



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-October 2015

From the Principal.....Robyn White

October and the fall season is here. We have a few important tests on campus during this month: FCAT retakes, FSA, EOC's October 12th through 23rd and the PSAT for all Sophomores, plus the Juniors who pay for the test is October 28th; Dates and times are included in this newsletter or contact Student Services for more details. Most recently, WRHS class of 2016 have two National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists; Grace Dietsch and Rea Rupani. They scored in the top 1% of all students who took the PSAT their junior year. Congratulations to Grace and Rea and all our students as they work hard to become successful. Finally, please remind your child that WRHS has 2400 students and they should always secure their expensive possessions such as cell phones, i-pods, wallets, etc. It is unfortunate that students leave expensive property unsecured in the lunchroom, classroom and locker room, allowing these items to come up missing. Students need to be responsible to prevent theft.

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 - 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

School Advisory Council

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Wiregrass Ranch High School 2015/16 School Advisory Council. This group serves as a steering committee to enhance and improve our school and is composed of students, parents, faculty and staff, and the business community. All parents are invited to attend and participate in SAC meetings, which are held in the WRHS Administrative Conference Room. Check our website calendar for dates and times. Rachel Baber and Tiffany DuRocher are the student representatives while Cari Bennett, Mari Blanc, Sue Bucenell, Carol Brower, Mary Burstiner, will represent parents. Jackie Choo represents the District School Board and Carlos Vera is our Business/Community representative. Faculty and staff representatives are Robyn White, Patricia Bacon, Alisa Cimino, Denise Goodridge, Nicole Minott and Michelle Mudge.

Notification of Out-Of-Field Teachers

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and qualified to teach but, are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student. The following teacher(s) have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing course work/testing: Patricia Bacon (English 6-12). In addition, the following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL Endorsement: Andrea Auletta (ESE), Patricia Bacon (English 1&3), Heather Erridge (English 2), Melissa Green (English 1, ENC 1101), Darby Harvey (Acc. Litrac), Kristina Hurlbert-Porter (English 2), Carla McLeod (English 2) Rebecca Norman (RLA & Achieve) Dustin Quarrella (AP Lit, Eng 4 & Journalism) and Melissa Romig (ESE). (10/1/15)

Requisitos para la enseñanza "fuera de campo" Los maestros que enseñan fuera de su campo están certificados en por lo menos un área, y están calificados para enseñar, pero necesitan tomar cursos adicionales o pruebas para ampliar la cobertura/endorso de su certificado. Cuando el maestro es el proveedor primario de enseñanza de Artes del Lenguaje y/o el maestro de lectura de un estudiante ESOL, el estado también requiere que el maestro tome cursos/servicio interno para el endoso de Inglés para Personas que Hablan Otros Idiomas (ESOL). Los siguientes maestros han estado de acuerdo en enseñar fuera de su campo mientras completan su trabajo de curso/pruebas: Patricia Bacon (English 6-12). Además, los siguientes maestros han estado de acuerdo en trabajar para obtener el endoso de ESOL: Andrea Auletta (ESE), Patricia Bacon (English 1&3), Heather Erridge (English 2), Melissa Green (English 1, ENC 1101), Darby Harvey (Acc. Litrac), Kristina Hurlbert-Porter (English 2), Carla McLeod (English 2) Rebecca Norman (RLA & Achieve) Dustin Quarrella (AP Lit, Eng 4 & Journalism) and Melissa Romig (ESE (1 - Octubre 2015)

Calendar

Teacher Planning Day-no school	10/26
Report Cards	11/2
Progress Reports	11/20
Thanksgiving Holidays-no school	11/23-11/27

October Retakes

Wiregrass Ranch High School will be administering the October retake exams for students who did not take or pass the FCAT 2.0, FSA ELA Writing/Reading Exam, and/or the NGSS Algebra 1 End-of-Course Exam. These exams will be administered from October 12th to October 19th. Students who should have taken the US History and/or Biology End-of-Course Exam last year, or in previous years, will be required to take these exams on October 20th. Students will receive a letter on October 2th that includes the test(s), testing date(s), testing location(s), and time(s). If you have any questions regarding these exams, please contact assistant principal, Tim Light.

PSAT

PSAT will be administered on Wednesday October 28th, here at WRHS. This is the official pre-test given by CollegeBoard, it is offered once a year and is the only way for Juniors to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. We have a limited amount of tickets for 9th and 11th grade students, so they will be sold on a first come-first serve basis. All 10th grade students will be tested for free. Tickets for 9th and 11th grade students are \$15.00 and can be purchased according to the following schedule: Tickets will go on sale October 12th thru October 16th.

Juniors only: Tests will be sold on Oct 12, 13 and 14th in the cafeteria first 20 minutes of all lunches.

All 9th and 11th grade students: Tests will be sold Oct. 15th and 16th, in the cafeteria first 20 minutes of all lunches. **Please note: That the test is from 7:30am to 11:30am. Freshman election to participate will be required to provide their own transportation.**

Upon registration, students will receive a review booklet. Please be sure they take some time to look at this information prior to the test. Any remaining tests will be sold in Student Services on Oct. 19. Please contact Mr. Matthew Felderman, in Student Services.

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, an 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 for more information or just stop by school to purchase one.

Cross Country Championship Meet

On October 10th, thirteen public high schools will converge on the WRHS campus for the annual championship meet. This year the meet will be called The Pasco County Championship. All thirteen teams will compete in the boys and girls varsity and JV races beginning at 8 AM. Please come out and support our cross country runners. The girls will be vying to win their 8th straight varsity title and 9th straight JV title, and the boys will be competing to win back the title they have won 4 different times. There is no charge for admission.

Winter Sport Tryouts

Tryout dates are as follows:

October 5th – Girls soccer
October 12th – Boys soccer
October 19th – Girls Basketball
October 19th – Girls weightlifting
October 25th – Boys Basketball
November 9th - Wrestling

Student Recognition

Wiregrass Ranch is happy to announce that Grace Dietsch and Rea Rupani are semi finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The competition is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) and is an annual academic competition that can award qualifying students money for college. Students who take the PSAT in their junior year are entered into the competition. Students who score exceptionally well on the PSAT have a chance to earn one of the National Merit Scholarships. The NMSC is a non-profit organization that is privately financed by corporate organizations and colleges. Grace and Rea are now entered into the next round of the National Merit Scholarship process and we're hoping that they both can become a finalist and earn one of the scholarships.

ABC (Assist, Believe and Care)

The ABC committee is starting to prep for the upcoming holiday season and we'd 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 Matthew Felderman or Kristin Roberts at 813-346-6000.

Cold/Flu Season

Attention, Parents and Students: Cold and Flu season are approaching. Please keep your student home if they are showing symptoms of illness. Please follow the school district's policies when submitting an excuse for your student's absence due to illness. Please call the school attendance clerk immediately to report the absence or submit an excuse/doctor's note within 3 days of your student's return to school.

Flu Vaccines

Healthy Schools will be administering the Flu mist vaccines to students at WRHS with parental consent at no cost on Friday, October 5th, between 11:00 am and 1:45 pm. These inhaled vaccines are safe, do not contain preservatives, and do not cause recipients to contract the flu. An explanation letter and flu mist vaccine consent form was sent home with your student along with their progress reports on Sept 25. Parents are asked to return the forms to the clinic by the following Thursday, October 1st, so that we have time to prepare for the October 5th event. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Healthy Schools at 1-800-566-0596 or <https://healthyschoolsllc.com>

Senior Parents and Students

Don't forget to view the Senior Timeline for all dates and deadlines for seniors on the WRHS Website, under senior timeline.

Art News

The art department would like to thank the PTSA for sponsoring the "Art In Perspective" student showcase that was held in the media center. Students completed landscape drawings, photographs and paintings showing their skill in perspective techniques. Many of these works are now displayed in the PTSA Gallery.

Eight art and photography students entered works into the 2015 - 12th Congressional Art Competition: Sarah Juers, Grace Lei, Chelsea Farabaugh, Sarah Moss, Kaitlyn Merryman, and Jacob Glassman. Congratulations to the two Honorable Mention winners Mikhaela Free for "Staines of Mistakes" and to Joshua Solt for "Redfish" Awards were presented by Congressman Bilirakis.

Please mark your calendars; the Fine Arts Department will be showcasing the talents of students at the Barnes & Noble book fair held on Thursday December 3rd from 5pm. to 8pm. There will be musical and drama performances, Artist in action, story telling, face painting, art exhibits, and more. Come and show your support and win prizes. If you cannot make the event, shop online from 12/3/2015 to 12/5/2015 with voucher code 11704327 using BN.COM/bookfairs and a percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit the Fine Arts Department at WRHS.

Picture Retakes and Yearbook

On October 5th, the cost of yearbooks goes from \$65 to \$70. Picture retakes are scheduled for October 13.

PTSA News

Your PTSA was very busy during last month's Open House. Thank you to all who stopped by our table to purchase WRHS spirit wear, PTSA membership, Princeton Review ACT Practice Tests, pizza and beverages. Also, a special thank you to Little Caesar's Pizza for donating the pizza.

Seniors-don't forget, 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. Wiregrass Ranch High School PTSA is once again participating in the National PTA Reflections Program. We are very proud and happy with the results WRHS students received in previous years. The theme for this year is "Let your Imagination Fly...". We invite you to express yourself in any of the categories. Participating is easy! Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized! **Deadline is Friday, October 2nd!**

Visit our website for entry forms and rules. It is not too late to sign up to take the Princeton Review practice ACT test and Strategy Session. It 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 PTSA website and in Student Services. Need more info? Contact Deb Rottum, debrottum@yahoo.com or (813) 505-0663.

Lastly, we would like to thank the following PTSA Sponsors: Plato's Closet, Wiregrass Mall, The Right Fit Foundation, Texas Roadhouse and Jersey Mike's. As always, thank you for your continuous support.

Mari C. Blank
PTSA President



School Board Members: Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley and Steve Luikart
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