



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

## ***Newsletter-Winter/Spring Semester 2019*** ***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 2019, the first semester grade will be the final grade calculated for class ranking. In addition, class of 2019 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 2019 senior activities are posted on the website and seniors should visit Scholarship Information located on our Student Services 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 2019-2020 school year will start within the first few weeks of second semester. 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 - 1:50 pm    Student Services - 7:00 - 3:00 pm    Administration Office hours - 7:00 - 3:30 pm

### ***Calendar***

End of Semester	12/21/18
Winter Break-school closed	12/22/18-1/6/19
Teacher Planning Day	1/07/19
Students return	1/08/19
Report Cards	1/15/19
Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday- No school	1/21/19
Progress Reports	2/08/19
President's Day-No school	2/18/19
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr.	3/15/19
Spring Break-school closed	3/16/19-3/24/19
Teacher Planning Day-No school	3/25/19
Report Cards	4/02/19
No School-Teachers/Students	4/19/19
Progress Reports	4/26/19
Memorial Day-school closed	5/27/19
Students' Last Day	5/29/19
Teacher Planning Days	5/30, 5/31/19
WRHS Graduation	6/6/19

### ***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 12 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 15 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.

### ***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

### ***ASVAB***

Interested in a career, either full-time active or reserve, with the U.S. Armed Forces? You need to sit for the ASVAB test to determine your eligibility for specific duties. This test will be administered at WRHS on 4/25/19.

## ART NEWS

The Wiregrass Ranch High School Fine Arts Department would like to welcome Ms. Morales to the department, she teaches the Digital Art Imaging classes. We are all happy to work with her on our future art exhibits. It has been a busy time so far this year.

In August, WRHS art students created memorial works for the 9/11 Memorial event at Sims Park in New Port Richey on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. The talented NAHS and helpers painted the student bathroom doors here at WRHS. Art students had 2D artworks, 3D sculptures, and photography on display at The Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel during the months of November and December. WRHS art students also entered works in the Art of Recycling contest, and these are on display at the Government Center in New Port Richey.

The WRHS art students entered works in the PTSA sponsored Reflections "Heroes Around Me" and these works and other entries were on display in the Media center.

Please congratulate the Winners.

**Photography:** 1st Place. Savannah Greenwood, 2nd Place. Charlie Smith, and 3rd Place. Brendon Green

**Visual Arts:** 1st Place. Patricia Alyson Deogracias, 2nd Place. Tanuja Avirneni, and 3rd Place. Alexa Frye

**Special Artist:** 1st Place. Mellissa Campbell, 2nd Place.

Destiny Chandler, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Johnathan Dasher

1st Place. Jacob Watson, Music Composition.

Congratulations to the vice president of the NAHS, Patricia Deogracias, a senior, for her outstanding digital art portfolio that will be on exhibit at the Florida State Fair. Out of 350 students from 80 schools in 20 counties that entered their portfolios, only 32 student portfolios were chosen by the panel of jurors to exhibit their work at the 2019 Florida State Fair. The jurors were extremely impressed with maturity of the work and advanced skill of many of the applicants. The scholarship winners will be announced in January.

The art students would like to thank the Pasco Education Foundation for the creative teaching grant for the Greek Inspired Memory Vessel Project. The students are looking forward to the project and the art future exhibits.

## 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 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/nclb spar/index.cfm>

## FBLA

FBLA will be competing again this year in District competitions during the month of January. Students should be preparing for their competitions over the holidays. Members who have a product to complete must have their submissions to Ms. Fraser by the 9th of January. For more information visit

our FBLA school website

at <https://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fbla/>.

Donna Fraser, Advisor

## Junior Parents/Students

### WRHS Florida College Tour

There are still a couple spots remaining! Juniors – great opportunity for you to visit state universities & get a feel for where you want to apply! Balance of trip fee is due by 1/11/19. Trip will take place Thursday, 2/14 through Saturday, 2/16/19. Find more information on our website under 'Ranch Happenings'. Click the 'Florida College Campus Tour' link!

### NACAC College Fair- Tampa, Florida State Fairgrounds

Sophomores & Juniors interested in college..listen up! There will be a HUGE college fair for you to attend in Tampa on Sunday, March 10th @ the Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall!! Come see & speak to representatives from 170 different colleges universities from all over the country. There will be in-state, as well as out of state schools at this college fair! Register today at 'gotomyncf.com'!

Visit the website for more info & to get registered: [www.nacacfairs.org](http://www.nacacfairs.org)

## Medical Academy & HOSA

This has been a great semester so far! The CNA students assisted at the elementary school health screenings by checking students' vision, hearing and BMI. The school nurses reported that our students were a HUGE help and vital to the screenings running smoothly. The CNA students also held a blood pressure screening for faculty at WRHS. They are now in the thick of their clinicals at a nursing home working shifts 6:45am – 1:30pm and providing hands on care such as taking vital signs, assisting with meals, toileting and bathing. The hands on experience is invaluable and each of these students are to be commended on their level of professionalism. They represent WRHS extremely well out in the community!

**HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)** is in full swing! We have our largest group yet of 68 students registered for the Regional Conference & Competition which will be upon us right after break. It is all day Saturday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at Winter Haven High School. There is a wide variety of events so that students can enrich their learning in a way that uses their strengths. Some events involve giving a speech, writing a paper, performing hands on skills (such as CPR or nurse assisting), making a group presentation, working on a problem solving team or simply taking a test. Students should be studying and preparing over winter break!!

Additionally, the HOSA students have been actively volunteering. In October, we had a group working at the "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" walk and also assisting at a Relay for Life fall festival booth. In November, HOSA students went to Amalie Arena to help with the Alzheimer's Walk and we had a large Thanksgiving food collection for families in need. In December, HOSA students assisted with another Relay for life event, as well as making cards for patients at Shriners Hospital. Many of our HOSA students are also volunteering individually at local hospitals. These young people are learning compassion and care for others while they pursue their dreams, which makes the future look brighter for all of us!

## 2019-2020 Articulation Dates

2/4/19 – JLMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade class visit to WRHS @ 9:00am

2/7/19 -Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Curriculum Fair 6-8pm

2/11/19 – Current WRHS Students grade 9-11 receive course Planning through English classes

2/14/19 Is This Course for Me? Curriculum Fair for Current WRHS Students during all lunches in Gym

2/19-2/22 – Course Selection for Current WRHS Students (through English Classes)

## ***“WRHS Introduce Re-Vamped Program”***

As some of you may know, we began the transition into Hospitality and Tourism from the Culinary Arts Academy at the beginning of this year with the idea that we would “phase out” Culinary Arts and “phase in” Hospitality and Tourism. We are happy to report that after working at the District level and here at the administrative level, we will be offering a new and improved program that we are calling the “Hospitality Industry Program”. Students that join this program will have students take Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism their Freshman year and Culinary Arts 1 their Sophomore year. From there they choose their pathway by either continuing to take Culinary 2, 3 and 4 their Junior/Senior year or Marketing and Entrepreneurship for Hospitality their Junior and Senior years. We are excited to be the exclusive program in all of Pasco County Schools to offer Hospitality and Tourism courses. Check out our school’s website for more information!

## ***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](http://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!

### **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.

### **Infinite Edge SAT Strategy Session and SAT Practice Testing**

This year the PTSA has partnered with **Infinite Edge Learning Center**, a local business in our area, to do our SAT Strategy Session and SAT practice testing. They will do a 45-minute Math and 45 minute Reading Strategy Session and then a full SAT practice test. It is being held in February 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 will be located on our PTSA website, and in Student Services. If you need further information please contact Christine Simonelli, [csimonelli@tampabayrr.com](mailto:csimonelli@tampabayrr.com) or (813) 610-9969. Keep a lookout for the Date!

### **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. A high GPA is not necessarily required (3.0 Weighted GPA minimum). Applications are available on-line at [www.wiregrassptsa.org](http://www.wiregrassptsa.org), and in Student Services. Applications **must be turned in no later than Friday, March 29, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.**

### **PTSA NATIONAL REFLECTIONS PROGRAM**

This year WRHS had over 80 entries! The Reflections celebration was held at our Media Center where we honored the following winners: **Photography:** 1. Savannah Greenwood, 2. Charlie Smith, 3. Brendon Green; **Visual Arts:** 1. Patricia Alyson Deogracias, 2. Tanuja Avirneni, 3. Alexa Frye **Music Composition:** 1. Jacob Watson; **Special Artist:** 1. Mellissa Campbell, 2. Destiny Chandler, 3. Johnathan Dasher

We would like to thank all the students who participated in 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 6th THROUGH THE 10th**

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 upcoming year. I wish you the best of luck in the upcoming year. Megan McNeil.

## ***Senior Grad Bash***

Senior Grad Bash at Universal Studios will be on April 12th this year. Tickets for the event will be on sale in February for all seniors who are eligible to attend. It will be \$130 dollars a ticket with a dining card option of \$18.00. We will leave right after school and be back between 3:30 am and 4am.

## ***Senior Graduation***

The 2019 Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th 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, Mr. Jesse Hope at (813) 346-6000.

## ***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***

12/21/18	Deadline to order Cap & Gown/Announcements order at <a href="http://highschool.herffjones.com">highschool.herffjones.com</a>
2/4-2/15/19	Grad Bash Tickets on sale
4/10	Final Senior Expectation Meeting
4/12	Grad Bash – Universal Studios
4/27	Prom 7-11pm @ Bryan Glazer Family JCC
5/6	Deadline for all online classes to be completed
5/6 – 5/17	Advance Placement Exams
5/20 – 5/24	Senior Exam Schedule
5/23	Senior Locker Cleanout @ 1:30pm
5/23	Senior Scholarship Night by Invite only @ 6:00pm
5/23-24	Senior Checkout/Cap & Gown distribution, lunch per. 5
5/24	Cap Decorating Agreements are due
5/28	Mandatory Graduation Practice 7:25am -1:50pm
5/29	Senior Breakfast 8:00am – 11:00am @ Venetian Event Ctr.
5/29	Mandatory Graduation Practice 12:00pm – 2:00pm, Decorated Caps are due
5/31	Senior Notification
TBD	Baccalaureate
6/5	Mandatory Graduation Practice 8:00pm – 11:00am in Gym
6/6	Graduation 2019 @ USF Sun Dome Arena, 4pm

## ***Spring Testing***

ACT – 2/9/19

SAT – 3/9/19

FSA Writing Retakes are February 25 and 26.

FSA Reading Retakes are February 27, 28 and March 1

Algebra 1 Retakes are March 4 and March 5

ACT – 4/13/19

ASVAB - 4/25/19

Grades 9/10 FSA ELA May 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8

SAT- 5/4/19

Geometry EOC is May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Algebra 1 EOC is May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

US History EOC 5/16/19

Biology EOC 5/17/19

US History EOC Makeups 5/20/19

Biology EOC Makeups 5/20/19

SAT - 6/1/19

ACT - 6/8/19

## ***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. You will be informed as we get closer to the test dates. 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.

## ***Stay Connected to WRHS***

Stay connected to Wiregrass Ranch High from anywhere in the world via our Twitter page, Facebook page, and our website.

## ***Student Council Blood Drive***

Attention all students! Are you interested in helping to save someone's life? If you are 16 years or older, ONEBLOOD will have their four big red busses on campus MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019, to receive blood donations. Please consider this civic responsibility to help save a life! Registration is the week of January 28!

## ***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 12/18-12/21 from 4-5:30pm. During break, dates are 12/26 -1/3 from 9-10:30am. We will begin mandatory tryouts/practice 1/8-1/18 from 3-4:30pm. Official practice begins 1/21 from 3-4:30pm.

## ***WRHS Outstanding Senior***

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

## ***WRHS Drama***

"Forget regret, or life is yours to miss." Bulls Theatre is proud to present RENT: School Edition on March 1 and 2 at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel. Don't miss out! Watch the WRHS website for details on online ticketing. RENT-School Edition is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All

## ***Yearbooks***

Yearbooks can be purchased online NOW at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) Don't wait as the price goes up monthly, so purchase your student's yearbook Right Now! Last year we sold out completely and had to turn many unhappy students away. Don't let your student miss out on owning a piece of their High School history, pre-order today.



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