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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...

*****BREAKING NEWS******

WSHS Celebrates the Principles of Public Service Program: A grand event happened at WSHS recently. Our WSHS Principles of Public Service Program launched our new WeatherSTEM! We had Superintendent Beamon, our SCPS School Board members, District Staff, and a few local TV crews out for the big kick off. Thanks to Mr. Silagyi and all his students for a great start. Follow the WeatherSTEM on Twitter @WSHSWeatherSTEM for all the latest information coming directly from our new equipment. GO BEARS!!

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NECESSITIES

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WSHS CELEBRATES THE ACADEMICS

We learned that we have, not one, but TWO National Merit Finalist! WSHS IB students, Zayda Ehlers and Andres Maldonado, So PROUD of both of them. They have worked hard and deserve all the recognition for this outstanding accomplishment!

Recently, we congratulated and celebrated WSHS IB Student Nisha Patel. Nisha was one of 7 students awarded from SCPS High Schools for the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. Nisha was recognized alone for her work and was awarded a OMER for her outstanding artistic talent. Way to go Nisha, you make us PROUD!

TOP 10 Seniors

WSHS is going to celebrate two lists for Top 10, a Top 10 from our IB program and a Top 10 from our Traditional Seniors. This enables us to stay with our theme to celebrate more students, both IB and Traditional students. CONGRATULATIONS to our WSHS Top 10 students!!!

IB

- 1. Varsha Naga
- 2. Annika Vaidyanathan
- 3. Aryanna Whitman
- 4. Han Nauven
- Naomi Flowers
- 6. Elise Corley
- 7. Taylor Randa
- 8. Alina Garib
- 9. Paarinita Dube
- 10. Hela Kasibhotla

Traditional

- 1. Zachary Defabrizio
- 2. Aidan McConnell
- 3. Brooke Lesniak
- 4. Jason Weis
- Samaa Gullamhussein
- 6. Caden Morales
- 7. Logan Gotwalt
- 8. Daniel Kaprow
- 9. Hunter Gotwalt
- 10. Nicholas Pacy AND Thomas Roesner

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

On Saturday, February 19th, 10 WSHS American Sign Language students participated in the SCPS World Language Festival. They were: Piper Ancel, Luis Mendez, Leo Moreira, Chloe Rozon, Ava Crain, Caden Pasternack, Maggie Williams, Yazmine Tilerin, Sel Casey, Diego Cespedes Fallas, Eren Brosey, and Kaylee Spalthoff. Between the 10 of them, they received 12 Excellent trophies and 9 Superiors! So proud, GO BEARS!

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION

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 are encouraged to participate.
- Visit their website to learn more. https://www.asvabprogram.com/

REGISTER TO TAKE THE ASVAB - Scan the QR Code!

- Test Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022- Auditorium 7:15-11AM
- Click here to register for the ASVAB https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSe7vnqyHUyz V1.../viewform

ASVAB Scores and Career Exploration/Post Test interpretation will occur Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 11:30 in the Media Center.

Thanks!

Mrs. Ureña-Certified School Counselor

WSHS CELEBRATES THE FINE ARTS

Congratulations to the WSHS Chorus! All three groups-Harmonies of Purple and Gold, Mixed Concert Choir, and Bear Voices went to MPA recently and sang incredibly moving and challenging pieces at an impressive level of artistry. So proud of our students!

Our WSHS Concert Band had a great MPA performance at Lake Mary HS recently. Congratulations to our band members and Mr. Ferland and HUGE THANKS to the families who came out to cheer them on and assist.

The WSHS HunnyBears Audition form is now open for the 2022-23 school year.

It will take approximately 20-30 minutes for each student to fill out and they should complete it with their parents. There are optional classes open to ANYONE on March 31st, April 5th, April 7th, and April 11th 4:30-5:30pm in the dance room.

Audition dates are April 12th-15th 4:30-6:30pm in the dance room.

CONTACT - Ms. Krausman, krausmbz@myscps.us









WSHS CELEBRATES OUR STAFF

Congratulations to Ms. Mallard, WSHS Teacher of the Month and Mrs. Centeno, WSHS Employee of the Month. WSHS is grateful to have such great teachers and staff who work incredibly hard. GO BEARS!!

WSHS CELEBRATES THE VISUAL ARTS

WSHS Giving Back: Ms. Peters and our amazing visual arts students delivered 101 Bucket Hats to Children's Hospital downtown Orlando. This kind of story is what WSHS is all about. So PROUD to be a part of a school that reaches out and gives back.

Congrats to all the students who had artwork displayed at the Lk Mary/Heathrow Art Festival! The WSHS students who earned special recognition from the judges at the Lake Mary/ Heathrow Art Festival were: First Place Sculpture: Eric Mintel; Second Place Sculpture: Danna Pisco; Second Place Drawing: Sanela Sabic; Photography Merit: Ashley Trimboli!

Congratulations to May Johnson and Jacob Greer for earning awards from the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. These Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are not easy to achieve and yet both May and Jacob got rewarded. Congrats!

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. Here is a list of people who contributed to our programs and assisted with our Black History Month Celebrations. What a GREAT month!

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 illegal drugs. These citations would be in addition to the school consequence we give. These citations include a monetary fine and/or community service.

REMINDER: All vehicles parked ON CAMPUS must have a parking decal. We will continue identifying vehicles who do not have the proper decal and will be labeling them with a warning to be possibly 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!







Accepting New Patients: Ages 1yr through 18yrs

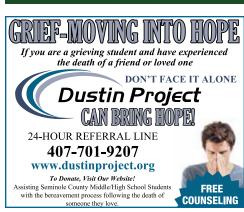
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WSHS CELEBRATES THE ATHLETICS

WSHS Softball Field is now "Mark Huaman Field". Thank you to Mark's family, our WSHS Athletic Staff, the WSHS teachers and staff, members from the SCPS School Board, the Lyman Greyhounds, the McCandless family and all the parents and friends in attendance during our field dedication ceremony. Mark Huaman left a legacy at WSHS that will live on. GO BEARS, forever!

****FIRST TIME EVER ALERT****

Winter Springs High School's 1st official sanctioned Female state qualifier. WSHS Student-Athlete Mathena Casseus punched her ticket to state medal rounds! GO Mathena!!!

WSHS Freshman Soraya Jokhan was named to the ALL-Seminole County Conference 1st Team. What an amazing accomplishment for Soraya! GO BEARS!!!

WSHS Celebrates Wrestling

We couldn't be prouder of this group of WSHS wrestlers and coaches. So many hours of training, early mornings, and long weekends were put in. In the end we scored 103 team points, which is 3rd most in school history (2011 - 112, 2015 - 104), and good enough for a 6th place team finish. As individuals we had 7 of 9 wrestlers place top 8 in the state. Quite an accomplishment considering we only entered 12 wrestlers in the postseason. Enjoy the break now, because in two weeks we start preparing for the 2023 state championships! Go Bears!

120 - Ryan Phillips (2nd)160 - Elijah Penton (3rd)126 - Silas Mantero (8th)170 - Davis Deal (5th)138 - Aiden Reichert (lost BR)182 - Dylan Deal (3rd)145 - Riley Chapdelaine (3rd)195 - Luis Valdes (5th)

152 - Luis Alvarado (lost BR)

WSHS PROM & GRAD BASH UPDATE

- WSHS Prom Date: Sat, April 23, 2022, 7pm-11pm at Loews Portofino Bay Hotel
- More information on Prom is coming soon! If you need a guest form for Prom, please go to the front office.
- Grad Bash: Friday, April 29, 2022! Tickets are SOLD OUT!

GRADUATION DATE: SENIORS

Class of 2022 WSHS Graduation Date Announcement Tuesday, May 25, 2022, 2:00pm. UCF Arena (Additions Arena). Looking forward to celebrating! We will give out 10 Tickets to each Senior this year for family and friends to attend the ceremony!

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 2022.

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" winterspringshs.scps.k12.fl.us/student-services

Thank you for all the support, GO BEARS!

Mr. Gaffney, Principal, Winter Springs High School

ATHLETIC NEWS

2022 FOOTBALL TEAM CONDITIONING

- MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS
- STARTING BACK ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2022
- MEET IN LOCKER ROOM 2:30PM-4:30PM
- MUST BE FULLY CLEARED IN ATHLETIC CLEARANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

2022-23 WSHS ATHLETICS NIGHT

- MEET OUR COACHES / SPORTS PHYSICAL / ECG NIGHT
- MONDAY, MAY 9TH 5:30PM IN THE GYM

Physical - \$20

ECG* - \$20

(Preregistration for ECG's is required - info will be announced soon)

Doors Open @ 5:30pm in WSHS Gym

*After the 2021-22 school year, ALL SCPS athletes must have a valid ECG clearance form on file in addition to a valid physical and all additional paperwork.

For More Info Contact:

Mark Benedict, ATC, LAT, CSCS

Head Athletic Trainer Winter Springs High School mark_benedict@scps.k12.fl.us

PROCESS BELOW MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED BY PARENTS BEFORE STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONDITIONING, TRYOUTS, PRACTICES OR GAMES.

• SCPS ATHLETIC CLEARANCE ONLINE SYSTEM:

www.athleticclearance.com

PARENT DIRECTIONS PACKET LINK:

http://www.winterspringshs.scps.k12.fl.us/core/fileparse.php/180/urlt/WSHS-Athletics-Online-Sports-Physical-Clearance-Directions-PDF.pdf

 FHSAA EL2 FORM (required once every year) / SCPS ECG FORM (required once during high school career)

FOR PARENTS TO COMPLETE WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

http://www.winterspringshs.scps.k12.fl.us/core/fileparse.php/180/urlt/FHSAA-EL2-Sports-Physical-Form.pdf





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SENIORS

Seniors: The senior video is almost done, but there's still more we need. Please send us pictures of you and your friends from over the years. They can be from any year of your life up to now, and you can send as many as you want. We will put in as many as we can. You can put them up on the ecampus senior video friends section of the class of 2022 page, or you can email them to Mrs. Wilkerson at dawn_wilkerson@scps.k12.fl.us. We will also be collecting prom pictures after prom. Deadline for friends and prom pictures is going to be a HARD April 30th. Thanks!!

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale for \$80.00. You can purchase them by going to https://yearbookforever.com/ or using the QR code to the right.

Please buy one now before it is too late! There are less than 100 remaining.







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WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL TESTING 2021-22

Fourth Nine Weeks*

| Date (Approximate) | Assessment | Who Does It Affect? |
|--------------------|---|---|
| March 29th | ACT no essay | Students who are juniors and those seniors who have not met graduation requirement |
| April 5th | FSA ELA-Writing 9th [120 min] (part 1 of 3 subtests) | Students enrolled in English 1 |
| April 7th | FSA ELA-Writing 10th [120 min] (part 1 of 3 subtests) | Students enrolled in English 2 and a graduation requirement. This test is combined with FSA ELA-Reading to make up the required score of 350. |
| Week of April 18th | Biology Post-Test | Students enrolled in Biology |
| April 27th | Civics Literacy Exam - Makeup [80-160 min] | Students who did not pass and/or show interest in taking exam |
| May 2nd | AP 8 am Test: United States Government and Politics | AP 12 pm Tests: Chemistry Spanish Literature and Culture |
| May 2nd – May 3rd | FSA ELA-Reading 9th – 2 sessions [90 min each session] (Std earbuds not apple lightning or wireless) | Students enrolled in English 9 |
| May 3rd | AP 8 am Test: Environmental Science | AP 12 pm Test: Psychology |
| May 4th | AP 8 am Test: English Literature and Composition | AP 12 pm Tests: Comparative Government and Politics Computer Science A |
| May 5th | AP 8 am Tests: Human Geography Macroeconomics | AP 12 pm Tests: Seminar Statistic |
| May 6th | AP 8 am Tests: European History United States History | AP 12 pm Tests: Art History Microeconomics |
| May 5th - May 6th | FSA ELA-Reading 10th – 2 sessions [90 min each session] (Std earbuds not apple lightning or wireless) | Students enrolled in English 10. This test is combined with FSA ELA-Writing to make up the required score of 350. |
| May 9th | AP 8 am Tests: Calculus AB Calculus BC | AP 12 pm Test: Computer Science Principles |

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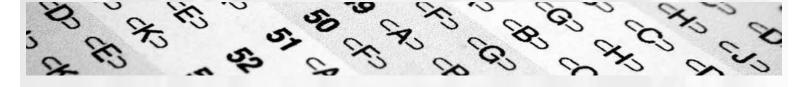


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| May 10th | AP 8 am Test: English Language and Composition | AP 12 pm Test: Physics C: Mechanics AP 2 pm Test: Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism |
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| May 9th - May 10th | FSA Geometry EOC – 2 sessions [90 min each session] | Students enrolled in Geometry |
| May 11th | AP 8 am Test: Spanish Language and Culture | AP 12 pm Test: Biology |
| May 12th | AP 8 am Test: World History: Modern | AP 12 pm Test: Physics 1: Algebra-Based |
| May 13th | AP 8 am Test: Music Theory | AP 12 pm Tests: Latin Physics 2: Algebra Base |
| May 12th - May 13th | FSA Algebra EOC – 2 sessions [90 min each session] | Students enrolled in Algebra |
| May 16th | Biology EOC Retake [80-160 min] | Students enrolled in Biology |
| May 17th | US History EOC Retake [80-160 min] | Students enrolled in US History |

^{*}Students will be notified, via school email, parent email, and hard copy, when and where to report to testing.

Dates are subject to change *revised 3/4/22*Ms. Beasley, Testing Coordinator, 407-320-8722





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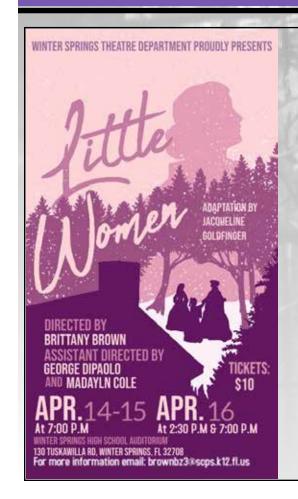
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SPRING PLAY

The Winter Springs High School Theatre Department proudly presents our Spring production of Little Women. Show dates are on April 14th, April 15th, with performances beginning at 7:00p, and on Saturday, April 16th with performances at 2:00p and 7:00p. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold in advance through MySchoolBucks. Please email Ms. Brown at brownbz3@myscps. us with any questions.

