



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-Fall Semester 2020

From the Principal.....Robyn White

Welcome Back class of 2021, 2022, and 2023 and Welcome to the Ranch, class of 2024! With all that is happening in our world today, we felt it was important for the Wiregrass family to unite and join together, so our theme for this year will be "One Bulls Nation" and we are hoping that that message flows through the community, parents, teachers, staff, and students. We want to constantly remember to respect one another, help each other learn and grow, and take care of our community. 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, but these volunteer positions will be limited during the first semester. 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 post 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, calls and emails, 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! It is critical, this year more than ever, that you have the correct information in our system for communication. Please make sure to complete the electronic emergency cards (information will be available soon).

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 10th, 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, whether it is in person or through MySchool online. WRHS will always provide an environment of rigor and relevant curriculum, offering 25 Advanced Placement courses, 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 every day. 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 may enter and exit the school from Mansfield Blvd. at the light, or on 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, expectations, and several new safety policies and procedures. 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 on the student's CANVAS page. In addition, please remember that if you come on campus for any reason, you are required to wear a mask and sign in at the FRONT OFFICE. In order to sign in, you must show a photo ID. Visitors will be limited for the first semester and must have an appointment to come on campus.

Throughout first semester there will be many activities and announcements as we adjust to the new normal, please continue to check back to the website for important announcements, 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 (most will be virtual this year).

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, starting second semester. 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 our Freshmen and new students at 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

Freshman Orientation

The Class of 2024 Freshmen Round-Up will be virtual this year. There will be a link to videos and tutorials for our incoming 9th grade students to view under the Class of 2024 tab of the WRHS. All incoming 9th grade students are permitted to come to campus on the county-wide Open House day of August 5, 2020 to walk their schedules from 11:00am-2:00pm. Schedules will be available for students to view through myPasco Connect and in the parent portal. See flyer for more information. Email Mrs. Jarke at rsadusky@pasco.k12.fl.us with any questions.

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.

Open House/Virtual Registration

Open House and virtual registration will take place on Wednesday, August 5th from 11:00am-2:00pm. The campus will only be open to the incoming 9th graders and any new student to WRHS. See flyer for more information. Email Mrs. Jarke at rsadusky@pasco.k12.fl.us with any questions.

Tardy Policy

Students will be aware of the 2020-2021 Tardy Policy during the 1st week of school. Information will also be updated on the school website.

Safe Environment Procedures

The start of the new school year brings new safety policies and procedures. Please note the following:

- Prior to coming to school each day, students **MUST** answer the self-screener questions. If the answer is YES to any question, you **MUST** stay home. Please refer to screener and other information regarding timelines. This information will be provided on our website prior to the start of school.
- **Masks** must be worn by all staff, faculty, students and visitors at all times, while on campus. Masks must be in place prior to leaving vehicles.
- Please be aware of your surroundings and adhere to the **6-foot social distancing** expectations while in the hallways, common areas, and while waiting in lines for any purchases.
- Classrooms will be set up with as much distance between desks as possible to allow for class size. It is important that all students wear masks as the 6-foot guideline will not be possible in these areas.
- Restrooms will be stocked with hand soap for use in washing hands. It is important to remember to **wash your hands** for at least 20 seconds and do it often.
- **Hand sanitizer stations** will be available in areas that do not have access to running water and hand soap. Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available for student and staff use.
- There will be directional arrows in the hallways to indicate traffic flow and this **MUST** be followed, to include common entrance/exit doors.
- Visitors to campus **must make an appointment** and complete the COVID-19 self-screener and wear a mask upon entry. Masks must be put on prior to leaving your car.
- If you need to check out your child for an appointment, you must adhere to the **6-foot social distancing guidelines** and no more than 2 people should be in the lobby at any given time. Please remember that you must have a **mask** on.
- The campus will be cleaned and sanitized more frequently throughout the day, especially in high traffic areas and areas with high student interaction, including, but not limited to, wiping down door handles, bathroom sinks and doors, and light switches.
- Common/shared equipment must be wiped down by student using the equipment last (prior to leaving the classroom).
- Students will not be allowed to congregate before or after school hours and **MUST** be picked up within 30 minutes of dismissal unless they are involved in a supervised activity.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

We are excited to continue to grow our PBIS this upcoming school year. Last year we recognized over 400 students, faculty, and staff with awards for making and supporting positive behavior on campus. We look forward to seeing everyone, "Take Charge" of their behavior again this upcoming school year.

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

2020-21 School Meal Application

The Free and Reduced Meal Application for the 2020-2021 school year is now available online at www.pascoschoolmeals.com. If you are unsure if you qualify, you can also review the income eligibility guidelines on our website.

Please only submit one application per household and include everyone who lives at that address.

Portables and Rainy Days

With over 2100 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) 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 (Pasco eSchool) classes. Do not wait until school starts on Monday, August 10th. 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 2:00-2:30pm. It is very likely that most conferences will be held through Zoom this year.

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.

Fall & Winter Athletics

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 Coaches and Activities

Marshall McDougall	Baseball	mmdouga@pasco.k12.fl.us
Jeremy Calzone	Boys Basketball	jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us
Chris Loth	Boys Cross Country	cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us
Mike Horrigan	Boys Golf	mhorriga@pasco.k12.fl.us
TJ Fitzsimons	Boys Lacrosse	tj.fitzsimons1@gmail.com
Dave Wilson	Boys Soccer & Tennis	dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us
Kyle Gramm	Boys Swimming	kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us
Chris Loth	Boys Track	cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us
Mark Kantor	Boys Weightlifting	mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Maya Hines	Cheerleading	mhines@pasco.k12.fl.us
Mark Kantor	Football	mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Karley Barnes	Girls Basketball	TBD
John Ackerman	Girls Cross Country	jackerma@pasco.k12.fl.us
Jeremy Calzone	Girls Golf	jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us
Craig Haveman	Girls Lacrosse	chaveman@pasco.k12.fl.us
Avery Walker	Girls Soccer	acwalker@pasco.k12.fl.us
Alisa Cimino	Girls Swimming	acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us
Jewel Fye	Girls Tennis	jfye@pasco.k12.fl.us
John Ackerman	Girls Track	jackerma@pasco.k12.fl.us
Mark Kantor	Girls Weightlifting	mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Yamania Vazquez	Softball	yvazquez@pasco.k12.fl.us
Robin Holwiak	Volleyball	rholowia@pasco.k12.fl.us
Jamey Ketter	Wrestling	jketter@pasco.k12.fl.us

Athletics Season Passes

With the coming Fall sports season just around the corner and our school doing everything we can to help ensure that our students and fans are safe, we will be implementing a few changes for games this year.

1. Spectators will be allowed to attend games but we will have limited capacity for events.
2. Spectators will be separated throughout the bleachers to ensure social distancing
3. Tickets will only be done through our online service which is gofan.co
 - a. Tickets need to be bought prior to the event and our personnel will check them off as fans arrived.
 - b. No tickets will be sold at the event but if seats are still available you may go online and purchase the tickets.
4. Season passes for families, adults or students will still be available. These passes are good for the entire school year and accepted for all home regular season contest for all sports.
 - a. Student passes are \$25
 - b. Adult passes are \$50
 - c. Family passes are \$100 – good for up to 4 family members per game
 - i. To purchase a season pass please contact Dave Wilson at dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us

Art News

Art students have had many art works on display in the school and community. Art Students create works for the 9/11 Memorial Service in New Port Richey. In October, works were displayed at The Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel during the drama production, *Lost Art and Other Tales*.

In January, WRHS art students exhibited works at the Suncoast Arts Fest at the Shops at Wiregrass. Congratulations to the WRHS Suncoast Art Fest Winners! Anna Speer won 2nd for her mixed media still-life, and Kyla Winder won 3rd for her mixed media Surreal portrait.

Students entered over sixty art works into the 73rd Pasco County Fair in February. The following artist were awarded with the following ribbons Please congratulate the Pasco County Fair Art Winners! 1st place went to Ashtyn Ramey
Honorable Mention for Painting went to Hailey Blackwell.
Honorable Mention for Photography went to Charlie Smith
Honorable Mentions for Drawing went to Hailey Blackwell, Charlie Bradley, and Anna Speer.
Honorable Mentions for 3D Sculptures went to Gabby Contin, Lauren Ellison and Michael Salemi.
1st Place for a Professional Photo went to Mrs. Paula Roush-Smith.

Congratulations, to the District "Look Within" PTSA Reflection Winners. Reflection Winners will advance to the Florida PTA State Level Judging! **Visual Arts:** 1st Anna Speer, 2nd Alexandra Zawadzki, 3rd Isabella Calles **Photography:** 1st Nathaniel Paugh, 2nd Charlie Smith, 3rd Charles McCarl **Literature:** 2nd Ella Riddle, 3rd Vanessa Grosz **Music Composition:** 1st Jacob Watson **Dance:** 1st Victoria McLain **Special Artist** 1st Briana Lord, 2nd Mellissa Campbell, 3rd Megan Ward

Congratulations to the very talented Anna Speer! Her oil painting entitled "Reflections" has been selected by the judge as the 2020 Winner of the Congressional Art Contest, the work will hang in the U.S. Capitol over the next year.

The WRHS art teachers are looking forward to another fun filled year with our creative art students!

Bulls Pride Updates

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 2020-2021 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, please provide annually updated medical histories if your child's medical condition impacts him/her at school. If your child has a chronic medical condition that will require a change to their care plan (due to the current circumstances), please contact the school nurse via email at kalabal@pasco.k12.fl.us. Just a reminder that 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. On the first day of school, you will be receiving an emergency card and a healthy student form. Please return these forms ASAP. Medication can be dropped off to the clinic by the parent on the first day of school. All forms you will need are on the district website under the "parents" tab. Scroll down and click on the "student services" link which is listed under "student supports". Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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 Enid Fernandez at efernand@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 14th.

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.

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 2020-2021 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, 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

Drivers Education - After Driving Program

After school driving lessons will be offered this coming school year. The cost is \$175 and will provide approximately 4.8 hours of behind the wheel driving. There will be two sessions. One in the Fall and the second in the Spring. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Finkel at gfinkel@pasco.k12.fl.us for more information and how to get registered.

Physical Education

Due to the restrictions placed on us from COVID-19, all physical education students will not be issued a PE locker during the **first semester**. We will be providing a room to lock up the student's valuables and we will be making all efforts to keep our classes safe. With that, all weight training students will still be responsible for purchasing a gym towel as we need to wipe down each machine after use. The gym towel can be purchased online for \$4.00. Sanitary wipes and disinfectants will also be available for use before and after a machine is used. Masks or face shields will be mandatory in the weight room. Rules will be outlined by the student's coach during the first week of school.

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

Please check the following websites for a complete list of test dates and test center locations. ACT: <http://www.act.org> and/or SAT: www.collegeboard.org Remember to register early to prevent late fees.

The PSAT will be administered at WRHS on Wednesday, October 28. This is given free to all 10th grade students and there will be a limited amount of tickets for sale for students in grades 9 and 11. The PSAT is the only way for Juniors to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Please refer to the school website as the school year approaches for further information on ticket sales.

Unity Day

Due to social distancing requirements, the Fall Unity Day session will be postponed and we are anxiously awaiting the one in the Spring. Varied Unity activities will take place during the first semester to assist in becoming "One Bulls Nation". Stay tuned to second semester's 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

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 and copies **must** be provided. We will **not** be copying any documents for students or parents. Email Mrs. Jarke at rsadusky@pasco.k12.fl.us with any questions.

1. **Completed** WRHS Student Parking Application
2. **Copy** of driver's license with parent and student signature
3. **Copy** of Proof of residency (utility bill)
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-12:00pm on the dates below. Students **MUST** schedule a time **PRIOR** to arrival. The link to schedule an appointment and applications are available under the Student Services/Student Parking tab on the WRHS Website.

Seniors Only- July 27 and July 28, 2020 by appointment only
All grades levels- July 29, 2020 by appointment only

Seniors will have the opportunity to paint their spaces with an approved application and design. Collection of Painting Day Application and additional fee will occur the first week of school. The painting day will be on August 29, 2020 from 8:00am-4:00pm with a rain date of September 12, 2020.

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](https://twitter.com/WiregrassRanchH)
Facebook Official Page:
<https://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!

School Clubs

WRHS offers a variety of student clubs sponsored by faculty and staff. Clubs are voluntary, they usually meet once a month 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 including several National Honor Society's, Mu Alpha Theta, and Key Club.

There is a listing of all clubs with descriptions and club sponsor contacts on our school website under the "Students" tab. In addition, our club sponsors are creating videos to attach to their club descriptions for a virtual club showcase that all students can experience to find clubs to match their interests and hobbies. We expect to have those videos linked by the start of the school year.

Band News

The Marching Bulls are looking forward to returning to the field this fall, following our amazing state championship run last year.

Despite the questions and challenges facing the entire WRHS family, the Marching Bulls are already hard at work preparing for their 2020-2021 performance of M&M: The Music of Mackey & Maslanka. We cannot wait to share this show with you, and want to thank everyone for their continued support of the program. Go Bulls!

Calendar

Freshman Virtual Roundup	July 30
Class of 2020 Graduation	July 31
Registration Day (9 th grade and new students ONLY)	Aug. 5
First Day of School	Aug. 10
Picture Day	TBD
Labor Day Holiday (No School)	Sept. 7
Early Release Day	Sept. 9
Progress Reports	Sept. 11
Early Release Day	Oct. 7
End of 1 st Qtr	Oct. 9
Teacher Planning Day (No school for students)	Oct. 12
Report Cards	Oct. 20
Early Release Day	Nov. 11
Progress Reports	Nov. 13
Thanksgiving Holiday (No school)	Nov. 23 - 27
Early Release Day	Dec. 9
End of Qtr 2 & Semester	Dec. 18
Winter Break (No school)	Dec. 21 - Jan 4
Teacher Planning Day (No school for students)	Jan 5, 2020
Report Cards	Jan 12, 2020
Early Release Day	Jan. 13
Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday - (No school)	Jan. 18

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

Yearbooks

Buy a Yearbook today at www.yearbookforever.com

Yearbooks can be purchased for \$65 during orientation. Yearbooks will then be on sale for \$70 until Dec.1 when the price will rise to \$75.

Yearbooks sell out every year, so purchase yours early to guarantee you have one for your student.



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