



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-September 2015

From the Principal.....Robyn White

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time for students, parents and teachers. With new classes, new experiences, the start of Friday night football games and numerous other sports and activities - it is a great time of year. We have lots of new students to WRHS, with enrollment exceeding 2400 students, we are a very busy place. WRHS is a small city. On some days we have activities on campus from before school starts and concluding around midnight. We are open 7 days a week. With the addition of the entrances to PHSC, plus 40 buses, 200 employees, 500 student cars and hundreds of visitors, deliveries and parent drivers, traffic at peak times requires patience and early arrival. The school manages this difficult situation with safety as our primary concern. Therefore, traffic is not an excuse for students tardy to school. First session starts teaching @ 7:30 am and late session at 10:18 am. 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 tardy 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 our website for details. Finally, Parent Open House is Tuesday, September 15th, starting in the gym @ 6 pm. Please see the Open House section in this newsletter for the complete Open House information. Open House will provide parents an opportunity to visit their child's classroom and meet the teachers. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th. Contact WRHS @ 813- 346- 6000 or visit our web-site @<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 - 5:00 pm Administration office hours - 7:00 - 5:00 pm
2nd Session hrs - 9:30 - 5:00 pm 2nd Session classes- 10:18 - 4:44 pm

Open House

Dear Wiregrass Ranch Families:

We are proud to invite all of you to this year's Open House at Wiregrass Ranch High School on **Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.** For the 2015-2016 school year, we have adopted "EPIC" as our theme, since this is the 10th year of the school's existence. **Our faculty and staff** are looking forward to meeting the parents and guardians of our WRHS students. Upon arriving on campus, please report to the gymnasium to briefly meet with the principal, Robyn White. After the meeting, you will be released to visit your child's classes beginning with his/her first period class. Each class visit will last ten minutes with five minutes passing time between each class visit. Remember to bring a copy of your child's schedule with you if he/she will not be accompanying you to the open house. However, if you need to obtain a copy of your child's schedule, one will be available for you in the cafeteria. Parents, we encourage you to visit the cafeteria and media center during your child's designated "lunch" period as we have much information to share:

- PTSA
- Athletic Information
- Band Boosters
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- Counselors/Student Services - college info, Bright Futures and many other types of information available.
- Teacher Table – teachers who are unable to attend open house will provide information about their class, etc.

The bell schedule will be as follows:

Period 1	6:15-6:25
Period 2	6:30-6:40
Period 3	6:45-6:55
Period 4	7:00-7:10
Period 5	7:15-7:25
Period 6	7:30-7:40
Period 7	7:45-7:55
Period 8	8:05-8:15
Period 9	8:20-8:30
Period 10	8:35-8:45

**Please come and be a part of this "EPIC Affair" at WRHS!!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING ALL OF OUR BULL FAMILY MEMBERS!**

Athletic Passes

Wiregrass Ranch High School athletics will once again be selling season passes for all home contests for the 2015-16 school year. A family pass is \$100.00, adult pass is \$50.00 and a student pass is \$25.00. The pass is good for admission to all regular season home athletic events excluding playoff events. Call Dave Wilson at 813-346-6052 or email at dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us for more information.

WRHS Driving Class

The Safe Behind the Wheel Driving Classes will be scheduled with Cpl. Justice. Please listen for dates, times and locations on the morning announcements.

Tardy Policy

Please talk to your children about the importance of arriving to class on time. It is imperative that students are seated in their classrooms prior to the tardy bell sounding. Students who are tardy to class will receive consequences-1st Offense-Student receives a warning and parent/guardian is notified by teacher; 2nd Offense-Student receives a lunch detention and parent/guardian is notified; 3rd Offense-Student receives two days of lunch detention; 4th Offense- Student receives a morning or after school detention; 5th Offense-Student receives a Saturday detention. All others are referred to an administrator. Students who are tardy to school receive the same consequences.

Calendar

Picture day	Sept. 3
Labor Day Holiday (no school)	Sept. 7
Open House	Sept. 15 @ 6pm
Progress Reports	Sept. 25
Homecoming/Spirit Week	Sept. 21-25

Security Notice

Security Cameras may be used to record events at WRHS.

PTSA

WRHS PTSA SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWLETTER

We appreciate the support we've had from our students, parents, and teachers during orientation; our PTSA is off to a great start this year! Parents - it's not too late to send in your PTSA memberships. **Seniors- if you want to be eligible for the Senior Scholarships this year, you must become a member by October 2nd in order to qualify.** PTSA Membership is only \$5.00 and forms are available on our website at www.wiregrassptsa.org or in Student Services. We are well under way with some events already under our belts and many more to come. Our PTSA Board has set goals for the year and is working toward each of them. Listed below are a few important upcoming events that we hope you take part in.

- **OPEN HOUSE AND PTSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING:** Please join us on **September 15th at 5:30 pm** outside the gym. If you are a member, please bring your membership card with you that night to be able to vote on this year's Budget. If you are currently not a PTSA Member you will be able to join the PTSA that evening. We will also be selling Spirit Wear outside the gym. This is also the night of Open House, which begins at **6pm** in the gymnasium. Come hungry – **Pizza and drinks** will be available for purchase.
- **PARKS FORD DRIVE 14 UR SCHOOL:** (Open House) from **5:30pm – 8pm**. Once again, the PTSA will be teaming up with the S.A.D.D. Club for a creative and exciting fundraising opportunity! Test-driving Ford vehicles can result in Big Cash Rewards for our School!!! Parks Ford of Tampa will be on our WRHS Campus with a large selection of vehicles, and they will donate \$20 to our PTSA for each test-drive up to \$6,000! Please don't forget to stop by their tent by the Cafeteria and take 10 minutes to test-drive a Ford.

ACT PRINCETON REVIEW PRACTICE TEST AND STRATEGY SESSION: The Princeton Review practice ACT test and Strategy Session is being held on **Saturday, October 17th from 10:30am to 5:30pm** in the Cafeteria. Lunch will be included. The fee for the entire day is \$15 pre-pay by October 16th and \$20 at the door. This is a great way to help prepare for the real ACT. Forms are located on our website and in Student Services. Need more info? Contact Deb Rottum, debrottum@yahoo.com or (813) 505-0663.

The PTSA would also like to thank the following businesses for their support at the start of this school year: Jersey Mike's, Pinchers, Panera Bread, and Sonny's BBQ.

I thank you for your support. If at any time during the school year, you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at president@wiregrassptsa.org. Again, welcome back and have a great year!

Thank you and GO BULLS!!,
Mari C. Blank
WRHS PTSA President

School Clubs

WRHS offers a variety of student clubs sponsored by staff and faculty. The first club meeting is on September 24th. Club sign ups will be from Sept. 8th through the 15th. A list of clubs will be available on the web site on Sept. 8th; most clubs meet after school, at 2:00PM (during 8th period lunch for freshman). Clubs meet usually one time a month and provide students with activities that interest them. Clubs are voluntary and provide an opportunity for students with similar interest to get together. These clubs are in addition to school Service Organizations, like National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, etc. For more information about clubs, see the club tables in the cafeteria during Open House on September 15th.

Guidance News

Senior Seminar

Friday, 9/18 — All Senior students will attend a presentation through their English classes. They will receive important information regarding Senior year activities, college planning, and much, much more. Seniors who do not have English on campus, or are full-time DE will be permitted to attend one of the presentations. Announcements will be going out via Connect-Ed, as well as, info on Ms. Roberts' Senior CANVAS page

Senior Parent Night

Tuesday, 9/29 6:00-8:00pm WRHS Cafeteria

This informative session for Senior parents will be held on Tuesday, 9/29 from 6:00-8:00pm. You will be given much of the same information students received in their presentations. We will be covering the college application process your Senior students may be involved in right now! There will be parents of former WRHS students to share their experiences of getting through the Senior year, as well as navigating through the choices of college (from 4-yr university to 2-yr state colleges). Contact Jennifer Batchelor, College/Career Specialist, if you have any questions.

jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us

College Reps are coming!!!

Juniors & Seniors interested in learning more about prospective colleges & universities, listen to announcements for upcoming visits. You must sign up in Student Services in order to attend any of the presentations. The following schools have already been scheduled:

UCF Mon, 9/14 4th pd

UWF Tues, 9/15 3rd pd

UF Thurs, 9/17 2nd pd

Hofstra Univ Tues, 9/22 4th pd

Florida Polytech Inst – Tuesday, 9/29 6th pd

FSU Thurs, 10/1 1st pd

George Mason Univ Thurs, 10/1 4th pd

Florida Southern Tues, 10/6 5th pd

Air Force ROTC Scholarship presentation: Thurs, 10/15 3rd pd

ASVAB Test, Friday, 10/23/15

Is your son or daughter interested in a career with the US Armed Forces? They can sign up to take the ASVAB aptitude test being offered here at WRHS on Friday, 10/23. This test will give them an idea as to what they would be qualified to do in any branch of the US Military, full-time active duty or reserve service. Sign ups will be in Student Services beginning 9/28/15.

Important Upcoming Test Dates

	Test Date	Registration Deadline
ACT	10/24/15	9/18/15
ACT student.org	12/12/15*	11/6/15
SAT	10/3/15*	9/3/15
SAT .collegeboard.org	11/7/15	10/9/15
	12/5/15	11/5/15

Check the websites for a complete list of test dates and test center locations. *Test dates provided @ WRHS.

Parent/Teacher Conference Procedures

The WRHS faculty knows that parental involvement is the number one indicator of student's 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 Mrs. DeValle in Student Services to schedule the conference. Grades 10-12 will be held from 7:00-7:25am or from 2:00-2:30pm. Grades 9 will be held from 9:30 – 10:00am.

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!

WRHS Athletic Boosters

Membership Drive for 2015/2016 School Year has started. Membership is \$10 to join. If interested please email wrhswrestlemom@gmail.com for information about the WRHS Athletic Boosters and information on how to join/get involved. Students also needing volunteer hours can help with concessions. Please email or contact Stacy Hill at 813-541-1055. Looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Winter Sports

Winter sports tryout dates:
Girls soccer – October 5th
Boys soccer – October 12th
Girls basketball – October 19th
Girls weightlifting – October 19th
Boys basketball – October 26th
Wrestling – November 9th

Senior Pictures

Final Day for Seniors to be photographed is October 26, by Gigante Productions. Gigante by is (813) 907-1078 or www.GiganteProductions.com. Contact is Melinda Noland.

SAC

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 Denise Goodridge at dgoodrid@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 attached nomination form. Any Parent or Business/Community Member that would like to be considered as a SAC member, can complete the attached nomination form. All nomination forms must be returned to the Front Office no later than Wednesday, September 9th. Voting will take place at Open House on September 15th and the first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29th.



School Board Members: Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley and Steve Luikart
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School Advisory Council (SAC) Member Nomination Form 2015-16

You may nominate yourself or another person to be included on the SAC ballot.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Contact information

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

email: _____

This nominee would be a representative of the checked peer group:

- Parent Name of student(s): _____ Grade(s): _____
- Student Student number: _____
- Teacher
- Education Support Employee
- Business/Community Member

Parents, Teachers, Students, and Education Support Employees are elected members of the SAC.

If you are interested in having this nominee placed on the SAC ballot, please complete and submit this form to the school's front office.