



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

Newsletter-March 2015

From the Principal.....Robyn White

We are all very proud of all our seniors as they start making post high school decisions during the coming weeks and months. Our class of 2015 has been very successful with college opportunities. With over 500 seniors, we have many students that have already earned Bright Futures Scholarship funds for their freshman year at college. Many more scholarship opportunities will be earned during the coming weeks and months. Even though students have been accepted to colleges, they must maintain a dedication to their studies during the final weeks of school. Parents should keep up to date with graduation requirements, activities, dates and timeline. Visit the senior timeline posted on the website or contact the school for information as early as possible to solve any potential issues. For our underclass students, please take advantage of all the opportunities at WRHS and select the most rigorous schedule to prepare for the future. Courses you take in high school will determine your opportunities after high school for colleges and careers. It is never too early to plan and prepare for our future. Please remember that all upcoming tests make future decisions possible. Class of 2016 students should be taking both the SAT and ACT this spring. WRHS host both tests. FCAT, End of-Course exams, PERT and Advanced Placement tests are all scheduled this spring and dates will be posted on the website as tests get closer. Finally, the Fine Arts department with cooperation from the Culinary Arts program will present a Dinner Theatre Production of *Dinner at 8, Dead at 9*. The production of the show also includes WRHS' Art students, photography students and IT students as they help design materials and produce sets. This is a school wide effort and is an amazing event for everyone to see. Contact WRHS @ 813-346-6000 or visit our website @ <http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Teacher hours - 7:00 - 2:30 pm
Student Services - 7:00 - 3:00 pm
Administration office hours - 7:00 - 4:00 pm

Classes in session - 7:25 - 1:56 pm

Mystery Theatre - Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine

WRHS Fine Arts Department and the WRHS Culinary Arts Program present the 2015 Dinner Theatre Production of **Dinner at 8, Dead at 9**. Both performances are on Saturday, April 11th. The Matinee show starts at 4pm and tickets are \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 for two tickets. The main show will start at 7PM. Tickets are \$25.00 per person or \$45.00 for two tickets. Both shows will provide a meal and dessert, before and during the performance. All performances will take place in the WRHS Cafeteria. For further information, contact Chef Webb (rwebb@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Mr. Sinton (tsinton@pasco.k12.fl.us). Stay tuned to the WRHS website for more details about menus and purchasing tickets.

Graduation

The 2015 Graduation is scheduled for May 31st at 10:00 AM. Graduation will be held the USF Sun Dome on the USF campus in Tampa. The school website will have all information pertaining to graduation services. For any additional information, please contact Assistant Principal Shaunte Butcher at 813-346-6000.

Calendar

End of 3 rd quarter	3/13
Planning Day-no school for students	3/23
Spring Break-no school	3/16-3/20
Reports Cards	3/30

FCAT 2.0 Reading Retakes

FCAT, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, retakes will be administered March 25th through April 10th. These test dates are for juniors and seniors who have moved to Florida and have not taken the FCAT, juniors and seniors who have not passed FCAT, and retained sophomores who have not passed FCAT. All students who are scheduled for FCAT retakes will receive testing information, including precise dates and locations, from their teachers. Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest and eat breakfast before coming to school on testing days.

Dress Code Reminder

Parents and students, as warm weather returns, please make sure that you review the dress code policy found in your planner. As a reminder: tank tops, halter tops, or clothing with thin straps (smaller than 3 inches) are not permissible; hats, bandannas, head coverings are not permitted on campus; low cut blouses are not allowed; sleeveless apparel is not allowed for boys; shorts and skirts should be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee; tops and shirts must be long enough to remain tucked inside pants or skirts; pants must be worn appropriately.

Students that are in violation of the dress code will be given consequences based on the student Code of Conduct.

End of Year Activities

Prom, Grad Bash, Graduation Activities - NO OSS

Students planning to attend end of the year activities need to remember that these events are for students who meet all extracurricular eligibility requirements. Students must have good attendance, have all obligations paid and have no OSS for second semester.

Yearbook

Yearbooks are still on sale for \$80. Quantities are limited. There are fewer than 200 yearbooks remaining to purchase, so order your copy today. You can order by visiting www.yearbookforever.com or by visiting Ms. Martin in room 4-104.

Art News

On February 16, forty-six art and photography students displayed works at the Pasco County fair. Congratulations to Enita Lee who won 2nd place for her photograph and to the honorable mention winners Sam Morris, Nick Carrion, Erin Eybers, Sarah Juers, Grace Lei, Ashley Questell, Jacob Glassman, and Konner Briody. Seven, 3D art students entered the Pasco Art of Recycling Contest, "*Taking Recycling To New Heights*" by Jacob Dickens, "*Save The Sunshine*" by Brittany Palmer, "*Make A Commotion To Save Our Ocean*" by Jake Richman, "*Save Their Stripes*" by Victoria Spaw, "*Wings of Paper*" by Nathan Taylor, "*Life In The Rubble*" by Jacob Teegarden, and "*Save It To Cherish Or Leave It To Perish*" by Laci West. Works are on display at the Government Center in New Port Richey.

Stay connected to WRHS

Stay connected to Wiregrass Ranch High from anywhere in the world via our Twitter page, Facebook page, Google Plus page, our SchoolInfo App and our website. Now, you can get short reminders via Remind. To sign up, simply text the message @wrhschool to the number 81010. You will begin receiving reminder text messages from WRHS. Let us know if you have any questions.

Drug Prevention

Dear WRHS community,

We have had several students on our campus with prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them as well as over the counter medications that are being taken in unsafe quantities or being combined with other drugs. We are asking that parents educate themselves and their students about the dangers of drug abuse. Parents, please keep medications in a secure location. WRHS takes these situations very seriously. We are hoping that we can work together to ensure the safety of all Bulls on campus. If your student is caught with drugs on campus or under the influence, he/she will be suspended, possibly arrested and/or recommended for expulsion. WRHS is a ZERO tolerance school. Here are some resources about drug use and abuse among teens. We encourage all parents to have conversations with your students about this topic. Please reach out with any concerns.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/high-school-youth-trends>

<http://pascosheriff.us/stop-pill-abuse/>

Thank you, WRHS Administration

WRHS Athletic Boosters

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015, at 7:00 pm in WRHS cafeteria. Please join us.

We are looking for new WRHS Athletic Boosters Board Members for the 2015/2016 School Year. You must be a current Athletic Boosters member in order to be eligible for office. If interested come out to the next general membership meeting. For questions, please email

wrhsboosters@gmail.com

Our new website is underway, yet still under construction. It can be accessed via the school website under the "Athletics" heading. If there is anything you would like to see, please let us know at

wrhsboosters@gmail.com

The Athletic Boosters are sponsoring 4-\$500.00 scholarship for seniors who meet qualifications. Information/Applications are in Student Services. If you have a WRHS student athlete, work at Verizon or USAA, you can help us earn money by volunteering your time, which your employer will match in \$\$\$\$. Please let us know if you would like to help.

iPad/BOYD

The application for the 2015-2016 iPad Program will post on the WRHS website in the beginning of April. Please be looking for this and pay attention to the posted deadline date. We are excited to be able to accept even more Bulls into the program next year. Every student must apply to the program including students that are current iPad students.

Technology is used everyday across the WRHS campus with the purpose of increasing engagement in learning. We invite you to apply to our iPad program in which we provide you with an iPad and teach you how to be a 21st century learner. If you have your own device that you would like to use on campus, we invite you to apply and just mark "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) on the application. Exciting technological advances are happening

in the educational world on a daily basis, and WRHS is working hard to embrace the future of education.

Cafeteria/Lunch Update

Vending machines now take credit cards, debit cards, and student numbers. If you choose to use your pin number, students will need to see the cafeteria manager and have a picture ID to get their pin number.

PTSA

On May 22nd our school will be hosting a Senior Lock-In in our WRHS gym from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Our school is in need of many parent volunteers for this event. Of course, there will be different shifts you can choose from. If you are interested in volunteering and are not yet a District approved volunteer, please go to www.pasco.k12.fl.us, scroll down to "Learn more about..." on the left hand corner; and then go to the last tab "Volunteer Application". Please fill out the short volunteer form as soon as possible. Also, please send an e-mail to Ms. Munroe, Class of 2015 teacher sponsor, at aemunroe@pasco.k12.fl.us letting her know you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

ESEA School Public Accountability Report (SPAR)

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act legislation requires that schools provide parents or guardians an annual status report called ESEA School Public Accountability Report (SPAR). This report is available at the following web site: <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>

FBLA

WRHS FBLA students are heading to Orlando on March 21, 2015 for our annual State Leadership Conference where members will compete in the following events: *Agribusiness*-Jacob Dickens, *Computer Game and Simulation Programming*-Bradley Weik, Lorcan Kavanagh, and Wilberto Torres, *Digital Design & Promotion*-Jacob Glassman, Lisa Gozalez, Michael Singletary, *Economics*-Alexa Trout, and Breanna Gacek, *Job Interview*-Hannah Garcia, *Mobile App Development*-Joey Quinto, Sebastian, and Alex Krueger, *Personal Finance*-Austin Hymiak, *Word Processing*- JoLene James and Amie Fraser, and our *Voting Delegates or Members at Large*: Bianca Seufert, Joseph Fileccia, and Lauren Uzzi. We are proud of the work you are doing and the leaders you are becoming.



School Board Members: Steve Luikart Joanne Hurley, Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong and Allison Crumbley
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Curriculum Enhancement Night

Monday, March 9, 2015

Presentations for Current Grades 9-11

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Advanced Placement Presentation

(HHS LC Commons Area)

Learn about the expectations of Advanced Placement course offerings at WRHS. Presentation by Nicholas CuvIELLO and Constance Hines

Dual Enrollment Presentation

(STE LC Commons Area)

Learn about the expectations of Dual Enrollment course offerings and application instructions. Representatives from PHSC will be available for your questions. Presentation by Don Howard

Graduation Requirements and Navigating Online Classes

(BUS LC Commons Area)

School Counselors, Jillian Baker and Matthew Felderman will present important information including online requirements that will assist students and their families as they plan for college.

College Planning

(ACE Learning Community Commons)

Need Help for college? A college expert from The Right Fit will provide tips on picking the right college & how to reduce your costs!

Concessions &
Spirit Gear Sale
by WRHS
PTSA



HOME OF THE BULLS

Schedule

6:00 – 6:15 pm

Welcome

Robyn White, Principal

(Gym)

Choose two of the four (4) sessions listed on the left:

6:20 pm – 6:50 pm: Session One

6:55 pm – 7:25 pm: Session Two

7:30 – 8:00 pm

- Open House for the Information Technology (IT) Academy, Academy of Medical Professions and Culinary Arts – Building 3
- Subject Area teachers available in the cafeteria
- Transition Planning and Guardianship Options process for students with disabilities – Presentation by Nina Gregory in Room 4-159

We hope to see all of you for an exciting evening. Upon arrival to WRHS, please use the parking closest to the GYM.