



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

Newsletter-February 2016 ***From the Principal.....Robyn White***

As February and March activities are planned, please continue to check our very informative website for important events. Also, WRHS is connected with Facebook, Twitter and there is a downloadable App on our website for students and parents to access and stay connected 24/7 with WRHS information. The class of 2016 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 have good grades and attendance to be eligible to attend prom, Grad Bash and the Senior Lock-in. Remember, these activities are privileges earned with good grades, attendance and behavior (no OSS) to be able to attend graduation events. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year starts soon. Please visit our course directory information on the front page of our website for information on classes offered. College bound students should try to take the most rigorous courses offered at WRHS. WRHS offers 24 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
2nd Session hrs - 9:30 - 5:00 pm 2nd Session classes- 10:18 - 4:44 pm

Student Services - 7:00 - 5:00 pm

Administration office hours - 7:00 - 5:30 pm

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. 9th Grade students should not arrive prior to 10:00am. Parents should not rely on school supervision outside the time limits of such policy.

Stay connected to WRHS

Stay connected to Wiregrass Ranch High from anywhere in the world via our Twitter page, Facebook page, Google Plus page and our Schoolinfo App and our website. Now, you can get short reminders via Remind. To sign up, simply text the message @wrhschool to the number 81010. You will begin receiving reminder text messages from WRHS. Let us know if you have any questions.

School Choice

School Choice Applications will be accepted from February 1st through March 1st only for the 2016/17 school year. An electronic version of the School Choice Open Enrollment form will be available on the district web site starting February 1 (www.pasco.k12.fl.us). Out-of-county students must complete a new form annually. Wiregrass Ranch High School will be frozen for School Choice.

Yearbooks

Wiregrass Ranch High School is giving you the opportunity to show your talent in the yearbook, so write a poem, spoken word or piece of prose that demonstrates what TOGETHER means to you. Please email Mrs. Khalaf at kkhalaf@pasco.k12.fl.us by February 10 with a copy of your work.

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.

SAC Members Needed

SAC (School Advisory Committee) is in need of new members. Unfortunately, a few members needed to step down. If you are interested, please contact the main office at 813-346-6000 with your interest. SAC

normally meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Admin Conference Room.

FBLA

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT COMPETITION WINNERS:

1st Business Plan Team Bianca Seufert (12th)
1st Intro. Business Communication Mehra Nalin (9th)
1st Spreadsheet Applications: Liza Hanna (10th)
1st Website Design Team: Daniel Khalil (10th), Daanyah Jones (10th), Kanaan Harb (12th)
2nd Business Ethics Team: Camille Acha (11th), Mikayla Goodhue (11th)
2nd Comp Game & Simulation Program Joey Quinto (12th), Sebastian Castillo-Sanchez (12th), Timmy Quinto (9th)
2nd Graphic Design Team: Hailey Hodapp (12th), Joseph Fileccia (12th), Keanu Guzman (12th)
3rd Job Interview: Isabel Lee (12th)
4th Business Calculations: Connor Weik (10th)
4th Personal Finance: Joshua Solt (11th)
5th Publication Design Team: Steven Saxton (10th), Joshua Williamson (10th) WRHS is heading to the State Leadership Conference on March 11-14 in Orlando. Members should be preparing for this event; practicing, researching, and fine-tuning their skills. Go BULLS!

Cheerleading News

Wiregrass Ranch Cheerleading has been having a successful competition season. Both Junior Varsity and Varsity teams qualified for the National High School Cheerleading Championships for the third year in a row. Nationals will be held at ESPN Wide World of Sports on February 5-7, 2016. In addition, Junior Varsity placed 2nd at Best of Pasco Competition and Varsity placed 4th. At Regionals, held at Flagler High School on January 16, Varsity has advanced to States. Varsity completes at USF Sun Dome starting Friday, 29, 2016. Go Bulls!

Parenting Classes

The Parenting Skills classes are asking for donations. We are getting new electronic dolls and we need four (4) infant carriers so the students can carry the dolls as their simulation project. Plus, we need newborn clothes size 0 to 3 months for any gender. All items can be gently used. Items can be dropped off in room 3-117, Mrs. Stanforth's classroom. Any questions please contact Mrs. Stanforth @ dstanfor@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Special Olympics

One of our students' Orrin Williams will be representing WRHS at the State level for Special Olympics Basketball on February 5th and 6th in Tavares, FL. Special Olympics Pasco will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Summer games is the kickoff event for this year's celebration on February 26th at Wesley Chapel High School. WRHS will have 42 student athletes attending the event, participating in Soccer,

Cycling, Track and Field, Bocce and Tennis. Come out and support our bulls, opening ceremonies start at 11:30 and the event will run until 3:45.

10th Annual Long Run at the Ranch

Exciting News! The Long Run at the Ranch will now include both a 5K and 10K race, in addition to the 1 mile family fun run. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 9th, beginning and ending at John Long Middle School. Please come out and support our athletic programs and the American Cancer Society by entering one of our races! Go to longrunattheranch.com for an entry form and more information.

Challenging All Wiregrass Ranch Dads and Male Role Models

The All Pro Dad organization was founded in part by former NFL coach, Tony Dungy. The All Pro Dad theme is "Family First". The focus of the meetings is to help coach dads and other male role models on topics like opening the lines of communication with their children and dependents. Families participate in fun and interactive activities that reinforce positive communication between children and their male role model. The platform offers the opportunity for a father to publicly recognize his child's achievements, both big and small, which means more to the children than words can describe. It also allows for the child to express what it is he/she appreciates about dad; the little things that mean the most to him or her, giving dad a chance to reflect on what he's doing right and where he can improve as a male role model.

The challenge is simple. Enter the date, time and location below on your calendar and then **make a commitment to dedicate this hour to the relationship you're building with your children.** Give yourself plenty of advanced notice so it doesn't creep up on you and enter the meeting as a recurring event. Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is here at Wiregrass Ranch High School in the cafeteria from 6-7pm on Monday, February 8th. Join us for an experience your children will appreciate when they look back.

Student Council

Student Council is hosting "Blast to the Past", a movie night on February 19th at 7 pm. They will be showing Back to the Future in the gym, bring your own chair or blanket to use. All money raised will be donated to Relay for Life. Tickets are \$3 and concessions will be available. Buy your tickets at lunches on 2/16-2/19. Support a great cause by having fun watching a movie.

Also, "One Blood" blood mobiles will be here once again on February 26th. Anyone 16 or older can donate. Sign up for an appointment and get your permission slip at your lunch on 2/23 and 2/24.

Student Services Events

Senior parents!!! Plan to attend our February workshop on Financial Aid & the FAFSA. This will be held on Wednesday, 2/22 at 6:30pm in the Media Center. We will have a representative from the Office of Student Financial Assistance to provide information and review the FAFSA website with you. Designed to be a hands-on, interactive workshop. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us

Student Lunch & Learns/Parent Information Sessions

WRHS & Student Services is offering a series of 'Lunch & Learn' workshops for students and 'Information Sessions' for parents. Student sessions are held during the lunch periods, and parent sessions are held from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Each session focuses on topics students & parents have requested assistance with. They are designed to be informative & interactive, and are run by school staff as well as, members from our community! Visit the WRHS Student Services page today & click the designated link to register for a session! **The next event will be on Feb. 11th from 6-7pm and the topic is Dual Enrollment vs. Advanced Placement.** Plus, review information on financial aid, graduation requirements, NCAA, and tutoring resources! wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/guidance/

How do I make an appointment with my School Counselor?

Students – Must request an appointment on-line, directly on the Student Services web page. Simply click on 'Make an Appointment' & sign up to see your counselor. They will send a pass for you.

Parents – Contact your child's counselor directly. Many issues can be resolved via email or phone conversations. If there is a need to meet with the counselor, these appointments are scheduled directly with each individual counselor.

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 of Sunday, February 28th @ 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'. Check with Mrs. Batchelor for more information!!

Athletic Boosters

Boosters has started their "Leave a Legacy" Brick Fundraiser. They are 4x8 bricks for \$75 or 8x8 Bricks for \$100, and can be engraved with your special message to be placed on the Legacy Walk.

Please contact Stacy Hill @813-541-1055 or via email:

wrhswrestlemom@gmail.com for more information. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

PTSA News

It's hard to believe we are already in February! As this school year progresses, your PTSA continues to work hard to bring programs and activities for our students, teachers and parents.. Look for these upcoming events:

WRHS PTSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING –

Our mid-year PTSA General Assembly meeting will take place on February 18th at 5:30 p.m. outside the gym prior to Curriculum Night. Please join us for a brief meeting to discuss PTSA business and award the WRHS PTSA School Wide Resource Grants.

WRHS PTSA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE!!!!

Each year the PTSA awards a number of scholarships to deserving graduating seniors. This year a total of eight scholarships in the amount of \$350 each are being offered. A high GPA is not necessarily required (3.0 Weighted GPA minimum). Applications are available on-line at www.wiregrassptsa.org, at our school's website and in Student Services. Applications **must be turned in no later than Friday April 1, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.**

PTSA NATIONAL REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following students whose talented work have now advanced from the county level to the state level !!! Visual Arts: Payton Forehand - 1st place; Jon Acosta - 2nd place; and Matthew Scott - 3rd place. Photography: Mikhaela Free - 1st place; Sabrina Dinan - 2nd place and Louise Turner - 3rd place. Final results will come in sometime in May. Good luck Bulls!

WRHS PTSA's JEANS DRIVE

Now through February 19th WRHS PTSA will be collecting gently used jeans for young people in shelters. Please drop off your gently used jeans in the marked bin in Student Services. For more information please e-mail us at jeansdriveWRHS@gmail.com. Thank you!

As always, thank you for your continuous support!

Mari C. Blank, WRHS PTSA President



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