



Wiregrass Ranch High School
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Newsletter-Fall Semester 2016 From the Principal.....Robyn White

Welcome Back class of 2017, 2018, and 2019. Welcome to the Ranch class of 2020!

Our theme for this year is "One Community, One School, One Student, ONE VOICE!" We are interested in having parents in the school as volunteers and to sit on committees. We encourage each of you to get involved some way. In addition, I will be including student VOICE on committees throughout the school to allow them a format for input. Listening to feedback that we received last year, we made the decision to mail home TWO newsletters this year (one at the beginning of each of the two semesters) and then post all-important information on the Website, Facebook, and Twitter. In addition, if you would like to receive text messages, please follow the link below to subscribe. This is a new link, so everybody must subscribe in order to receive these messages. As always, we will continue to use the school connects messages to remind you of important events. We are hoping that through all of these methods, you will receive information about the happenings at the RANCH!

As summer vacations come to a close, it is now time to start thinking about all of the wonderful opportunities afforded students at WRHS. As you make final plans to return to school, Monday, August 15th, please review all the important information provided on our website and in this newsletter. Summer assignments for most of the AP courses, Anatomy Honors, Biology Honors, and Newspaper have been available on the website since June 1st and should be completed according to the timeline provided by the teachers. If you do not see your classes listed, there are no summer assignments to be submitted. WRHS will always provide an environment of rigor and relevant curriculum, offering 24 Advanced Placement courses, many on campus PHSC Dual Enrollment courses for college credit, plus numerous industry certifications for students in our Information Technology Academy, Academy of Medical Professionals, and our Culinary Arts program. Using a 21st century approach to learning, it is possible that students could use some type of technology everyday. Students have access to WIFI, use of their own laptops and mobile devices including iPads, smart phones, and other portable devices. With the use of technology come responsibilities to our students to prevent loss or theft. Students should always secure valuables and not leave them unsecured. Be mindful of areas such as the lunchroom, classrooms, and the locker room as these are areas where students tend to carelessly leave valuables unsecured. Keep them locked up or with you at all times.

As you all know, we continue to be overcrowded and have important procedures to help make our school a safe and provide a quality experience for all students, parents, and staff. Please continue to review information provided on the website, in this newsletter, on orientation days and through messages sent by text, email, or telephone. With the addition of the light, traffic should continue to enter the school from Mansfield Blvd. at the light, but may exit the school either, at the light or on to Wiregrass Road. The traffic in the student parking lot will remain as is, with traffic flowing into the parking lot on the east side (closest to the building) and out on the west side (closest to the fields). As you enter the parking lot, the right lane is for student drop off and the left lane is for parking vehicles. Traffic in the morning is always busy, so prepare in advance. With 40 buses arriving, 500 student drivers, 200 employees, and hundreds of parents driving to school, you **MUST** arrive early to prevent being late to school. Entering the campus after 7:10am will lead to students arriving late to class impacting the quality of learning for everyone. Always follow the posted speed limits of 15 MPH at the entrance and 5 MPH in the parking lot areas. Traffic is not an excuse for being late to school. First session starts teaching at 7:25am and the late session at 10:18am. 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 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 that section of this newsletter or the website. Everyone's safety is our number one priority. Arrive EARLY!

The start of the new school year brings with it both excitement and expectations. Please make sure you are familiar with the high school dress code as you make purchases prior to the start of the school year. Review with your child the attendance policy, tardy policy, and code of conduct information. All of this information will be included in this newsletter, on the school website, and in the Student Planner that every child will receive the first week of school through CANVAS.

Throughout first semester there will be many activities, please continue to check back to the website for important dates and activities. The calendars that are available are a good source of information. Please see information in this newsletter regarding Orientation Days and Open House.

Finally, as I mentioned in the beginning of this newsletter, we want parents involved in the school. We are all in this together! Please consider joining the PTSA, one of our Music Booster organizations, Athletic Boosters, or SAC. In addition, consider volunteering at the school at least once a month. We need volunteers to help with clerical work, mentors, tutors, and assisting with campus monitoring. Please see the information included in this newsletter to sign up as a volunteer TODAY! All volunteers help make WRHS an excellent school to learn, visit, and work. We look forward to seeing everyone at one of the Orientation times and Open House. Contact WRHS at (813) 346-6000 or visit our website at wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us for further information. Have a great FIRST SEMESTER BULLS!

Teacher hours - 7:00 - 2:30pm Classes in session - 7:25 - 1:56pm Student Services - 7:00 - 5:00pm Administration office hours - 7:00 - 5:30pm
2nd Session hrs. - 9:30 - 5:00pm 2nd Session classes- 10:18 - 4:44pm

Orientation Days & Times

Wiregrass Ranch High School will host three orientations for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. The first orientation will be held Monday, August 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is open for the Senior Class of 2017 only. The second orientation will be held Tuesday, August 9, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is open to 10th graders, 11th graders, and any 12th graders who were unable to attend senior registration on August 8. The third orientation will be held August 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is open to incoming 9th graders only. On August 9, guided tours will be available during all registrations. All students new to Wiregrass Ranch High are encouraged to attend the orientation appropriate for their grade levels. These orientation events will provide students with the opportunity to pick-up schedules, select lockers, verify transportation, and learn about the exciting programs (academic, athletic, and clubs) available at Wiregrass Ranch High School. For additional information regarding orientation, call WRHS at (813) 346-6000.

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 6, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.** For the 2016-2017 school year, we have adopted "One Voice" as our theme. 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. Different from past years; parents/ guardians will not be required to follow their child's schedule of classes; instead, you will be allowed to visit your student's classes in the order that you choose. 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. If you need to obtain a copy of your child's schedule, one will be available for you in your

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child's first period class. Parents, we encourage you to visit the cafeteria and media center during your visit, as we have much information to share:

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

Your "Voice" Matters. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING ALL OF OUR BULL FAMILY MEMBERS!

Student Fees Payment Options

Student orientation, scheduled Monday, August 8 (seniors only) or Tuesday, August 9th, parents can use their credit, debit, cash or check to pay for all student fees and purchases, both in person and on-line with School pay. We are planning on having readers set up to take credit card payments. Hopefully, it makes registration faster and easier for everyone, however, be prepared to pay with cash or check. Please note that a small transaction fee will be charged.

Dress Code/Security of valuables

Students shall wear modest clothing of such style and design as shall be consistent with community standards as determined by the school principal. As you make back to school purchases, please make sure clothing meets the dress code requirements. Students must secure electronic devices, money, jewelry, etc. at all times. Failure to secure valuables may result in LOSS or theft, and the school is not responsible.

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 one morning or after school detention; 4th Offense- Student receives three days of 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.

Portables and Rainy Days

With over 2400 students, we have 30 portables that most students will use during the day. Please plan on providing your child with rain gear or a small umbrella (to fit in book bag or locker) for rainy days. Florida weather is unpredictable and we do not cancel classes in the portables when it rains. Plan accordingly.

Student Meal Prices

The student meal prices for 2016/17 are as follows: Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.60 (tier 1), \$3.00 (tier 2); Reduced Breakfast \$.30 Reduced Lunch \$.40 (tier 1 or 2). Free and Reduced lunch forms will be available at registration or online @ www.pasco.k12.fl.us/nutrition/free_reduced

Parent/Teacher Conference Procedures

The WRHS faculty knows that parental involvement is the number one indicator of student 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 at 346-6011 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.

ABC (Assist, Believe and Care)

The ABC committee would 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 Alexa Vaccaro or Jill Wright at 813-346-6000.

Academic Honor Code for WRHS

As a student at **Wiregrass Ranch High School**, you have entered a community of student scholars and educators who are committed to excellence in education. Take the time to read and think about what you want your education to mean to you. It is assumed that all students will pursue their studies with integrity and honesty. This means that all work for which the student wants to receive a grade, credit or recognition will be the work of the individual student. Academic honesty is a very serious commitment to make so please do not do so lightly.

Students have the responsibility to uphold the highest standards of **academic integrity** in the student's own work, to refuse to tolerate violations of **academic integrity** in the school community, and to foster a high sense of integrity and social responsibility on the part of your class and in the Wiregrass Ranch High School community.

Violations of the following infractions will result in severe disciplinary action by your teacher, which will include – but are not limited to – a grade of F on the assignment/test, a referral, and parental contact. The following are considered egregious infractions of the academic honor code:

- I. Cheating
 - A. Copying, in part or in whole, from someone else's test;
 - B. Altering or interfering with grading;
 - C. Using or consulting any of the following during an examination; any sources, consulting with others, use of electronics equipment including cell phones and PDAs, or use of materials not authorized by the instructor; or
 - D. Committing other acts, which defraud or misrepresent.
- II. Plagiarism
 - A. Incorporating the ideas, words, sentences, paragraphs or parts of another person's writings without giving appropriate credit, and representing the product as your own;
 - B. Representing another's scholarly works such as written assignments or projects as your own;
 - C. Submitting a paper purchased from a research or term paper service, including the Internet; or
 - D. Undocumented Web source usage.
- III. Other Specific Examples of Academic Dishonesty
 - A. Purposely allowing another student to copy from your paper during a test;
 - B. Giving your homework, written assignments or other academic work to another to plagiarize;
 - C. Having another person submit any work in your name;
 - D. Lying to a teacher to improve your grade;
 - E. Altering a graded work after it has been returned, then submitting the work for re-grading;
 - F. Stealing tests;
 - G. Forging signatures of parents or other students on documents; or
 - H. Collaboration without permission of your teacher

School Clubs

WRHS offers a variety of student clubs sponsored by staff and faculty. Clubs are voluntary, usually meeting once per month after school and provide an opportunity for students with similar interests to get together and conduct activities that they enjoy. In addition to our school clubs, WRHS has several services organizations such as National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, etc. On **September 7th**, in the gym during all lunches, WRHS will be holding a "Club Showcase" for students to find clubs that match their interests.

Security Notice

Security Cameras may be used to record events at WRHS.

SAC (School Advisory Council)

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 nomination form that is attached at the end of this newsletter. Any Parent or Business/Community Member that would like to be considered as a SAC member can also complete the nomination form. All nomination forms must be returned to the Front Office no later than Tuesday, August 30th. Voting will take place at Open House on September 6th and the first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20th.

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!

Athletic Coaches and Activities

WRHS 2016-2017 COACHES CONTACT INFORMATION

Football – Coach Kantor – mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Volleyball – Coach Davis – volleyballchelle@gmail.com
Boys Cross Country – Coach Loth – cloth@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Cross Country – Coach Howard – doward@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Swimming – Coach Gramm – kgramm@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Swimming – Coach Cimino – acimino@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Golf – Coach Horrigan – mhorriga@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Golf – Coach Calzone – jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Basketball – Coach Calzone – jcalzone@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Basketball – Coach Gant – jgant@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Soccer – Coach Wilson – dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Soccer – Coach Costa – eddy_costa@hotmail.com
Wrestling – TBA – contact Coach Wilson – dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us
Varsity Cheerleading – Coach Owens-Robinson – jowensro@pasco.k12.fl.us
JV Cheerleading – Coach Trapani – wrhscheerbulls@aol.com
Girls Weightlifting – Coach Kantor – mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Weightlifting – Coach Kantor – mmkantor@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Tennis – Coach Wilson – dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Tennis – Coach Fye – jfye@pasco.k12.fl.us
Baseball – Coach McDougall – mdmdouga@pasco.k12.fl.us
Softball – Coach Vazquez – yvazquez@pasco.k12.fl.us
Boys Track – Coach Gray – mgray@pasco.k12.fl.us
Girls Track – Coach McGee – james.mcgee@sdhc.k12.fl.us
Club Hockey – Contact Mr. Zimmerman – qzimize@aol.com

WRHS FALL AND WINTER SPORTS SEASONS

FALL - All Fall sports start on August 1st

Football

Volleyball

Swimming – boys and girls - @ Hunters Green

Cross Country – boys and girls

Golf – boys and girls @ Quail Hollow

Cheerleading – sideline squad

WINTER

Competitive Cheerleading – October 10th

Girls Soccer – October 10th

Boys' soccer – October 17th

Girls Weightlifting – October 17th

Girls Basketball – October 24th

Boys Basketball – October 31st

Wrestling – November 7th

Please see coaches regarding dates and times.

Athletic Season Passes

WRHS Athletic season passes are on sale and will be available at orientation) for the 2016-2017 school year. Family passes cost \$100, adult

passes cost \$50 and student passes cost \$25. The passes are good for all home athletic contests (excluding FHSAA playoff events). Contact Dave Wilson at 813-346-6000 or email at dawilson@pasco.k12.fl.us for more information.

WRHS Athletic Boosters

Membership Drive for 2016/2017 School Year has started. Membership is \$10 to join. If interested, please email wrhs wrestlemom@gmail.com for information about the WRHS Athletic Boosters and information on how to join/get involved. Athletic Boosters offer four senior student athletic scholarships for members. Please email or contact Stacy Hill at 813-541-1055.

PTSA

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope all of our WRHS families had a fun and restful summer. We have many exciting events planned for our first semester.

The PTSA is here for you as an advocate and communication liaison. We keep parents informed about happenings at WRHS so that you can be an active participant in your child's high school experience. This is accomplished through e-mail blasts, PTSA's website, newsletters and General Assembly meetings. We share your questions and concerns with the administration and advocate on behalf of students and parents. So make sure you participate in some (if not all) that the PTSA has to offer.

ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION (August 8th and 9th):

The WRHS PTSA will have **discount coupons** for **Yearbooks** and **Spirit Wear** when you become a PTSA member on Registration Day. PTSA Membership is only \$5.00 per person. A huge **THANK YOU to Jersey Mike's** for donating once again lunch for our entire faculty and staff!!!!

PTSA GENERAL MEETING / OPEN HOUSE (September 6th):

We welcome you to, and encourage you to participate in, the WRHS PTSA this year. Please join us at our first PTSA **General Assembly Meeting** on **September 6th** at 5:15pm outside the Gym. This is also the night of Open House, which begins at 6:00pm. in the Gymnasium. We will also be selling Spirit Wear outside the gym. Come hungry – **Jersey Mike's** will be selling their amazing Philly Steak sandwiches!

DRIVE 4 UR SCHOOL (September 6th):

Once again the PTSA is having this creative and exciting fundraising opportunity where test-driving Ford vehicles can result in **Big Cash Rewards For Our School!!!** On **September 6th** (Open House) from 5:00pm – 9:00pm **PARKS Ford** of Tampa will be on our WRHS Campus with a large selection of vehicles and they will donate \$20 for each test-drive up to \$6,000! In addition, this year if you complete a 2nd test drive in a 2017 Escape an additional \$20 will be awarded to our school! So please don't forget to stop by their tent by the Cafeteria and take 10 minutes to test-drive a Ford or two!

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

The PTSA will again be sponsoring a few graduating student members with a monetary scholarship. **Make sure that your senior has joined PTSA by September 30, 2016 in order to be eligible for these scholarships.** Scholarship Applications will be available in Student Services after the Winter Break. Look for future announcements in the newsletter as well as on our PTSA website at www.wiregrassptsa.org.

ACT PRINCETON REVIEW PRACTICE TEST AND STRATEGY SESSION:

The Princeton Review practice ACT test and Strategy Session is being held on **Saturday, October 29th** 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 28th and \$20 at the door. This is a great way to help prepare for the real ACT. Forms are located on our website at www.wiregrassptsa.org and in Student Services. Need more info? Contact Kim Clarke, kimclarke1@verizon.net or (813) 951-2695.

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM:

WRHS PTSA is once again participating in this wonderful program. We are very proud with the results WRHS students achieved in previous years. The theme for this year is **"What Is Your Story?"** 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, September 30th**. Visit our PTSA website at www.wiregrassptsa.org for entry forms and forms.

WRHS ABC (Assist, Believe and Care) WRHS PTSA will once again provide holiday meals AND holiday wish list items for our very own WRHS ABC (Assist, Believe and Care) families. The purpose of this Pasco County District program is to match community individuals and groups with needy

children in order to provide basic essentials, thus enhancing the possibility for the children's success in school.

WRHS PTSA STORE:

PTSA has many spirit wear items at the school store located in front of the cafeteria open most mornings until 7:25am. You can also view and purchase all items at our "online store" at www.wiregrassptsa.org and click on the Store tab on the top. You will receive a call when order has processed. At that time, pick up of items can be arranged. Happy shopping and thank you for supporting your PTSA!

On behalf of the WRHS PTSA Executive Board and all the volunteers who give their time so freely and enthusiastically, we 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. Mari C. Blank, WRHS PTSA President

Art News

On April 25, twelve students entered photos and artworks into the Congressional Arts Competition. Congratulations to three Honorable Mention winners, Mikhaela Free, Brianna DuPriest, and Rachel Flygare. Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis presented awards. A String Quartet from Wiregrass Ranch High School performed during the reception.

Congratulations to Emma Heitzinger, Elijah Langlois, and Elena Lee whose art works have been accepted in the Florida Statewide Student Surrealist Art Exhibit: Between Dream and Reality. Their works will be on display at the Salvador Dali Museum May 16 to August 28th. Keep up the good work art students!

The Hemphill Family Foundation and The Ringling College of Art and Design offered a full scholarship to one lucky Pasco County art student. Our school had at least three outstanding art students apply to this fully funded Precollege summer program. Congratulations to Chelsea Farabaugh who was awarded the scholarship. Chelsea is now in Advanced Placement Drawing and plans on taking Advanced Placement Studio Art her senior year. Her dream is to attend the Ringling College of Art and Design after graduation. The WRHS art department is very excited to announce that two graduates will be attending the Ringling College of Art and Design, Brittany Ruiz and Yaribel Vezquez after graduation.

Student Voice

Hey students, are you interested in having a voice in school-based decisions? I, Ms. White, am currently looking for students from all demographics that represent the school. If you are interested in any of the following, please send an email to rwwhite@pasco.k12.fl.us and let me know which committee you may be interested in. Students will be selected and notified by the end of August.

*PTSA Student Liaison - need 2 or 3

*Student Advisory Committee – (this is NOT Student Council) need 15 students

*SAC – need 2 senior representatives

On-Line Classes

Parents and students, please remember to register in advance for all on-line classes and not wait until school starts. School starts on Monday, August 15th; this will enable students to begin course work on that day.

PSAT

PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, November 2nd, 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.

Juniors only: Tests will be sold the week of Oct 17th, Please refer to school website for more info.

All 9th and 11th grade students: Tests will be sold a couple of days after the juniors. Again, please refer to school website for more information. **Please note: That the test is from 7:30am to 11:30am. Freshman electing 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.

Senior News

Senior Seminar

Friday, September 9th - 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 the WRHS website.

Senior Parent Night

Thursday, September 15th - 6:30pm WRHS Cafeteria

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 and universities, listen to announcements for upcoming visits. Students must sign up in Student Services in order to attend any of the presentations.

College Fair

College Fair will be held at PHSC on Tuesday, 9/13 from 6:00–7:30pm. It is held at the Dade City Campus.

PHSC – East Campus

36727 Blanton Road

Dade City, FL 33525

Other information

Seniors plan to wear your Class of 2017 t-shirts and senior crowns on the first Friday of the first week of school, Friday, August 19th.

Senior timeline for the Class of 2017 will be available in August.

Great American Teach In

It's that time of year again! WRHS is welcoming individuals from various organizations, agencies, and companies to present career information to our students here at the Ranch! They will be coming in to share the week of Monday, 11/14-Thursday, 11/17.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in coming to present your career path to our students, we would love to have you. You must register on-line and be an approved volunteer with Pasco District Schools (https://webdb.pasco.k12.fl.us/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=vol_db&-loadframes) & contact Mrs. Jennifer Batchelor (813-346-6015, jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us) to provide your information and confirm a scheduled date/time. We look forward to hearing from you!

Senior Pictures

Final Day for Seniors to be photographed is October 20th, by Gigante Productions. Please contact Gigante at (813) 907-1078 or www.GiganteProductions.com to schedule an appointment.

WRHS Parking & Driving Class

To purchase a parking space for 2016-2017 school year, a student must have and meet the following requirements:

1. Have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance
2. Show proof of residency within the boundaries of the school using one of the following (the address listed must match the address on the student's driver's license):
 - a. copy of utility bill
 - b. copy of a properly executed lease agreement
 - c. copy of a mortgage statement
 - d. copy of an affidavit of residence
3. Be cleared of all school obligations from the previous school year(s)
4. Have an unweighted 2.0 GPA
5. Meet district attendance requirements
6. Attend and complete WRHS Driver's Safety Class (Located on-line on WRHS website. Spaces are limited, and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. It is the expectation that the time of purchase students have documents listed above. All applicants must complete the Parking-WRHS Application 2016. The cost is \$15.00.

Students who purchase a parking permit are expected to sign-up for Safe Behind the Wheel on-line class. Passes are sold in Student Services.

Unity Day

Unity Day is scheduled for Friday, September 16th.

Signed permission slips are due no later than Tuesday, September 13th and will be available on the school website August 15th.

Volunteering at the Ranch

The School Board of Pasco County requires that all volunteers must

be approved prior to volunteering in any capacity in the school. All Volunteers must reapply each school year. Please visit the Pasco County website at www.pascoschools.org and click on **Volunteer Application**. It is located on the bottom of the home page. Don't forget to register today! Any student who would like to receive future volunteer opportunities can email Mrs. Batchelor at jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us to be added to her volunteer email list. Volunteer opportunities are sent via email to students.

Communication and News

The newsletter will now be published twice a year and mailed home. For news and announcements throughout the year, we will be offering the following:

- WRHS Website: wrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us
- Facebook Official Page: www.facebook.com/theranch2016
- Twitter: [@WiregrassRanchH](https://twitter.com/WiregrassRanchH)
- Remind: text @wrhspa to the number 81010 to join.

If you are signing up for text messages, you must sign up each year. This is a new account and is now active. If you have any questions about School Connects or any of the communication tools listed above, please let us know. We look forward to a great year!

- Progress Reports
- Thanksgiving Holiday (No school)
- Teacher Planning Day (No school for students)
- Winter Break (No school) **Correction**
- Students return
- Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday- (No school)
- Report Cards

- Nov. 18
- Nov. 21-25
- Dec. 23
- Dec. 26-Jan 6**
- Jan. 9, 2017
- Jan. 16, 2017
- Jan. 17, 2017



School Board Members: Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley (Chairperson), Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley and Steve Luikart
7/25/16
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Calendar

- Senior Orientation Night (5-7 pm in Gym) Aug. 8
- Orientation Day Aug. 9
 - 11th/10th grade in Gym (8-12 pm)
 - 9th grade in Gym (5-7 pm)
- First Day of School Aug. 15
- Labor Day Holiday (No School) Sept. 5
- Open House (6-8pm) Sept. 6
- Progress Reports Sept. 16
- Picture Day Sept. 22
- Homecoming/Spirit Week Sept. 26-30
- Teacher Planning Day (No school for students) Oct. 17
- Report Cards Oct. 24