



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

Newsletter-Winter/Spring Semester 2018 From the Principal.....Robyn White

As we enter the last semester, please remember to keep up with all the activities. The most important activity is always attending school, arriving on time (leave early to avoid the traffic and always drive slow with students everywhere) and being prepared for the rigorous schedule leading up to end of course exams. For the class of 2018, the first semester grade will be the final grade calculated for class ranking. In addition, class of 2018 college bound students should follow the timeline related to requesting transcripts from Student Services.

Please continue to check our very informative website for important events. Also, WRHS is connected with Facebook and Twitter. The class of 2018 senior activities are posted on the website and seniors should visit Scholarship Information located on our Guidance Page. Seniors and senior parents should be completing the FAFSA process as they start receiving acceptance letters to colleges. Seniors should also make sure they are meeting all graduation requirements and continue to be "on track" to be eligible to attend Prom, Grad Bash and Senior activities. Remember, these activities are privileges earned with good grades, attendance and behavior. You must be "on track" to attend these events. Check with your school counselor now to find out if you are on track or what you can do to make strides toward being on track for graduation. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will start in February. Please visit our course directory information on the front page of our website for information on classes offered, starting in January. College bound students should try to take the most rigorous courses offered at WRHS. WRHS offers 25 Advanced Placement courses on campus, plus many on campus Dual Enrollment classes through PHSC. College bound juniors should start scheduling ACT and SAT tests for the spring dates. WRHS offers several SAT and ACT tests on campus during the year. We appreciate our parent support. Contact WRHS @ 813-346-6000 or visit our website @ <http://wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us>.

Teacher hours - 7:00 - 2:30 pm Classes in session - 7:25 - 1:56 pm Student Services - 7:00 - 3:00 pm Administration Office hours - 7:00 - 3:30 pm

Calendar

End of Semester	12/22/17
Winter Break-school closed	12/23/17-1/5/18
Teacher Planning Day	1/8/18
Students return	1/9/18
Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday- No school	1/15/18
Report Cards	1/16/18
Progress Reports	2/9/18
End of 3 rd Qtr.	3/15/18
Teacher Planning Day (No school for students)	3/16/19
Spring Break-school closed	3/17/18-3/25/18
Report Cards	4/2/18
Progress Reports	4/27/18
Seniors Last Day	5/18/18
WRHS Graduation	5/24/18
Students' Last Day	5/25/18
Memorial Day-school closed	5/28/18
Teacher Planning Days	5/29, 5/30/18

ABC Committee

The ABC committee would like to thank our WRHS students, parents, faculty, and PTSA for another successful Thanksgiving food drive. This year we were able to serve **eight** families complete holiday meals. This was only possible with everyone's support.

Also, we want to thank everyone who has adopted a student or family for the upcoming holidays. All the volunteers are helping to support **10** families this year. Because of everyone's assistance, families will be able to enjoy their holiday season. Thank you for all your help from the ABC Committee.

A Cappella Club

The A Cappella club is in its third year and has grown to over 15 members strong this year. This student run musical group had their debut performance for this year on December 5th singing the National Anthem before a boys basketball game. They did an amazing job. The group is currently planning on singing at other sporting events and is seeking opportunities to sing in the community at hospitals, nursing homes or wherever they can share their love of music for the enjoyment of others. The club meets Monday afternoons and welcomes music minded newcomers to join us.

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 (1) uphold the highest standards of **academic integrity** in the student's own work, (2) refuse to tolerate violations of **academic integrity** in the school community, and (3) 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; or
 - 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; or
 - 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; or
 - H. Collaboration without permission of your teacher

Art News

Please welcome Mrs. Rusch and Mr. Hobbs to the WRHS Fine Arts Department! Ms. Rusch is our new Art Teacher and Mr. Hobbs is our new Band Teacher/Director at the Ranch. We are so glad to have them.

There were 90 works of art completed by the WRHS students on display in The Center for the Arts in Wesley Chapel in December. In October, students participated in the annual National PTSA Reflections Art Showcase with the theme "Within Reach" in the WRHS Media Center. Congratulate the winners, in Photo 1st place Gianna Panico, 2nd place Loan Lucas and 3rd place Charlie Smith. The Visual Arts winners were 1st place Anna Speers, 2nd place Patricia Deogracias and 3rd place Julie Cheng. During an awards ceremony students were given a ribbon and certificate. Samantha McCormick and Zachary Santiago will have works on display at the Wesley Chapel CareHere Centers. The winners will go on to a district competition. Good luck winners!

The Art department and students would like to thank the Pasco Education Foundation for the two Classroom Grants awarded to Mrs. Roush-Smith for the "Clay Mask Making" Project and Mr. Holyoke for the "Classical Drawing Approach to the Human Figure" Project.

Bulls Pride

Prom, Grad Bash, and other end of year extra curricular events are fast approaching. Students must be On Track and have earned their Bulls Pride wristbands to be eligible. Please check the Bulls Pride page of the WRHS website for more information.

Dress Code Reminder

Parents and students, as warm weather returns, please make sure that you review the dress code policy found in on Canvas. As a reminder: tank tops, halter tops, or clothing with thin straps (smaller than three 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 four 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 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.

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

FBLA has done it again...65 members! Wonderful. District/Regional Competition is fast approaching. Students should be researching and utilizing the materials provided in Mrs. Fraser's classroom (Rm 3-143). In addition, students must check the state FBLA website at <http://www.floridafbla-pbl.com/>. Students can find grading rubrics, requirements and prompts for their team or individual competition. Students should now begin to improve their chance of placing and progressing to the state level. Regional competition dates are January 10th for Skill events and Online Events; @ WRHS. Performance events are scheduled for January 11th at JW Mitchell High School. FBLA Meetings are scheduled on Wednesdays every other week from 2pm-3pm.

New Courses at WRHS

Articulation between JLMS and WRHS will begin in January, and course selection for the 2018-2019 school year will begin shortly after. We hope to have course selection concluded by the end of March. We are planning to offer several new courses for our students next year. They include DE Painting, Drawing, DE College Algebra, Forensics, AP Capstone Seminar, AP Computer Science Principles, Legal Aspects of Business and Accounting Applications. In addition, we are still awaiting district approval to offer Genetics Honors and Holocaust History.

We will have more information out to the entire school community when we return from winter break

PTSA News

The end of the first semester is fast approaching which means the holidays are almost here. If you are looking for ideas, PTSA has many spirit wear items at the school store located in front of the cafeteria open most mornings until 7:25 a.m. 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 been processed. At that time, pick up of items can be arranged. Happy shopping and thank you for supporting your PTSA!

• WRHS ABC FAMILIES

PTSA assisted our very own WRHS ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) families this Christmas by providing a family in need with Christmas presents.

• SAT PRINCETON REVIEW PRACTICE TEST AND STRATEGY SESSION

It is being held on **Saturday, February 17th from 9:30 am to 5:00pm** in the Cafeteria. Lunch will be included. The fee for the entire day is \$15 pre-pay by February 16th and \$20 at the door. This is a great way to help prepare for the real SAT. Forms are located on our PTSA website, and in Student Services. If you need further information please contact Kim Clarke, kimclarke1@verizon.net or at (813) 951-2695.

• WRHS PTSA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE WINTER BREAK

Each year the PTSA awards a number of scholarships to graduating seniors. This year a total of \$5,000 will be awarded to 10 seniors. We've budgeted for four more Seniors this year! A high GPA is not necessarily required (3.0 Weighted GPA minimum). Applications are available on-line at www.wiregrassptsa.org, and in Student Services. Applications **must be turned in no later than Friday, March 30, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.**

• PTSA NATIONAL REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

This year WRHS had over 80 entries! The Reflections celebration was held on October 26th in the WRHS Media Center where we honored the following winners: **Visual Arts:** First - Anna Speers, Second- Patrica Deogracias, Third Julie Cheng. **Photography:** First- Gianna Panico, Second- Loan Lucas, Third-Charlie Smith. **Literature:** First- Vanessa Grosz, Second- Anthony McLain. And **Special Artist:** First- Orrin Williams, Second- Cheyanne Hancock, Third- Brandon Snyder. We would like to thank all the students who participated at this year's Reflections Program. These talented students have all advanced to the countywide competition. Winners will be notified in early February. Good luck Bulls!

• WRHS PTSA SCHOOL WIDE RESOURCE GRANT

The WRHS PTSA will once again award funds for its School Wide Resource Grant program. Wiregrass Ranch teachers and staff applied for funds for activities and equipment that support innovative and enriched programs for our students. The recipients will be announced at our January meeting.

• ACADEMIC PINS AND LETTERS DONATION

The WRHS PTSA is happy to announce that we are able to assist our school by generously donating \$500.00 to go toward the purchase of this year academic pins and letters.

• STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 7th THROUGH THE 11th

PTSA will be providing a delicious lunch for all our teachers and staff. We are so thankful for our teachers and staff at WRHS for all they do for our students. A thank you as well to all of our PTSA board members for making homemade desserts and serving lunch.

• WRHS PTSA FINAL General Assembly Meeting:

Please look out for the date of the Underclassmen awards in April and join us at our final General Assembly of this school year, which will take place at **5:30 p.m.** prior to the Underclassman Awards outside the gymnasium. Nominations and election of new officers for the upcoming school year will take place.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. Whatever holiday you celebrate, may you find peace, happiness and health in the up-coming year. I wish you the best of luck in the upcoming year.

Fondly, Megan McNeil
WRHS PTSA

Operation Christmas Child

Wiregrass Ranch High would like to thank all the parents, students and teachers who contributed to our first annual Operation Christmas Child. It was a huge success with a total of 420 boxes. Boys and Girls will be able to enjoy Christmas this year, due to everyone's generosity.

Relay for Life/of Wesley Chapel

Hello Staff, Teachers and Students of Wiregrass Ranch High School. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is proud to announce the merging of the Relay Events for WCHS/WRHS, Dade City/San Antonio and Zephyrhills into the "East Pasco Relay for Life". Please mark your calendar for Saturday May 12th 2018 from 12pm to 10pm. The event will be held on the campus of the new Cypress Creek Middle/High School on Old Pasco Rd in Wesley Chapel.

This will be the first time we will not have a overnight Relay. The public will be invited to join us in our fundraising efforts from 3pm-10pm. The teams will have access to the track at 12 noon for set up. Please consider joining us by forming a team, joining a team or volunteering for a Committee position.

We hope that you will help us in our fight to find a cure for Cancer! If you would like more information about how, please contact your local ACS Liaison Bonnie Gibson at bonnie.gibson@cancer.org or 813- 949-0291 or Paul Bartell at P_bartell@verizon.net 813-416-9238

School Choice

School Choice Applications will be accepted from February 1st through March 1st only for the 2018/19 school year. An electronic version of the School Choice Open Enrollment form will be available on the district web site starting February 1st (www.pasco.k12.fl.us).

Senior Grad Bash

Senior Grad Bash at Universal Studios will be on April 20th this year. Tickets for the event will be on sale in mid-January for all seniors who are eligible to attend. We will be avoiding the long lines of the 7:00pm start time by paying a little more and being able to enter at 4:00pm instead! Ticket prices and other information will be made available in January. Students may contact Ms. Hewitt or Ms. Schumacher with any questions.

Senior Graduation

The 2018 Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th at 4:00pm. 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, Christy Rankin at (813) 346-6000.

Senior Parents

As we enter the second semester of your student's senior year, I want to express how proud I am of all the seniors who are working extremely hard to meet their academic goals as we approach graduation. Please take the time to revisit your students grad plan, log into MyStudent for current grades and attendance as well as look into any credit recovery your student might be working on. If you have any questions please reach out to their senior counselors Mrs. Boyles and Ms. Heller or myself. Thank You, Mrs. Rankin

Senior Pranks

Senior pranks become serious issues, resulting in criminal charges and recommendation for expulsion. These situations also impact participation in graduation. It is important to continue with positive behavior through the end of the year and to celebrate upcoming graduation in appropriate ceremonies. We want all students to be successful and celebrating respectfully at graduation, please help support us with this focus

Senior Timeline

12/22/17	Deadline to order Cap & Gown/Announcements place orders at highschool.herffjones.com
1/17/18	Senior Expectation Meeting (2 nd period)
1/17/18	Senior Panoramic picture
2/1/18	Deadline to purchase Senior Tribute Pages for the yearbook
4/20/18	Grad Bash – Universal Studios
4/27/18	Deadline for all online classes and coursework
4/28/18	Prom - Location/Time TBA
5/7-18	Advance Placement Exams
5/10-16	Senior Exam Schedule
5/16	Senior Locker Cleanout – Lunches 4-7
5/17-18	Senior Checkout/Cap & Gown distribution, lunches 4-7
5/18	Seniors last day
TBA	Senior Scholarship Night by Invite Only

5/22	Senior Breakfast 8:00am – 11:00am
5/22	Mandatory Graduation Practice 12:00am – 2:00pm
5/22	Baccalaureate 7:00pm – 8:30pm
5/23	Mandatory Graduation Practice 8:00am -11:00am followed by Elementary School Graduation walk
5/24	Graduation 2018 @ USF Sun Dome Arena, 4pm

Spring 2018 Testing

ELA Writing Retakes - February 26 th -28 th
Quarterly Exams – February 26 th -March 2 nd
9 th Grade ELA Writing - March 1 st -5 th
10 th Grade ELA Writing – March 6 th -10 th
ELA Reading Retakes March 19 th -22 nd
FSA Algebra Retakes March 23 rd -28 th
9 th Grade ELA Reading April 16 th -19 th
10 th Grade ELA Reading April 23 rd -26 th
FSA Algebra – April 30 th -May 3 rd
FSA Geometry – May 2 nd -May 7 th
U.S. History – May 8 th & May 9 th
Biology – May 9 th & 10 th
District Exams – dates to be determined.– May 9 th & 10 th

Stay Connected to WRHS

Stay connected to Wiregrass Ranch High from anywhere in the world via our Twitter page, Facebook page, and our website. Let us know if you have any questions.

Student Attendance and Testing

All children are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term. This becomes especially important in the next few months as we enter testing season. During the months of March, April and May there will be students testing daily. As we get closer to the test dates, you will be informed. All students should plan to be in school until the last day as district exams are required for all students. Please do your best to stay well and attend school. Parents should plan trips outside of required school days and plan appointments accordingly, as much as possible. Family vacation etc. will not be excused unless there is educational relevance. Please check the website for further testing information as it becomes available.

Student Services

On February 1st, Student Services will hold an event to help parents and students learn more about the Dual Enrollment Process. Topics will include the application process, what qualifications are required, and what courses would be available. Please be sure to register for this informational evening on the school's website. We look forward to seeing you there!

Supervision of Students

Florida Statue 1003.31 (d)(2) states that students must be under the control and direction of the principal or designee no longer than 30 minutes before or after school hours while on our campuses or while participating in an authorized school-sponsored activity. Parents should not rely on school supervision outside the time limits of such policy.

Track & Field Information

Track & field is for ALL athletes. Fast? Strong? Tall? Fit? Endurance runner? There is a track & field event for any type of athlete. It's not just about running. Boys and girls track and field conditioning will begin when we return from Winter Break on January 9th. Conditioning will be after school. Official practice begins January 22nd. Tryouts may be held depending on the number of athletes we have.

Unity Day

Save the Date! Unity Day is scheduled for Friday, April 6th. Plan to join us for a day of teambuilding and fun.

WRHS Outstanding Senior

We are pleased to announce that Justin Forgas has received the WRHS Outstanding Senior Award. Justin demonstrates a high level of scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship and stands out as one of our top seniors. He was among 10 seniors nominated by the student body and then received the highest number of faculty votes to make him our Outstanding Senior of the Year. Please be sure to congratulate Justin.

Volunteers Needed

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members, Wiregrass Ranch High School is in need of volunteers to assist the school in multiple areas. If you access the school's website, and scroll down to "Volunteer Information" located on the main page, click on this link. You will be directed to the Volunteer Information Page. You will find a link about specific volunteer roles that are needed at the school. There is also a link to the Wiregrass Ranch High School Volunteer Form that you will use to register as a volunteer at the school. On this application, you will designate in what capacity you can serve the school. For individuals who have not registered with the school district to become a District-Approved Volunteer, please click on link to District School Board of Pasco County's website. Once you are directed to the school district's main webpage, on the right side of that page you will find the school district's online volunteer application – all Wiregrass Ranch High School volunteers must be approved by the district through using their online application.

WRHS Drama

"Why fit in when you can stand out?" WRHS Drama is excited to bring Seussical™ the Musical to the Wesley Chapel Center for the Arts on March 3! Wear your fox socks and your cat hat, and join us for a matinee or evening performance that will leave you singing about Seuss and craving green eggs and ham with a goat on a boat! Save money by ordering your tickets online ahead of time. Watch the WRHS website in January for details! "If things start happening, don't worry, don't stew, just go right along and you'll start happening too."

Seussical™ is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

Yearbooks

*Yearbooks and Senior Tribute pages can be purchased online at www.yearbookforever.com. Senior Tribute page submissions are due February 1, 2018.



School Board Members: Armstrong, Cynthia (Chairman), Allen Altman, Coleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley and Steve Luikart
Updated 12/20/17