulations to Anna Speer and Mackenzie Tegeler for winning an Honorable Mention at the Florida's 12th Congressional District Exhibition! 13 students from WRHS had works entered. Students and parents attended the Florida's 12th Congressional District Exhibition & Awards Ceremony, presented by Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis in May.

Six students had their Surreal works sent to the Dali Museum for the Statewide Exhibit judging. Two works were accepted for the exhibit "Waking Dreams" Congratulations to Mayleen Ponce, 10th grade for her mixed media work "Toska" and Patricia Deogracias, 12th grade for her digital work titled "Don't Let Her Catch Her". The Dali museum remarked that judging was especially challenging this year. They received over 400 works, and they could only select 100. They were just blown away by the student art this year. The student exhibit will be on view from May 18-Aug 25 in the Raymond James Community Room, inside the Dali Museum.

Bulls Pride Updates

New for the 2019-2020 school year:

Are you on track?

- 2.0 + unweighted cumulative GPA
- No missing credits
- No level 2 or 3 referrals
- Fewer than 5 unexcused full day absences or 30 unexcused class periods

Not on track? Earn it back!

- Less than a 2.0 GPA? Earn all As, Bs, and Cs on your most recent report card
- Missing credits? Be actively enrolled in a credit recovery program (APEX, FLVS, eSchool, etc.) and making adequate progress (C or better, 5% progress per week enrolled)
- Level 2 or 3 referral? Visit the Bulls Pride page of the WRHS website to complete the appeal form. Discipline appeals are considered on a case-by-case basis
- Unexcused absences? Make an appointment with your grade level administrator to develop a plan to make up your time
- To appeal to be on track: complete the appeal form on the Bulls Pride page of the WRHS website.

Reminders:

- Students must be on track to purchase a parking decal for the 2019-2020 school year
- Students must be on track to attend extracurricular events such as homecoming, prom, and Grad Bash
- All freshman students will begin the year on track and remain on track unless privileges are lost
- Quarter 1 wrist bands will be handed out at all lunches during the first weeks of school.

For more information, visit the Bulls Pride page of the WRHS website.

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 9 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. All WRHS Sophomores and Freshman will be required to attend a media center orientation the first two weeks of school.

We are excited about the upcoming 2019-2020 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 **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

All WRHS Sophomores and Freshman will be required to attend a media center orientation the first two weeks of school.

Physical Education

Physical Education has a new requirement for all students taking a weight training class:

Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, all students that are signed up for a weight training class will be required to purchase a gym towel. In our efforts to maintain a clean and sanitary weight room, all students will be responsible to wipe down their equipment after using it just like any professional gym requires. The towel will cost \$4 and can be purchased on line.

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 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. Register early to prevent late fees.

PSAT

PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 24th 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 9th and 11th grade students so they will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. All 10th grade students will be tested for free. Tickets for 9th and 11th 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.

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.

Unity Day

Save the Date: Unity Day is scheduled for Friday, October 11. 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 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 to be added to her volunteer email list. Volunteer opportunities are sent via email to students.

WRHS Parking & Driving Class

Parking passes will be \$40 this year and students must be on-track for Bulls Pride in order to purchase one. Students must bring the following completed items during their scheduled day and time.

1. Completed WRHS Student Parking Application
2. Copy of driver's license
3. Proof of residency
4. Copy of your registration
5. Copy of your proof of valid insurance
6. Copy of completion of **Safe Behind the Wheel-Wiregrass**

Parking Passes will be sold in Student Services from 8:00am-11:00am on the following dates:

Seniors Only- July 29 and July 30, 2019

All grades levels- July 31, 2019

Seniors will have the opportunity to paint their spaces with an approved application and design. This must be completed and turned in with the parking application and will cost an additional \$20. The painting day will be on September 7, 2019 from 8:00am-4:00pm with a rain date of September 21, 2019.

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
Twitter: @WiregrassRanchH
Facebook Official Page: www.facebook.com/wiregrassranchhighschool

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 (8-2:30pm in Cafeteria) | Aug. 1 |
| Senior Orientation Night (5-7 pm in Gym) | Aug. 6 |
| Orientation Day (8-12pm in Gym) | Aug. 7 |
| First Day of School | Aug. 12 |
| Picture Day | Aug. 24 |
| Open House (6-8pm) | Aug. 27 |
| Labor Day Holiday (No School) | Sept. 2 |
| Early Release Day | Sept. 11 |
| Progress Reports | Sept. 13 |
| Early Release Day | Oct. 9 |
| End of 1 st Qtr | Oct. 11 |
| Teacher Planning Day (No school for students) | Oct. 14 |
| Report Cards | Oct. 22 |
| Early Release Day | Nov. 13 |
| Progress Reports | Nov. 15 |
| Thanksgiving Holiday (No school) | Nov. 25-29 |
| Early Release Day | Dec. 11 |
| End of Qtr 2 & Semester | Dec. 20 |
| Winter Break (No school) | Dec. 23-Jan 3 |
| Teacher Planning Day (No school for students) | Jan 6, 2020 |
| Students return | Jan. 7, 2019 |
| Report Cards | Jan. 14, 2020 |
| Early Release Day | Jan. 15 |
| Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday- (No school) | Jan. 20, 2020 |

Senior Pictures

Senior Portraits must be completed by November 1st in order to be in the Yearbook. Contact Gigante Productions for questions and to schedule your appointment as soon as possible.

Senior Tribute pages can be purchased until Jan. 1.

on www.yearbookforever.com. Please contact Kim Khalaf, the Yearbook Advisor, with any questions at kkhalaf@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Fall Photo Day is Friday, August 23. Dress code must be followed or student photos will not be included in the Yearbook.

Fall Photo Day Retakes will be Friday, October 18.

Buy a Yearbook today at www.yearbookforever.com

Find School, enter the email address you used to place an order. A summary of purchases made within the last two years will be sent to that address.

Yearbooks can be purchased for \$65 during orientation. If you purchase a PTSA membership, you can save \$5 off the cost of the Yearbook; only during Orientation.

Yearbooks will then be on sale for \$70 until Dec.1 when the price will rise to \$75.



School Board Members: Alison Crumbley, Chairman, Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, and Megan Harding
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WIREGRASS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL
FRESHMAN ROUND UP
AUGUST 1, 2019 8:00AM – 2:30PM

Special time for IND ESE: 9AM- 12:30PM

CLASS OF 2023

STUDENTS ARRIVE AT GYM BY 8:00AM

OPENING REMARKS 8:00 - 8:25

Robyn White - Principal

Marci Williams & Rachel Miller – Class of 2023 Sponsors

Christy Rankin – Explain the rotations and break into small groups

ROTATION SCHEDULE 8:30 – 11:30

Rotation 1: 8:30- 9:15

Rotation 2: 9:20- 10:00

Rotation 3: 10:05- 10:45

Rotation 4: 10:50- 11:30

Rotation Topics:

- School Counselor Presentation: Mrs. Billington
- Technology: Website/My Learning/Bull's Pride
- Extracurricular Activities: Get Involved
- How to succeed in High School Tips

CONTACT Any questions?

Christy Rankin

crankin@pasco.k12.fl.us

Leaders

School Counselor:
Cathy Billington

Class Sponsors:
Marci Williams
Rachel Miller

Assistant Principal:
Christy Rankin

SMALL GROUPS 11:35 – 12:00

Break in Small groups in classrooms, pass out schedules and school tour

Lunch 12:05- 1:00 in cafeteria

PARENTS RETURN 1:05-2:30

Students can meet back up with parents, walk their schedule, select a hall locker, get PE uniforms and towel, purchase school spirit wear and yearbooks. Parents can also sign up to be members our PTSA. Parents must have their Parent Portal set up in MyStudent at least 24 hours before being able to make any purchases or fee payments, any questions please see the Pasco County Website under the Parent Tab MyStudent link.

BULLS HAVE PRIDE!

PURPOSE

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

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ENGAGEMENT



School Advisory Council (SAC) Member Nomination Form 2019-2020

You may nominate yourself or another person to be included on the SAC ballot.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Contact information

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

email: _____

This nominee would be a representative of the checked peer group:

- Parent Name of student(s): _____ Grade(s): _____
- Student Student number: _____
- Teacher
- Education Support Employee
- Business/Community Member

Parents, Teachers, Students, and Education Support Employees are elected members of the SAC.

If you are interested in having this nominee placed on the SAC ballot, please complete and submit this form to the school's front office by August 16, 2019.

WRHS Virtual Orientation and Open House



Use the myStudent app and view student schedules
and pay fees from August 1 - August 6, 2019!



WRHS's Virtual Orientation Day and Open House!

County-wide Secondary Orientation Day

Dear WRHS Students and Families,

WRHS's Secondary Orientation Day will be **online** this year! This virtual orientation will be held instead of the traditional orientation process. Students and families will be able to access their schedules through their myStudent accounts beginning on August 1, 2019. myStudent accounts require a 24-hour processing window from activation to be able to view it, so please create your account early. If you already have a myStudent account, you will not need to create a new one. Students will also be able to pay fees and purchase a locker through the SchoolPay app on the WRHS website.

Open House

The WRHS campus will be open for students and families on August 6, 2019 from 8:00am-12:00pm to visit your students' teachers, programs of study, and to gear up for 2019-2020 school year! This will be held in place of a traditional evening Open House.

Date: August 6, 2019

Time: 8:00am-12:00pm

Where: WRHS Campus

Open House Check List:

- Walk your schedule and meet your teachers!
- Get a locker
- Purchase spirit wear and athletic uniforms
- Join PTSA



To participate in **Virtual Orientation Day**, parents **must**:

- *have an active Parent Portal on myStudent.
- *have a major credit card available to pay student fees online.

*Students who have not enrolled by July 26 at WRHS are not eligible for this virtual option and will receive their schedules on the first day of school along with directions on how to pay fees.

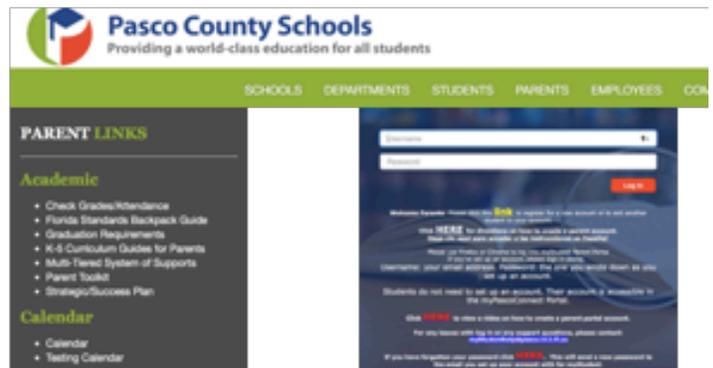
myStudent Parent Portal Account Information and Directions

STEP 1: Already a myStudent user? Do you have a myStudent parent portal account already created? If yes, skip this step and proceed to step 3 between 8:00am on August 1 through 4:00pm on August 6, 2019.

If not, then you must create a myStudent parent portal account between now and Wednesday, July 30, 2019 by 5:00pm to ensure that it's activated in time for orientation.

TO CREATE A mySTUDENT PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT:

1. Navigate to Pasco County Schools website at www.pasco.k12.fl.us.
2. Click on the Parents tab.
3. Under Parent Links/Academic click on Check Grades/Attendance.
4. Click the yellow link to create a new Parent Portal.
5. Be sure to complete this process by 5:00pm on July 30, 2019 to be able to participate in the **Virtual Orientation Day**.



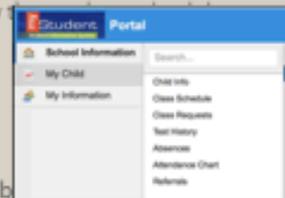
STEP 2: The first step is to pay student fees. There is a link in the messages section of the home page. Click on the text "Pay Student Fees" to initiate the process. Activate your Parent Portal Account by selecting "Activate Account" on the screen. Enter the email address associated with your myStudent account and select "Send Email" which generates an email to activate the account. Go to your email and select the link. Continue by creating your password. Once this is completed, you will be able to see the school fees based on your student's courses and any other fees as needed (Seniors will be required to pay their Class of 2020 fee). Now go to step 4!

STEP 3: The first step is to pay student fees. There is a link in the messages section of the home page. Student Fees" to initiate the process. Now login and pay applicable fees based on your student's courses and any other fees as needed (Seniors will be required to pay their Class of 2020 fee).



STEP 4: After paying fees, return to the myStudent home screen. Complete the steps below to view

1. Open the "My Child Tab" on the left side of the screen.
2. Open the "Class Schedule" tab in the box that opens to the right.
 - The classes listed are the current schedule for your child. These courses are connected to the fees that have b
 - There is a way to print the schedule at the bottom of the screen.
 - Note: Schedules could change prior to the start of the school year as we balance and level classes.



We are not entertaining schedule change requests during Open House. We have created a separate system to communicate requests to the assistant principals for each grade level. You can access the form on the WRHS website, under the Student Services tab on August 6, 2019.