



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-March 2016

From the Principal.....Robyn White

We are all very proud of all our seniors as they start making post high school decisions during the coming weeks and months. Our class of 2016 has been very successful with college opportunities. With over 500 seniors, we have many students that have already earned Bright Futures Scholarship funds for their freshman year at college. Many more scholarship opportunities will be earned during the coming weeks and months. Even though students have been accepted to colleges, they must maintain a dedication to their studies during the final weeks of school. Parents should keep up to date with graduation requirements, activities, dates and timeline. Visit the senior timeline posted on the website or contact the school for information as early as possible to solve any potential issues. For our underclass students, please take advantage of all the opportunities at WRHS and select the most rigorous schedule to prepare for the future. Courses you take in high school will determine your opportunities after high school for colleges and careers. It is never too early to plan and prepare for our future. Please remember that all upcoming tests make future decisions possible. Class of 2017 students should be taking both the SAT and ACT this spring. WRHS host both tests. FSA, End of-Course exams, PERT and Advanced Placement tests are all scheduled this spring and dates will be posted on the website as tests get closer. Finally, the Fine Arts department with cooperation from the Culinary Arts program will present a Dinner Theatre Production of the *Marvelous Wonderettes*. 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

Mystery Theatre – The Marvelous Wonderettes

WRHS Fine Arts Department and the WRHS Culinary Arts Program present the 2016 Dinner Theatre Production of **The Marvelous Wonderettes**. *Wonderettes '58* takes you to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where we meet the Wonderettes, four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts! As we learn about their lives and loves, we are treated to the girls performing such classic '50's songs as "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," "Lipstick On Your Collar," "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me," and other classic hits! You've never had this much fun at a prom and you will never forget *Wonderettes '58*—a must-take musical trip down memory lane! This delightful one act version of the smash off-Broadway hit is perfect for both teens and adults. Come join us for Springfield High Schools 1958 super senior prom and 50's style meal. Wear either your 50s best or dress to impress for prom photos (\$5 per photo). Performances are on Friday, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th. Friday's night show is at 7pm. On Saturday, there are two performances at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. All shows will provide a meal and dessert, during the performance. All performances will take place in the WRHS Gym. Tickets may be reserved through email at MHornsby@pasco.k12.fl.us or on School Pay @ www.schoolpay.com.

WRHS is an "A" School

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Congratulations to our entire school community for the State's "A" school rating again this year (5th year in a row). We are all proud to call ourselves WRHS BULLS !

National Merit Finalist

WRHS is proud to announce that this school year, we have two students who are National Merit Finalists. We would like to congratulate Rea Rupani and Grace Dietsch on their great achievement of becoming a National Merit Finalist.

Graduation

The 2015 Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 AM. Graduation will be held the USF Sun Dome 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, Diamela Vergne at 813-346-6000.

Calendar

End of 3 rd quarter	3/18
Spring Break-no school	3/21-3/25
Planning Day-no school for students	3/28
Spring FSA's	3/28 – 3/31

FCAT 2.0 NGSS Reading Retakes

FCAT, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, retakes will be administered March 30 through April 4. These test dates are for all students who entered the 9th grade during the 2012-2013 school year, or who entered 9th grade prior to the 2012-2013 school year. All students who are scheduled for FCAT retakes will receive testing information, including precise dates and locations, from their teachers prior to the testing dates. Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest and eat breakfast before coming to school on testing days.

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 3 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 4 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 the 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.

Stay connected to WRHS

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

Long Run at the Ranch adds 10K!

The 10th Annual Long Run at the Ranch will be held on April 9th, beginning at 8:30 AM. We are excited to announce that in addition to the 1 Mile and 5K races we have added a 10K for our 10th anniversary. You can search for our race on Active.com or go to LongRunattheRanch.com for details and a link to register. Proceeds will go to JLMS and WRHS athletics and this year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life as well! You can contact Don Howard at dhoward@pasco.k12.fl.us if you have questions or would like to support/sponsor this event.

FBLA

We are gearing up for our State Competition-State Leadership Conference in March. Students will be competing in Computer Gaming, Spreadsheet Application, and Business Plan. There are twelve students competing. Thank you parents and community for your continued support of our Future Business Leaders.

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/nclbpar/index.cfm>

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 models as well as other members of the community. 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, March 14. Join us for an experience your children will appreciate when they look back.

PTSA/Relay for Life

This year Relay For Life will take place on **April 1 -2** at Wesley Chapel High School's fields and the theme will be Dr. Seuss. Our next team party for existing teams and anyone interested in forming a team will be on **March 10th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Atonement Lutheran Church. If interesting in registering a team before then please go to www.relayforlife.org/wesleychapelfl. If you have any questions in the meantime or would like more information please contact Mari Blank, Event co-chair at blankrm@tampabay.rr.com. A quick shout-out to our amazing WRHS Clubs that have already signed up a team this year: FBLA, HOSA,

Key Club, National Honor Society, SADD Club, Student Council and Orchestra!

Art News

The art department is very fortunate and grateful to have support from the community. We would like to thank the Sun Coast Arts Fest, Pasco Education Foundation and the WRHS PTSA for the grants our art department have applied for. The WRHS PTSA awarded Mrs. Hill a grant for a 3D printer, students will design then print a 3D figure and Mrs. Smith was given one for the PTSA Rotating Art Gallery in the media center, students will study Georgia O'Keeffe and create works with the theme "Let Art Bloom at WRHS". The Suncoast Arts festival gave Ms. Fermin a grant for students to learn the different printing processes. The Pasco Education Foundation also gave Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Smith each a grant for interesting projects our students will enjoy. Mrs. Hill's 2D1 class will learn about different cultures and students will draw, paint and sculpt like Michelangelo.

Many of the artworks created have been entered into several art exhibits. Seven students had 3D works displayed in the Art of Recycling exhibit. Sixty works were on display at the Pasco County Fair in February. Seven students have works entered into the Modern Moose studios First Annual Youth Art Show in New Port Richey. Now on campus there are four bulletin boards and a showcase full of outstanding photos and artworks created by our talented students that we are very proud of. Keep up the good work art students!

Special Olympics

Congratulations to all out Special Olympic Athletes. On Friday, February 26th, we had over 40 athletes compete at Wesley Chapel High School. These athletes brought back to Wiregrass over two dozen 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons from both individual and team events. It was a very exciting day for all students, faculty, staff and peers that participated. Congratulations to all the participated and a big thank you to Coach Norman for organizing the event.



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