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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Winter Springs High School Students and Parents:

Summer is almost over believe it or not, the 2022-2023 school year is here. On August 10, 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 2022-23 school year. We cannot wait for the new school year to begin!

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

# WSHS Welcomes Our New WSHS Assistant Principal, Arika Sutton

Arika Sutton is a Central Florida native who has served as a Teacher, Instructional Coach, and School Administration Manager in Seminole County Public Schools over the last decade. Arika is a proud alumna of UCF earning both her Bachelors and Masters as a Knight. As a mother of two, Arika values family and enjoys exploring new activities, cooking, baking, and serving her community as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Arika is delighted to join us at Winter Springs and excited to embark on her new role! GO BEARS!

# SAVE the DATES! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! So MANY WSHS important dates to get on your calendars!

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# NECESSITIES

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#### SENIOR VIDEO

Hey class of 2023!! It's time to start on your senior video!!! Right now we need your baby picture! Please send Mrs. Wilkerson your favorite baby picture! You can email it to Dawn\_Wilkerson@scps. k12.fl.us or put a hard copy in her school mailbox. Deadline for this is November 1st but don't wait! When Mrs. Wilkerson receives your picture, she will email you confirmation. Make sure you're in the Baby section of the senior video by sending in your baby picture today!! As the year goes on we will be asking for more pictures of various events so stay tuned to school information sites for our next collection! Go Bears!



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#### WSHS STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

To assist you, please read through the following:

For the 2022-2023 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 Pre-DP 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
   WSHS Counselors are not available until August 1st and by appointment only.
- Please email wshs\_guidance@scps.k12.fl.us or call Ms. Waldo at 407-320-8893 for any of the following needs. NOTE: This is her busiest time of the year! Be patient!
- For NEW registrations, visit: https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/parents/enrollingyour-student/. Our staff will contact you if you need to bring in materials to complete the registration.
- For withdrawals, contact Ms. Waldo at alexandria waldo@scps.k12.fl.us
- For 2022 Seniors and current students' transcript and records requests, visit https://tinyurl.com/ya4rl2uv

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- For former students' transcript and records requests, visit https://scpsfl.scriborder.com/
- If you are requesting a schedule change, please know that no changes will be honored if submitted via e-mail. Later in the summer, students will be provided with a link to change schedules, after your 2022-23 schedules go live in Skyward.
- Stay tuned for announcements from Mr. Gaffney. Bear Bash will be on Tuesday, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- For all other requests, please email wshs\_guidance@scps.k12.fl.us

#### **Red Apple Dining Update**

We would like to keep SCPS families updated about some important changes for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. The federal waiver allowing all students to eat breakfast and lunch at no charge, has expired. We encourage families who need assistance to complete an application for meal benefits. Free and reduced-price meal applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be available starting July 18. Online applications can be completed on SCPSMealApp.com.

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We invite you to "experience the difference" at your campus restaurant this upcoming school year. Keep an eye on your inbox, as additional information will be sent in the coming weeks. We look forward to serving your family. Please visit www.redappledining.com or call 407-320-0226 for more information. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@RedAppleDining).

#### **WSHS Student Check Out (No Phone Call Outs)**

We will no longer allow a parent/guardian to call the front office to checkout a student out from Winter Springs High School. Students will only be able to be dismissed from campus during the school day if a parent/guardian shows up at the school and shows appropriate identification that will be matched with the information we have in Skyward. Any exceptions to this procedure MUST be cleared by and through Mr. Gaffney, Principal. We wanted to send this message out early in the summer for all families to make the appropriate adjustments with appointments and schedules. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at peter gaffney@scps.k12.fl.us.

#### Class of 2023 Senior Pictures

Please look for an email from Leonard's Studio with your personalized access code and scheduling information for your senior formal pictures. If you did not receive an email or cannot find an access code, go to the following link below or call Leonard's Studio:

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To be in the yearbook, you will need to schedule an appointment with Leonard's studio. The WSHS cutoff date to take the picture is October 24th. If you take the picture after this date, we cannot guarantee that there will be in the yearbook. Please be advised that there is a sitting fee of \$25.00. Studios are open for pictures after June 5th! Contact Ms. Oberle with any questions (rashelle\_oberle@scps.us)

#### **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 MS. Sutton, Assistant Principal, at 407-320-8726 (arika\_ sutton@scps.us) or IB Coordinator, Dr. Loomis at 407-320-8889 (sean\_loomis@scps.us).

#### **Bus Route Information**

Beginning August 4, 2022. 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 7am-7pm. Please call 407.320.7588 during this period.

#### **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

#### Back to School Sales Tax Holiday July 25 through August 7

Consumers can purchase qualifying back-to-school supplies exempt from tax during the 2022 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday.

#### Student Insurance

The cost to be covered during school hours for the entire school year is only \$20. The 24hour Plan annual cost is only \$42. This will help protect your student on weekends, holidays and the 2023 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

#### WSHS Business Partners – WE NEED YOU!

Partners in Education (PIE) is a broad-based program which promotes business involvement in our schools. It is an exchange of human resources between a business and a school involving internships, tutoring, classroom presentations, job shadowing, student and or teacher recognition, field trips, student work displays, student competition judging, apprenticeships, or a customized program designed by a company and the partner school. The focus of this program is to create ongoing connections and relationships with partners who can share their experience and resources with our students. As well as providing our students with access to more opportunities that support their social and physical growth throughout the educational process.

https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/community-involvement/partners-ineducation/application.stml

#### 2022-2023 SCPS School Calendars

Under student calendars tab you have access to a text, block and iCalendar version of the need-to-know dates surrounding your child's academic schedule. These calendars serve to keep you informed on important dates regarding school holidays, breaks, early dismissals and more. We encourage you to utilize these resources to stay engaged in everything we have to offer our students here at SCPS.

https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/about-us/calendars.stml

#### WSHS Athletic Department Information Are you interested in WSHS Athletics??

#### WSHS FALL SPORTS STARTING SOON!

- Football (conditioning started already! Join now!)
- Girls Volleyball (Practice Starts around August 1)
- Boys Cross Country (conditioning started already! Join now))

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Winter Springs High School Katie Harris • kathryn\_harris@scps.k12.fl.us



- Girls Cross Country (conditioning started already! Join now!)
- Boys Bowling (Practice Starts on/after August 1)
- Girls Bowling (Practice Starts on/after August 1)
- Boys Golf (Practice Starts on/after August 1)
- Girls Golf (Practice Starts on/after August 1)
- Girls Swimming (Practice starts around August 1)

CONTACT AD, Mr. Gomrad with questions. scott\_gomrad@scps.k12.fl.us.

#### **IMPORTANT!!**

In order to participate in summer conditioning, tryouts, practices for any sport you must be WSHS enrolled and create their online account and be fully cleared:

#### 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 SYSTEML

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

#### WSHS Boy's Cross-Country

WSHS Boy's Cross-Country is looking for a few good men. If you think that you can run and are willing to work hard, come join the WSHS Boys' Cross-Country Team Today. Conditioning has started already this summer.

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#### **WSHS** Golf

WSHS is looking for any interested rising 9th-12th grade students to play on our WSHS Boys or Girls Golf Teams! Contact Coach Ciero if interested at rocky\_ciero@scps.k12.Fl.us. All participants must have cleared physical in file and all the required athletic criteria!

#### **Meet the Coaches**

Tuesday, August 2 - during Bear Bash 10am-12pm

#### Athletic Facility Clean-Up Day

Saturday, August 6, 2022, 9am-12pm

#### **WSHS Football Information:**

Contact Head Coach Tim Dycus, tim\_dycus@scps.k12.fl.us with any questions.

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 2022-23 school year!

Caring for your child,

Mr. Pete Gaffney, Principal

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Meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Reduced-price	FREE	\$0.40
Elementary School	\$2.50	\$3.25
Middle School	\$2.50	\$3.50
High School	\$2.75	\$3.75

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# ATHLETICS

#### GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Open girls' volleyball tryouts for freshman and transfer students will be August 11th and 12th right after school in the gym. See Coach Mallard with any questions.

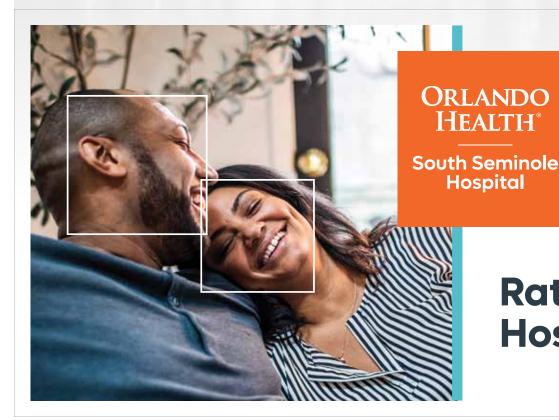
#### ATHLETIC PAPERWORK

All athletic paperwork must be in: https://winterspringshs.scps.k12.fl.us/core/fileparse.php/180/urlt/WSHS-Athletics-Online-Sports-Physical-Clearance-Directions-PDF.pdf

#### **Winter Springs High School Athletics**

Online Athletic Clearance Directions In order to complete this process you will need the following documents to upload in the system. • Completed Sports Physical (EL2 Form for Doctor you can printed from the site) • Insurance Card (Must upload new card every year with current policy information) • Birth Certificate (First Time WSHS Athletes, All Freshman and Any Transfer Student)

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