



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-April 2015 From the Principal.....Robyn White

The return of warm weather indicates that spring has arrived and graduation for the class of 2015 is only several weeks away. Spring Break allowed all of us to get recharged for the final 9 weeks of school and plan for an ambitious schedule through graduation. We have FCAT testing in April, Advanced Placement exams in May, required End of Course exams, certification exams for our IT, CNA and EMR students, and all the traditional end of the semester testing for all students. Wow! Pay attention to all the testing dates for your child to be best prepared. Test results impact student graduation and class placement for the next school year. We want everyone to do well on these tests and believe our students are well prepared. Springtime is a time to celebrate the year's accomplishments, of which there have been many. Please keep up with all the end of the year celebrations and plan to attend these wonderful activities. Upcoming school events such as Prom require students to meet attendance, debt, no OSS and other school requirements to attend. Prom information is in this newsletter and details will be provided on the website as the event gets closer. Finally, all seniors will have a meeting on Tuesday, 4/15/15, with administration and will receive a letter outlining all senior events. The letter will be posted on the website for parents to read. Student (senior) pranks related to trespassing, vandalism, school pranks etc., will result in possible arrest, suspension, and removal from all graduation activities including the graduation ceremony. We take pride in our school and pranks are unacceptable. As always, use our very informative website for all scheduled activities and events @ the Ranch. Contact WRHS @ 813-346-6000 or visit our website at <http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl>.

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
Adult Education (Student Services) - Monday and Wednesday until 4:30 pm.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Wiregrass Ranch High School announces the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2015.

Congratulations to the class of 2015's valedictorian, Casey Chitty and salutatorian, Antonio Medina. See you all at WRHS graduation May 31, 10:00 am at the USF Sun Dome Arena.

National Merit Finalist

WRHS is pleased to announce that Olivia Sunna was recognized as a Finalist in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. Olivia scored in the top 1% percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the Preliminary PSAT test nationwide. Congratulations to Olivia for her achievement.

Graduation

The 2015 Graduation is scheduled for May 31st at 10:00 am. Graduation will be held at the USF Sun Dome Arena 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.

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 sent to Guidance/Student Services to call home for a change of clothes.

Senior Online classes

Seniors taking an online class through Pasco eSchool or Florida Virtual School: The deadline for your classes to be completed is May 1st in order for your grades to count for graduation. If you have any questions or concerns with meeting this deadline, please speak with your online teacher as soon as possible to create a new pace chart.

Calendar

Report Cards	3/30
Good Friday-no school	4/3
Progress Reports	4/30
Memorial Day-no school	5/25
Graduation	5/31

Junior/Senior Prom 2015 News

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015 Time: 8:00 pm to 12:00 pm
Location: TPepin's Hospitality Centre, Tampa, Florida
Ticket Price: \$65.00
Tickets for seniors will go on sale May 7th and for Juniors, May 11th, during all lunches. If you have any questions, please contact Brittnay Doane at 346-6000. Please see the website for additional information.

Cap & Gown Distribution

On Monday and Tuesday, May 18th & 19, caps and gowns will be distributed during senior checkout. Students should try on their cap and gown immediately to be sure that it is the correct size. The gown should be carefully pressed for Graduation. The student owns the gown and does not need to return it. All seniors should have already ordered their cap & gowns. If you have not ordered your cap & gown, please see Ms. Butcher immediately. To be eligible to walk during graduation, you must have your cap & gown.

Prom Safety information

Students and parents: all prom limos and party buses are subject to search as they arrive at the prom. Any student who arrives in a limo or party bus found to have alcohol in the vehicle or who have consumed alcohol will be excluded from the prom. Parents will be contacted and the student will face suspension from school. There are NO REFUNDS. Seniors will also be excluded from graduation activities.



Senior Timeline

4/15	Senior Expectations Meeting in Gym @8:30 am
4/25	Grad Bash – Universal Studios
4/27-5/1	Senior Spirit Week
5/1	Online courses must be complete
5/4-15	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
5/16	Prom 7:00 pm -12:00 pm – TPepin Hospitality Centre
5/18-19	Senior Check-Out/Cap & Gown Distribution – Gym
5/20	Senior Breakfast/Seniors Last day
5/21	Senior Award Night by Invitation Only
5/21	Senior Grades Due
5/22	Senior Lock-In (8pm-8am)
5/26	Senior notification
5/27-28	Mandatory Graduation Practice
5/28	Baccalaureate – WRHS Gym (6pm – 8pm)
5/31	2015 Graduation @ USF Sun Dome Arena, 10:00am

Senior Breakfast

Attention Seniors: Senior Breakfast will be held at USF-Marshall Student Center in Tampa, on May 20st. Details will be announced shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Amy Munroe at 346-6000.

Yearbook

Yearbooks are still on sale for \$80. There are 125 copies remaining for purchase. The last day to order a yearbook is 4/30/15, so order your copy today! Online orders: www.yearbookforever.com
In School Orders: Room 4-104, Checks made payable to WRHS, or Cash.

AP Prep

The AP Pre-administration will be held Tuesday, April 14th during all lunches. An AP Pre-administration session is a gathering of all students who will be taking AP exams for the purpose of completing mandatory paperwork in advance of the testing. Students are expected to attend a Pre-administration Session. All students taking an AP class this year will attend this session during their lunch period. Attending the AP Pre-administration session is **mandatory** before taking an exam. If a student misses the session on 4/14, it will be the students' responsibility to attend a make-up session listed below (no food will be provided.)

*April 16th, 17th or April 21st at 2:00 p.m. in room 4-113

Exams

The following are the expected testing windows for the 4th Quarter. It is important that students arrive to school on time and are present every possible day this quarter due to the amount of test preparation and administration. If you have questions about a specific test, please reach out to the administrator that listed next to the test.

FCAT Reading Retakes (Dubose)	3/25 - 4/2
Algebra Retakes (NGSS) (Dubose)	4/6 - 4/7
FSA ELA 9-10 (Jack)	4/13- 5/1
FSA Algebra II (Vergne/Dubose)	5/4-5/7
AP Testing (Butcher)	5/4-5/15
FSA Alg 1 and Geo (Vergne)	5/11-5/15
Senior Exam Week District EOC/Pert (Rankin)	5/11- 5/19
NGSS US His/Biology (Rankin)	5/18-5/22
Underclass District EOC (Rankin)	5/28-6/3

End of Course Exams-Review Sessions

In preparation for the various upcoming EOC Exams, WRHS will be having review sessions covering some of the major content for many courses. For more information, the students can contact their subject area teacher. The school web site will also have a list of all tutoring that is available.

Junior Parent Night

All parents of college bound Junior students: come receive information about the college application process, preparing for your child's Senior year, and helpful resources for Financial Aid. **Junior Parent Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30pm in the WRHS Cafeteria.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Batchelor at jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us

PHSC Senior Blitz!!!

Class of 2015 Seniors planning to attend PHSC next year... There will be an orientation on Wednesday, April 22nd beginning at 8:30am at the PHSC Porter Campus. Students – you **MUST** complete your admissions application and receive your PHSC ID prior to signing up to attend. Sign up sheet is in Student Services. Parents are welcome to attend, however, space is **EXTREMELY** limited. This session will count as the student's required orientation prior to meeting with their academic advisor for course selection.

SENIORS – PLEASE SEE MRS. BATCHELOR IN STUDENT SERVICES IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

COME TO STUDENTS SERVICES SOON TO SIGN UP...SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

ASVAB Testing

For Juniors & Seniors interested in pursuing a path in a branch of the Armed Forces, we are offering the ASVAB test on 4/23/15. The ASVAB test is an aptitude test the military uses for entrance requirements and assigned job qualifications. You can sign up in Student Services today!

Class of 2017

The Sophomore Class of 2017 is looking for a few parents to become more involved in Class of 2017 activities. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information about how you can help please contact the class sponsor, Don Howard at dhoward@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Class of 2016

Please join the Class of 2016 canvas page, course number: 81185, for updates and important information.

iPad Program Application

The application for the iPad Program for the 2015-2016 School year is ready. Please go to the Wiregrass Ranch High School Website and follow the link. Every student that wishes to be in the iPad program next year must fill out an application. This year's application includes recommendation forms. One must be filled out and submitted by a current teacher. The deadline for the application is April 24th. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Mrs. Christy Rankin at crankin@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Driver Education Summer Program

Driver Education will be offered this summer at Wiregrass Ranch High School. The course will span through 11 days. The dates are from June 9th to June 23rd at Wiregrass Ranch High School. The course will provide approximately 30 hours of classroom instruction and the remaining time will be hands-on driving experience and practice. This course **does not** provide high school credit, but a certificate of completion will be awarded when the class is successfully passed. We require that the student have a ride available every day for drop-off and pick-up from school. *The cost of the course is \$175.* Please make the check out to **Moore Mickens**. The class times will vary each day as the course includes class time and driving skills scheduled at various hours of the day. In addition, the course has the following requirements:

1. **Student must have a learners permit.**
2. **Student must have access to a ride to and from Wiregrass Ranch for the above-mentioned schedule.**

This is a great course for anyone trying to improve his or her driving skills in preparation for the road test. There is limited space available for this course. It will be first come, first serve as we expect this class to fill up quickly. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Finkel at gfinkel@pasco.k12.fl.us or call at 813-346-6000.

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. Sindon (tsindon@pasco.k12.fl.us). Stay tuned to the WRHS website for more details about menus and purchasing tickets.

Also, WRHS Theatre Touring Company will be taking the show "Sasha and the Pearl" for a performance to Woodland Elementary School on Friday, April 24th. The show will be performed in the Zephyrhills High School Gym/Stage. The afternoon show will begin at 2:00pm, featuring the Thespian students from WRHS.

WRHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS NEWS

Please join us at our next general membership meeting. It is scheduled April 29th at 7:00 pm in WRHS cafeteria. 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. New officers will assume duties in June of 2015. The Athletic Boosters are sponsoring four \$500.00 scholarships for seniors who meet qualifications. Information/Applications are in Student Services. Deadline for applications is April 10th, at 2:00pm.

PTSA

The Wiregrass Ranch PTSA will be giving away **8 Senior Scholarships of \$350.00 each**. Applications are available in Student Services and at www.wiregrassptsa.org. Applications must be turned in no later than April 3, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

PTSA BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

It's that time of year when we begin to seek volunteers interested in serving on the WRHS PTSA board for next year. The PTSA Board meets monthly for about 1 ½ hours in addition to our General meetings that occur 3 times during the school year. If you would like to be a part of the governing body of the WRHS PTSA, please contact PTSA Nominating Committee Chair, Jessica McNatt, at fivem@tampabay.rr.com.

BOOK DRIVE GOING ON NOW UNTIL APRIL 30TH

WRHS PTSA is currently collecting used books for **ALL** ages. Our WRHS teachers will have an opportunity to select books for their classrooms. All other books not selected will be donated to our feeder pattern schools. Collection boxes are currently placed in Student Services and at MPI, MP11, MP111 and MP114. We are making this a school as well as a community event. Please consider donating your gently used books.

Thank you as always for your continuous support!
Mari C. Blank, PTSA President
President@wiregrassptsa.org

Relay for Life

Relay for Life will take place on **May 8, at 6:00 p.m.** at the WRHS' field. The school and entire community is welcome to come out, have fun and eat some tasty food while supporting this very worthy cause. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Hope to see you there! Cancer Survivors will be receiving a free Survivor shirt, goodie bag and dinner! Our next team party for existing teams and anyone interested in forming a team will be on **April 16th at 6:30 p.m.** at WRHS Cafeteria. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Mari Blank, Event co-chair at blankm@tampabay.rr.com or Enid Fernandez at WRHS.



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