



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

Newsletter-May/June 2016 From the Principal.....Robyn White

The last several weeks of school will keep everyone busy. With almost 900 AP exams, end of course exams, College Placement Tests, Industry Certification tests, Class of 2017 students preparing for SAT and ACT tests, plus all the senior activities and celebrations, there is something for everyone. Please stay up to date with all the school activities by reviewing the website for school information. Prom, senior activities and timeline, exam schedule, and summer assignments, can be all be found on the website. In June, all the summer assignments for 2016/17 classes will be posted on the WRHS website. Please make sure you keep up to date with readings, assignments, etc. The opportunity to change your selected courses for next year needs to be completed before the end of the current school year. We will send a letter home in late May with all the courses selected by your child. Please review closely with your child to confirm course selections and graduation plans. Contact us prior to the end of the school year should you have any questions. Just a reminder, our Guidance staff does not work in the summer. Should your child need to make up credits, please review the opportunities in ESY (Extended School Year). Finally, as we end another successful year at WRHS, I want to thank all our parents, hard working PTSA, SAC, Athletic and Band Boosters for your support in making WRHS the "Best High School" in the bay area. Enjoy your summer and I will see you at all the end of the year celebrations and at graduation. Please use our website for all the up-to-date information during the summer months. 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 - 5:30 pm
2nd Session hrs - 9:30 - 5:00 pm 2nd Session classes- 10:18 - 4:44 pm

Cap & Gown Distribution

On Monday and Tuesday, May 23rd & 24th, caps and gowns will be distributed during senior checkout. Students should try on their cap and gown immediately to be sure that it is the correct size. The gown should be carefully pressed for Graduation. The student owns the gown and does not need to return it. All seniors should have already ordered their cap & gowns. If you have not ordered your cap & gown, please see Ms. Vergne immediately. To be eligible to walk during graduation, you must have your cap & gown and all debts paid.

Senior Timeline

5/2 -5/13 Advance Placement Exams
5/6 Deadline for all online classes and coursework
5/16 - 5/19 Senior Exam Schedule
5/16-5/20 Senior Spirit Week
5/21 Prom 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm – Kapok Tree
5/23-24 Senior Check-Out/Cap & Gown Distribution – Gym
Seniors don't forget to pay all debts & stop payment for MyLunchMoney.com
5/24 Senior Field Day and BBQ Celebration 3pm-7pm
5/25 Senior Breakfast/Seniors Last day
5/26 Senior Scholarship Night by Invitation Only
5/26 Senior Grades Due
5/31 Senior notification
6/1-2 Mandatory Graduation Practice
6/2 Baccalaureate – WRHS Gym (6pm – 8pm)
6/4 2016 Graduation @ USF Sun Dome Arena, 10:00am

AP exams

The Advanced Placement exam window is May 2th – May 13th. Please refer to the exam scheduled on the WRHS website for exact date and times. Please note: The schedule is set by the College Board and must be followed accordingly. All AP students should report to their testing locations early, for the exams begin promptly. There are no make-up days for AP Exams. Students need to be in attendance on the day their exam is administered. In addition, some exam administrations take 4 hours. Please arrange transportation accordingly. Please contact Ms. Vergne at 813-346-6000, if there are any questions.

Yearbook distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed soon. Listen for morning announcements or the WRHS website for details.

Senior Pranks

Senior pranks become serious issues, resulting in criminal charges and recommendation for expulsion. These situations also impact participation in graduation. It is important to continue with positive behavior through the end of the year and to celebrate upcoming graduation in appropriate ceremonies.

We want all students to be successful and celebrating respectfully at graduation, please help support us with this focus.

Junior/Senior Prom

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2015 Time: 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm
Location: Kapok Tree, Clearwater, Florida
Ticket Price: \$60.00

Tickets are on sale now. Listen on morning announcements or see the website for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Howard at 346-6000.

Calendar

AP Exams	5/2-5/13	Memorial Day (no school)	5/30
Spring EOC's	5/2-5/20	WRHS Graduation	6/4
Progress Reports	5/6	Last Day of School	6/8
Senior Last Day	5/25		

Summer Learning @ the Ranch

Although students and teachers have the opportunity to rest and recharge from June to August, learning does not have to stop during the sweltering days of summer. WRHS is proud to offer the "Summer Learnin' @ the Ranch" website to better equip students to reach their highest potential. This resource, which will be housed on the WRHS website, will include suggested and required reading lists, online course content for advanced classes, common supply lists, key dates and vital contacts. Research shows that as students read and engage their own academic growth, they have a greater chance of surpassing their peers in the competitive 21st century global economy. Check out the "Summer Learnin' @ the Ranch" website starting June 6th to see how your family can use this crucial time as an investment for the future. If students are scheduled for Advanced Placement classes, please review the summer reading requirements and assignments on the website.

Five Star Award 2014-15

WRHS has earned the Five Star Award for 2014-15 school year. Below is the letter we received from District.

Congratulations! The Florida Department of Education has awarded your school the 2014-2015 Five Star School Award. Your school's portfolio was impressive and met all required criteria. Clearly, your school is going above and beyond to engage families, communities, and businesses in the educational process. Attached is the Five Star Award icon to be displayed proudly on your website. Your certificate will be delivered by courier mail.

Thank you for promoting the ideals of the Five Star School Award by encouraging community, family, and student involvement. Your school's effort to build partnerships strengthens your school and helps students achieve. Please congratulate your staff and others involved for their part in earning this award!



Cheerleading

An Information Meeting for the 2016-2017 season will be scheduled soon for anyone interested in the JV or Varsity Cheerleading squads. Information about tryouts will also be decided shortly but sometime in June. The 2016-2017 Cheerleading season runs from June 2016 – February 2017. Please listen for morning announcements and view the WRHS website for details.

Driver Education Summer Program

Driver Education will be offered this summer at Wiregrass Ranch High School. The course will span 11 days, from June 14th to June 28th, at Wiregrass Ranch High School. The course will provide approximately 30 hours of classroom instruction and the remaining time will be hands-on driving experience and practice. This course **does not** provide high school credit but a certificate of completion will be awarded when the class is successfully passed. We require that the student have a ride available every day for drop-off and pick-up from school. *The cost of the course is \$175.* Please make the check out to **James Irvin Education Center**. The class times will vary each day as the course includes class time and driving skills scheduled at various hours of the day. In addition, the course has the following requirements:

1. **Student must have a learners permit.**
2. **Student must have access to a ride to and from Wiregrass Ranch for the above-mentioned schedule.**

This is a great course for anyone trying to improve his or her driving skills in preparation for the road test. There is limited space available for this course. It will be first come, first serve as we expect this class to fill up quickly.

EOC Exams-Summer Retakes

Testing window for retakes for the summer End of Course is July 12 - 14. Subjects and other info will be available on the WRHS website.

Early Release/Late Arrival

Letters for Early Release/Late Arrival, as well as a print out of your child's course requests will be coming in the mail soon. If your child is taking an online class, as part of their school day, they may apply to come in after 1st period or leave after 6th period (10-12 grades). For freshman, if they are taking an online class, as part as their school day, they may apply to come after their 4th period or leave after 8th period. In addition, as always, if your child has the ability to leave campus after 6th or 8th period, they may sign up for Early Release.

We will do the best we can to accommodate these requests, but there are no guarantees. Please complete the application and return it to school by the deadline posted on the letter. If you have any specific questions, please contact Diamela Vergne @ dvergne@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Spring Concerts

The following concerts are scheduled during the month of May at Wesley Chapel Performing Arts:
Orchestra Concert is Tuesday, May 11th starting at 6:30pm with JLMS Orchestra and WRHS Orchestra following. The WRHS Band Concert is Friday, May 20th at 6pm. Finally, the Chorus Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 24th at Wesley Chapel of the Arts at 7:00PM

Girls Cross Country Summer Training

The girls Cross Country Team will be running together through the summer. All girls interested in trying out for cross country in August when we return for next school year, are strongly encouraged to join us over the summer. There will be an information meeting for students in Coach Howard's room 3-108 on Tuesday, May 17th at 2 PM. Parents and students can email Coach Howard with any questions at dhoward@pasco.k12.fl.us

WRHS Newsletter 2016-17

Note: The WRHS Newsletter for the 2016-2017 School year will only be published twice next year and it will be mailed home to parent and students.

Swim and Dive Team

There will be an informational meeting for all those interested in being part of the 2016 Swim and Dive team on Wednesday, July 13th in the cafeteria at 6pm. The requirements, schedule and paperwork will all be reviewed. For questions please contact Coach Cimino (acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Coach Gramm (kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us).

Thank You Class of 2018

We want to thank all the sophomores who met the goals set in January for celebrating with us. It was a fun two hours of music, food and prizes. It was great to be able to relax and enjoy time with all of you that day. A special thanks to a few students that even got Mrs. Rankin to dance. Class of 2018, we see great accomplishments in your future. Before we know it, you will be walking across the BIG stage. Thanks, Mrs. Fewox and Mrs. Rankin.

From the Desk of the School Nurse, Amy Ponce, Rn BSN

Parents if your child has medication in the Clinic please make the necessary arrangements to pick up the medication on or before the last day of school June 8, 2016. Medication that is not picked up will be properly disposed of on June 9, 2016. In accordance with the District School Board of Pasco County's medication policy students may not transport medications home. Also, please remember that all medical information needs updated on a yearly basis. For example if your child suffers from migraines, seizures, allergies, etc please notify the school for the proper documentation procedures. If you have any questions please email me aponce@pasco.k12.fl.us

PTSA News

I can hardly believe that the school year is coming to an end. We have had a very successful and busy year. It was a year full of great accomplishments, and a year of working with so many great board members, committee chairs, teachers, administrators and volunteers who work hard so our children can have great experiences. Thank you for all the hours you have dedicated to make our school and WRHS PTSA so successful!

LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE YEAR

The last WRHS PTSA general assembly meeting of the school year took place on April 21st. New officers were elected and voted to have Bylaws filed as they stand this June upon expiration.

ACADEMIC PINS AND LETTERS DONATION

The WRHS PTSA is happy to announce that we are able to assist our school by generously donating \$500.00 to go toward the purchase of this year academic pins and letters.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 2nd THROUGH THE 6th

PTSA will be providing a delicious lunch from Texas Roadhouse for all our teachers and staff on May 6th. We are so thankful for our teachers and staff at WRHS for all they do for our students. A thank you as well to all of our PTSA board members for making homemade desserts and serving lunch.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

This year we had 15 applicants apply for the PTSA Senior Scholarships. Applications are now in the review process and each of the selected scholarship recipients will be awarded \$350 at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 26th.

Working together we've been able to accomplish many amazing things for our school, our students, and our community during the 2015--2016 school year. Thank you for your contributions to our school, your dedication to volunteering, and your commitment to seeing all students succeed. I look forward once again serving as your PTSA President next year. Mari C. Blank, WRHS PTSA President

