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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Winter Springs High School Students and Parents:

Summer is almost over believe it or not, and the 2021-2022 school year is here. In August, we will welcome around 2000 students back to Winter Springs High School. This summer has been a busy one with a lot of new hiring, many facility projects, and a lot of hard work. I would like to say "Thank you" yet again to our facilities crew who is working hard to prepare our campus for the 2021-22 school year. We can't wait for the new school year to begin!

As always, my communication to parents and the community will be divided into sections.

SAVE THE DATES! NOW! CLASS OF 2022 - SENIOR PHOTO TIME!

Here is the link for the virtual kick-off video. It is a link to an owncloud folder that they can view and download from.

www.leonards.com/seniors2022

Any questions: ejordan@leonards.com

- Tuesday, August 3 Bear Bash 10am-12pm
- Saturday, August 7 Athletic Facility Clean-Up Day 9am-12pm
- Tuesday, August 10 1st Day of School
- Tuesday, August 24 WSHS Open House 6pm-8pm

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NECESSITIES

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FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO CONTINUE

We are excited to announce that breakfast and lunch meals will remain FREE for all students 18 & under for the 2021-2022 school year! Red Apple Dining's mission is to nourish and enrich the lives of their guests through an exceptional dining experience. Delicious, high-quality meals are prepared fresh, daily in our campus restaurant kitchens. With multiple entrée options available, there is something for everyone. We invite you to 'experience the difference' at your campus restaurant this upcoming school year. Keep an eye on your inbox! Additional information will be sent in the coming weeks. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@RedAppleDining).

BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

Bus route information will be available for families on August 3, 2021. Beginning August 4, 2021, a Transportation hotline is available for parents and families to call with their school bus related questions. The hotline will be available 7 days a week from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/transportation/back-to-school.stml

Families, when SCPS returns back to school on Tuesday, August 10, please give yourself extra time for the car lines for pick-up and drop-off. Also, be extra cautious and obey the speed limits in school zones before and after school to keep our walkers, bikeriders, and students standing at bus stops safe!

IB PROGRAM

Our IB Program (International Baccalaureate) has available seats!! Students who have been designated Pre-IB now start their junior year which is when the IB program really begins to be exciting! If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Mrs. Bowman, Assistant Principal, at 407-320-8726 (loribowman@scps.us) or IB Coordinator, Mrs. Doherty at 407-320-8889 (courtney doherty@scps.us).

STUDENT INSURANCE

Parents of student athletes are highly encouraged to elect coverage for their students

The cost to be covered during school hours for the entire school year is only \$20. The 24-hour Plan annual cost is only \$42. This will help protect your student on weekends, holidays and the 2021 summer break. This one-time payment for insurance may supplement your primary insurance and help with your deductible costs. These plans provide up to \$25,000 of coverage, per accident, subject to the policy limits and provisions. Signing up is easy! Simply fill out the registration form online by visiting www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com or pick up an application at your child's school. 407.798.0290

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY SAT, JULY 31 THROUGH MON, AUGUST 9

Consumers can purchase qualifying back-to-school supplies exempt from tax during the 2021 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday begins Saturday, July 31 and extends through Monday, August 9.



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WSHS CONTINUES CAREER & TECH EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Over the summer, Winter Springs High School has been transforming a Public Service Academy classroom into a "mock" Emergency Management Center. This will allow the students to acquire real life experience that they can use in college and as they pursue a career in public service. The Emergency Planning and Response program offers students the opportunity to gain hands-on skills in the Emergency Management Center and work towards the obtainment of the 911 Public Safety Tele Communicator Certification. The students enrolled in this program will have unique opportunities from CPR certifications to field trips to different public service entities.

STUDENT SERVICES/GUIDANCE INFORMATION

WSHS Student Services Information:

To assist you, please read through the following:

*For the 2021-2022 School year, Winter Springs High School counselors will be assigned the following students:

Ms. Spence: All students with IEPs

Ms. Lash: All students in the IB or PreDP program and Last Names MO-RE

Ms. Durand: Last names A-FO
Ms. McBryde: Last names FR-MI

Ms. Urena: Last names RH-Z and all ESOL students

- For NEW registrations, visit: https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/parents enrolling-your-student/
- *Our staff will contact you if you need to bring in materials to complete the registration
- For withdrawals, contact Deb Stearns at montevda@scps.k12.fl.us
- For 2021 Seniors and current students' transcript and records requests, visit https://tinyurl.com/ya4rl2uv
- For former students' transcript and records requests, visit https://scpsfl.scriborder.com/
- *For all other requests, please email wshs_guidance@scps.k12.fl.us



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NHS 1ST QUARTER MEETING DATES

- Aug 26, 2021
 2:30-3:30pm Meeting
- Sept 23, 2021
 2:30-3:30pm Meeting
- Oct 4, 2021
 2:30 -3:30pm Induction Ceremony Practice
- Oct 5, 2021
 5-8pm Induction Ceremony





Matt Taylor Owner Phone: 407-331-1944 jmatttaylor56@gmail

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SCPS AND WSHS RED DINING UPDATE: BENEFITS APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Our District is committed to providing each student with the tools they need to succeed, including nutritious meals they can enjoy. We encourage SCPS families needing additional support to apply for benefits for the 2021-2022 school year. Completing the benefits application may qualify your family for discounted internet services, after-school programs, and additional resources for your school. Complete your application by visiting SCPSMealApp.com. New applications must be submitted each school year to verify eligibility.

DIVIDEND AT WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL GET INVOLVED!!!

There are many opportunities available to both parents and community members to get involved with Winter Springs High School:

https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/community-involvement/dividends-volunteer-programs.stml

Dividends is the volunteer program for WSHS and SCPS. All Dividends volunteers are required to re-activate their applications each year

NHS INFORMATION

Welcome back all returning and incoming Winter Springs High School National Honor Society Members! We are excited for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year and all the service project opportunities to take part in. This includes projects such as campus beautification through gardening and clean-ups, community resource allocation through toy or food drives, hands-on helping with different organizations throughout our community, and more. We are always open to suggestions! Check the dates below to make sure you do not miss a meeting, especially the Induction Ceremony for the Senior class. You all deserve to be recognized and honored for your hard work and dedication!

SENIOR VIDEO

Attention SENIORS!! We are starting work on your Class of 2022 Senior Video and we will need your help to make it the best one ever! Right now we are looking for a baby picture of you! You can email a scanned copy to Mrs. Wilkerson at Dawn_Wilkerson@scps.k12.fl.us, or you can bring a hard copy in and put it in the senior box in room 2-107. Deadline is November 1st, but time flies so don't wait!! You will receive a reply that your picture was received and logged in, so if you don't get a reply email, please reach out to make sure we got your picture. We don't want to miss anyone! We will be asking for other things this year like homecoming pictures, friends pictures, and prom so make sure you check in with TV Production so that you can be a part of the 2022 Senior Video! Go Bears!



STUDENT CALENDAR 2021-2022



2021-22 STUDENT CALENDAR WORKSHEET ~Board Approved April 23, 2019~

Start Date August 10, 2021, End Date May 25, 2022

JULY 2021				
W	TU	W	TH	FR
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APRIL 2022				
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1st Quarter: Aug. 10th- Oct. 7th 2nd Quarter: Oct. 11th - Dec. 17st 3rd Quarter: Jan. 5th - March 11th

45 Days 46 Days 4th Quarter: March 22nd - May 25th 47 Days

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FEBRUARY 2022				
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MAY 2022				
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42 Days

Semester 1 87 Days 8/10-12/21

SEPTEMBER 2021

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DECEMBER 2021

MARCH 2022 W

JUNE 2022

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Semester 2 93 Days 1/8-5/25

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Pre-Planning
First Day of School
Labor Day Holiday
End of 1st Quarter
Tchr Workday/Student Holiday
Beginning of 2nd Grading Period
Thanksgiving Break
End of 2nd Quarter
Winter Break
Tchr Workday/Student Holiday
arly Release Days

1/4	Professional Development Day
1/5	Beginning of 3rd Grading Period
1/17	Martin Luther King Holiday
2/21	Presidents Day Holiday
3/11	End of 3rd Quarter
3/14-3/18	Spring Break
3/21	Tchr Workday/Student Holiday
3/22	Beginning of 4th Grading Period
5/25	End of 4th Quarter/Last Day of School
5/26-5/27	Post-Planning
5/30	Memorial Day Holiday

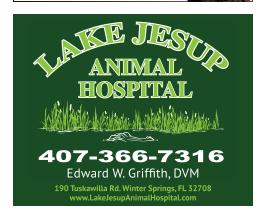
*Make-up days for inclement weather are listed in the order in which they will be taken: 10/8/2021, 1/3/2022, 1/4/2022, 3/21/2022, & 5/26/2022.



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WSHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Are you interested in WSHS Athletics??

In order to participate in conditioning workouts or team tryouts you must complete this process:

SCPS ONLINE ATHLETIC PHYSICAL SUBMISSION SYSTEM

We wanted to let you all know about our new online Athletic Physical Clearance System. This new system will take a little getting used to but it will be much more efficient while eliminating any potential for kids to "slip through the cracks" that are not cleared to condition, practice or compete. It will also help cut foot down on traffic into the front office and save parents from driving back and forth to get all required paperwork and signatures submitted.

NEW SCPS ONLINE ATHLETIC PHYSICAL SYSTEM:

https://www.athleticclearance.com/

PARENTS CREATING ONLINE ACCOUNT IN NEW SYSTEM

After parents create their account they must electronically sign required forms and upload all required documents in their portal before their kid is cleared.

DIRECTIONS PACKET TO SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENT ATHLETES AND PARENTS:

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

UPDATED FHSAA EL2 FORM:

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

Any questions about physical process, please email athletic secretary Gibbs if you have any questions: christina gibbs@scps.k12.fl.us

- Meet the Coaches Day: Tuesday, August 3 during Bear Bash 10am-12pm
- Athletic Facility Clean-Up Day: Saturday, August 7 9am-12pm

WSHS FOOTBALL INFORMATION:

Contact Head Coach Matt Hesselbart, matt hesselbart@scps.k12.fl.us with any questions.

BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION:

Calling on all incoming 9th graders and current students' 10th grade-12th grade! Our Boys/Girls Cross Country Team is looking for runners! Come and be part of a great program and a GREAT team at WSHS! All appropriate paperwork must be turned in! Contact- Coach Clark: octavius clark@scps.k12.fl.us

LOOKING TO COACH?

WSHS is looking for a new Boys Volleyball head coach! Any interested candidates please email scott_gomrad@ scps.us.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SPIRIT NIGHT:

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR BEARS! Athletic Department Spirit Nights at Jeremiahs Ice off Red Bug Road 1000 Willa Springs Dr Winter Springs, FL 32708 First Thursday of each Month- Sept 2nd

In conclusion, we are looking forward to a GREAT school year! We will continue to make safety a priority and will strive to make sure that our students graduate and have the best academic opportunities we can provide! Our BEAR code of Believe, Engage, Achieve and Reflect will continue this year to promote positive behavior and making positive choices! Looking forward to a great 2021-22 school year!

Caring for your child,

Mr. Pete Gaffney, Principal, Winter Springs High School



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SCHOOL RECORDS SET DURING LAST YEAR

- 8 FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 10 FHSAAA POST SEASON TEAM TITLES
- 22 FHSAA STATE MEDALISTS

ORLANDO SENTINEL CENTRAL FLORIDA ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

This was the first time ever that the overall male and female winners were selected from the same High School!

- CAROLINE WELLS has been tearing up the National Scene this summer while running the fastest 5000m (16:16.02) in State History, the fastest 2 mile (10:08) in State History and 2nd fastest 1 mile (4:42.40) in state history! Wells has captured numerous State, Regional, District and Conference Championships in Cross Country and Track over the past three years, we are excited to watch her compete and lead her teammates this year!
- MARVIN COLLINS Florida Dairy Farmer State Weightlifter of the Year Marvin Collins as he enlists in the US Army Reserves! "The Double Champ" will go down in the record books as the fist Athlete in School History to win Individual FHSAA State Championships in two different sports:

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PARENTS CREATING ONLINE ACCOUNT IN NEW SYSTEM

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STAY IN TOUCH WITH WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

• FACEBOOK:

https://www.facebook.com/ WelcomeToTheDenWSHS/ Check out our Facebook Page for more WSHS Information

• TWITTER:

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LINK TO SYSTEM:

https://www.athleticclearance.com/

- Directions Packet: http://www.winterspringshs.scps k12fl.us/core fileparse php/ 180 urlt WSHS Athletics-Online-SportsPhysical Clearance-Directions-PDF.pdf
- UpdatedFHSAAEL2Form(fordoctor): http://www.winterspringshsscps.k12flus/core/fileparse.php180/urlt/FHSAAEL2-Sports-Physical-Form.pdf

BEAR NATION SPIRIT NIGHTS

Athletic Department Spirit Nights at Jeremiahs Ice

- The First Thursday of Each Month (store off of Red Bug Road Only, You Must Mention WSHS)
- 1000 Willa Springs Dr Winter Springs, FL 32708

COMMUNITY TAILGATE OUTSIDE WSHS STADIUM

Friday, August 27th: 5:00pm-6:45pm

- 5:00pm Mission BBQ Dinner: \$5 Tickets Presale Only, Limited Availability Dinner Tickets First Come Serve Before August 19th: christina gibbs@scps.k12.fl.us
- 7:00pm Varsity Football Home Opener vs Oviedo:
 \$7 Game Tickets Only Available at: www GoFan.co

TRUNK OR TREAT OUTSIDE WSHS STADIUM

Thursday, October 28th: 5:30pm-7:30pm

5:30pm-7:30pm at WSHS Stadium
 For more information contact:scottgomrad@scps.k12.fl.us

5TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, February 21st: 7:00am-8:00am check in at Tuscawilla Country Club

 Registration now open, spots limited please email ASAP: rocky_ciero@scps.k12.fl.us

