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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear WSHS Community:

Hello from Winter Springs High School. We have a lot to share with you since our last newsletter, so I will get right to it...

## **WSHS** Celebrates

### the Academics

Congratulations to our WSHS Class of 2024 Top 10 Students (IB & Traditional). Great work!

Top Ten IB:

SSIE



- 2. **Christopher Baker**
- 3. Savannah Mcguire
- 4. Kendall Sines
- 5. Callan Crossland
- 6. Isabella Livingston
- 7. Ava Grace
- 8. Maxwell Lang
- 9. Addison Kalicki
- 10. Madison Livingston

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## WSHS Celebrates our HunnyBears Dance Team

WSHS Celebrates our HunnyBears Dance Team: MA States Competition was this weekend! Wow! Take a look at these results: Haylie Dunaye - 1st Place Soloist; Abigail Kendrick & Kate Tracht - 3rd place duet; TEAM: 2nd Place Small Ensemble Routine; 1st Place Team Performance Routine; 2nd Place Jazz Routine! GO HUNNYBEARS!

HunnyBears 2024-25 Auditions are on April 1-4 4:30pm-6:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Friday. 3:30-5:30pm Wednesday. Located in the Dance Room by the gymnasium.





## WSHS Celebrates World Languages

Celebrating the incredible success of the Winter Springs High School students that competed at the Florida Spanish State Conference. 11 "Lady Bears" traveled to Orlando to compete in Impromptu Speaking

and Poetry Declamations. Their dedication and hard work was awarded with 11 "Sobresaliente," first place, trophies and 5 "Superior," second place, awards. Our state delegation consisted of Eliana Jerez gr. 12, Dayana Panchanna gr. 12, María Parra Torres gr. 11, Amanda Vélez Ramos gr. 11, Annabel Pines gr. 11, Ana Vilchez gr. 11, Paulina Rodríguez gr. 11, Kayla Monsalve gr. 11, Valeria DiDonato gr. 10, Nixie Otero Flores gr. 9, & Sabrina Flores gr. 9. Thank you to Mrs. Park, Mrs. Perez, and Mrs. Sullivan for being there and supporting our incredible students! GO BEARS!!!!!

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### **WSHS Students**

You are invited to a Military Academy Expo Day on April 13th from 9:30-12:30 pm at Seminole State. This event is designed to give students a chance to learn about the Military Academies and what the nomination and admission process entails. The Unites States Military Academy, Naval Academy, and Air Force, along with the Coast Guard and Merchant Marines will be presenting and providing information to students and families. Do not miss out on this chance to have all the Academies available at one location to answer auestions.

Please call Vanessa Horgan at 407-638-7904 or email vanessa.horgan@ mail.house.gov.



## ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION

WSHS Community:

• The ASVAB will be offered Thursday, April 11, 2024.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a career planning resource designed to help young people align their strengths and discover career options.

- Students in grades 10-12 and first/second year post-secondary are encouraged to participate.
- Visit their website to learn more.
- https://www.asvabprogram.com/

#### **REGISTER TO TAKE THE ASVAB**

 Thursday, April 11, 2024 - Auditorium 7:15-11:30AM

Please enter this date/time in your calendar and report to the auditorium before the tardy bell rings.

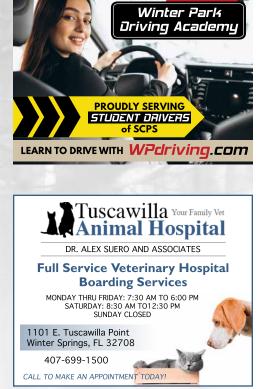
- ASVAB Career Exploration and Post Test interpretation will occur approximately 3 weeks after the test.
- Register for the April ASVAB by clicking the link below. https://docs.google.com/.../1mGVIIJNW-97pH6arfsEBq0iy.../edit

#### ASVAB Registration - Google Doc

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#### **WSHS Celebrates our Teachers and Staff**

Congratulations to Dr. Loomis, WSHS Teacher of the Month and Carmen Rivera, WSHS Dividend Extraordinaire, for being our helper of the month! WSHS is grateful to have such great staff and dividends who work incredibly hard! GO BEARS!!

For **School Social Workers Week**, we celebrated our WSHS Social Worker Extraordinaire Kayla Slone in Student Services with gifts, candy, a card, and a delicious lunch to show her our appreciation. She was thoroughly celebrated by our team. Thank you, Ms. Slone; we appreciate you! GO BEARS!

Did someone say Kickball? Yes, that is right, the Winter Springs High School Teachers and Staff named appropriately 'Bearly Kickin' entered in the SCPS Kick for Kids Kickball Tournament and had a blast! Thank you to Mr. Bevan for coordinating and thanks to all those staff members who joined the team! WSHS came away with the "Friendship Trophy"! GO BEARS!!!

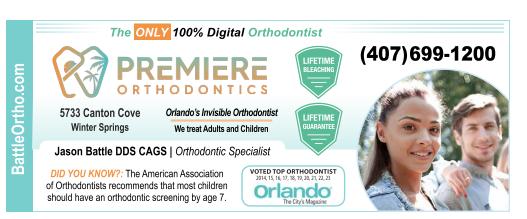
#### **WSHS** Celebrates the Arts

**WSHS AT STATES!** That's right, the Winter Springs Theatre Department made it to their State Thespians Competition recently and we are thrilled for them! We are all here cheering for them as they are always making us PROUD! GO BEARS!!!

Congratulations to Diya Patel for being the Tijuana Flats WSHS Artist of the Month! Diya Patel formed the Rangeela Bears Dance Team in the Fall of 2024. She has been a consistent leader on campus with club leadership positions, academically and artistically. She choreographed the Homecoming dance routine when Rangeela Bears first made their Debut. Diya has dreamed of starting a Bollywood dance team for several years now and is excited to have their group be a part of WSHS culture. She continues to lead the dance team and inspire others. Diya instills a positive legacy with her peers and the WSHS culture. Congratulations, Diya, on being recognized as our "Tijuana Flats Artist of the Month!" GO BEARS!!

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## WSHS Celebrates Culinary

On Saturday March 3, WSHS students Sydney Hanson, Davon Jacobsen Xionel Bembry and represented Winter Springs Culinary in the Prostart state competition in the waiter's relay. They placed 4th in the state out of 31 teams. Nate Miller, Reese Thomas, and Shia Lorenzano also represented Winter Springs in the Prostart competition with the Management team. We are immensely proud of all of them. GO BEARS!!!

## Black History Month was AWESOME

Students and Staff celebrated Black History Month in grand fashion! Our students were amazing, and we THANK all of them for all their contributions and performances. What a GREAT month!

#### WSHS Celebrates the Athletics SAVE THE DATE:

Winter Springs High School Physical Night Monday, April 15, 2024, from 5pm-6:30pm. Cost \$25. Physical Valid for 1 year. All proceeds benefit the WSHS Athletic Training Department.

#### Football Update:

Mandatory Parent Meeting March 28 in the Media Center at 6pm. Spring and Summer Football Workout Info to be shared.

#### **WSHS Celebrates Wrestling:**

YES, we have some breaking news from the 2A FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS! Congratulations to Ryan Phiilips, Elijah Penton and Jaydon Robinson for winning individual STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS today at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee. Also, congrats to Jacob Rodriquez who finished 8th in the State and Kaleb Williams who finished 3rd in the State! Congrats to all our wrestlers and coaches who represented us this weekend! GO BEARS!!

Our WSHS Boys Weightlifting Team just captured the SAC Championship (Seminole County HS Championship)! They are having an AMAZING run and worked so hard to make this happen! A HUGE congratulations to our lifters and our dedicated coaches! Wow! The great season continues soon as they battle for the District Championships! GO BEARS!!!!

#### WSHS Celebrates Baseball:

So.... the Bears win over Timber Creek but not without a little fireworks in the Top of

the 7th Inning! The Bears were up 6-3 after the bats got hot and the pitching and defense continued stellar, the lights in the outfield caught on fire to unfortunately end the game but the players, coaches, and fans all were kept safe! Kudos to the Timber Creek Coaching Staff, Players and Families for their support and understanding in ending the game in the 7th inning! Special THANKS to the Winter Springs Police Department and Seminole County Fire Department for their quick response! GO BEARS! GO WSPD! GO SCFD! GO TCHS! What a night!



#### **WSHS** Celebrates Tennis:

The Bears Tennis Team were at Deltona High School recently and took on the Deltona High School Wolves. The Bears came away with two victories. The WSHS Girls defeated Deltona 7 to 0. The number one doubles team of Ava Grace and Ella Bates defeated Deltona 8 to 1, and the number two doubles team of Laila Roy and Lola Garcia were victorious 8 to 6. The WSHS boys teams defeated Deltona High by a score of 5 to 2. The singles winners were Nathan Miller 8 to 1, Cole Manana 9 to 7, and Adithya Munugotti won 8 to 3. GO BEARS!

#### WSHS Celebrates Girls Lacrosse:

Congratulations to our WSHS Girls Lacrosse Team on their road win recently vs Orangewood Christian 22-11! GO BEARS!!

#### WSHS Celebrates Boys Lacrosse:

GREAT recent home win for the Boys Bears Lacrosse Team 14-8 over the Apopka Blue Darters from Orange County! That makes it 4 wins in a row for the Bears! Congratulations to our boys and coaches! Keep it going' GO BEARS!!!



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE** continues...

#### WSHS Celebrates Softball:

The Bears run ruled the Lake Mary Rams in 5innings with a final score of 12-2. 13 total hits and 0 errors on defense. Tiffany Seeman: (pitching) 5ip, 3hits, 5ks, (batting) 2-3 (RBI, BB) Alondra Maldonado: 3-3 (2 RBIs, 3 runs scored, SB) Hannah Booth: 2-3 (3 RBIs) Lauren Daugherty: 2-3 (3B, 2B, RBI, 2 runs scored). GO BEARS!!!!



#### WSHS Celebrates Boys Volleyball:

Great win for our WSHS Boys Volleyball Team over Lake Nona 3-2! Buzz: The Bears (5-3) outlasted Lake Nona 23-25, 25-17, 21-25, 25-16, 15-9. Leading the way was senior captain Felipe Chavarriaga with 21 kills and 22 digs. Junior Zeke Register with 17 kills and 18 assists. What a game! We're on a roll!! GO BEARS!

#### **WSHS Celebrates Sand Volleyball:**

Big win recently for our WSHS Sand Volleyball Team over the Lake Brantley Patriots! Our undefeated season continues! GO BEARS!

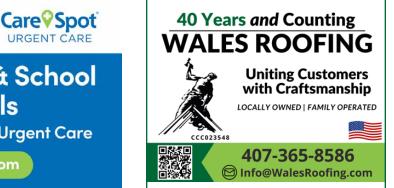


### School Security and Safety Updates

In conjunction with the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, School Resource Officers may give out citations if a student brings or smokes vaping or illegal materials at school. I have given my support to our deputies to issue these citations. Obviously, this includes all tobacco and illegals drugs as well. These citations would be in addition to the school consequence we give. These citations include a monetary fine and/or community service. This applies to any nicotine or tobacco related products as well.

**REMINDER:** All vehicles parked ON CAMPUS must have a parking decal to be able to park on campus. We will begin identifying vehicles who do not have the proper decal and will be labeling them with a warning to be towed in the future. If you need to purchase a decal, they are available at the discipline office for \$35.00 which is good for the 2nd half of the school year (NOTE: Full year is \$70, but we are past that point in the school year). Forms and information are available on our WSHS website. Thank you!

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#### **GRADUATION DATE**

We will graduate our WSHS Senior Class of 2024 at UCF on May 24, 2024, at 7:30pm. We can't wait! Mark your calendars!



## **GO BEARS!**

## GO CLASS OF 2024!

Seniors MUST be debt free and MUST meet all the Graduation requirements necessary to receive the tickets.

Ticket Disbursement Date is TBD! Stay tuned! It will most likely be mid-May 2024.

## BIRTHDAY MARQUEE WISHES

\$20 helps support the WSHS Principals Fund by giving your

student a BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT on our school marquee. Click on our my school bucks link and then "Fundraisers Birthday Marquee Wishes" www.winterspringshs. scps.k12.fl.us/student-services.

Thank you for all the support! GO BEARS! Mr. Gaffney, Principal Winter Springs High School







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