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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear WSHS Community:

Happy New Year to all the WSHS Community. We have a lot to share with you since our last newsletter, so I will get right to it...

Graduations RATE NEWS: We are proud to announce the WSHS Grad Rate for the 2020-2021 School Year was released from the FLDOE and WSHS was 97%! This is the Highest Grad Rate EVER for WSHS! We know requirements were different for 2020-2021, but still, we need to celebrate this outstanding accomplishment. Thank you to everyone involved from our students, teachers, counselors, non-instructional staff, clerical personnel, admin and the entire WSHS Community- Job well done!

Here is the history of WSHS and the tremendous gains we have made through the years!

2014: 80.4%	2018: 91.1%
2015: 81.5%	2019: 94.3%
2016: 84.5%	2020: 96.6%
2017: 85.5%	2021: 96.8%

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 this great community!
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*******BREAKING NEWS***** WSHS Celebrates our IB Program:** Winter Springs High School was just named a National Magnet School of Excellence by the Magnet Schools of America for our IB Program! The highest award possible! We have such great students and teachers in this incredible program! So PROUD! GO BEARS

SAT School Day: 11th Graders! *SAVE THE DATE!* We will be giving the SAT to all 11th Grade students on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, during the school day. Please make sure you place the date in your calendars. We expect ALL 11th Grade students to be in attendance to take advantage of this FREE SAT testing administration.

2022-2023 WSHS Student Registration: Registration for next school year is already upon us. Our student services team has worked hard to help guide

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BEAR NECESSITIES



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you through this process and to help you have a successful 22-23 School year at WSHS. Families should begin reviewing these documents now.

Registration Information for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Video (presentation with audio) <https://youtu.be/kN88beWN1GE>
- View this presentation (slides only) at <https://tinyurl.com/yc5y2777>

2022 Seminole Student Survey: Link for students to take the survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/seminole/survey/student/>

- Students will need to enter their student ID and date of birth to take the survey.
- The survey opens Feb. 1, 2022 & closes March 4, 2022.

If you have any questions, please call 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Congratulations to our WSHS Students of the Month: What an AMAZING group! I had a blast celebrating with them! Congrats to Sanela Sabic, Jazmin Gomez, Luis Valdes, Luke Deal, Isaiah Jones, Emma Bradshaw, Joey Button, Sydney Song! Proud of all of you! GO BEARS!

Pizza with the Principal: Another successful and hungry group joined me recently for our monthly 'Pizza with the Principal'! So much fun to talk with our kids and getting to know them better! Thank you to Aila Jones, Lucas Vertullo, Alondra Maldonado, Makayla Vereen, Emily Wattles, Jorge Mercado, Bryan Carcamo Castro, Phyllis Flatley, Leah Schickling, and Niyema Gaines. GO BEARS!!

CONGRATS Nick Pacy! Our Class of 2022 Senior Nick Pacy was awarded the "Winter Springs High School Juvenile of the Year." Nick is a true student-athlete! He represents WSHS incredibly well and we are proud to celebrate with him! Congratulations Nick! Thank you to the Longwood Commission for the opportunity! GO BEARS!

Literacy Week is upon us! We celebrated National Literacy Week at WSHS. Throughout the week, students participated in several exciting events that center on literacy. We had our annual Book Pop donation drop off in the Media Center. Students donated a book and received a Bear Buck and a lollipop. We hope each student got involved in this year's exciting Literacy Week events.

Favorite Book

Contest Winners

- 9th- Nathan Leftwich
- 10th- Travis Behrens
- 11th- Esteban Duprey
- 12th- Elena Schmeling

Matching Authors

Contest Winners

- 9th- Melaina Huston
- 10th- Yuliana Gomez
- 11th- Damien Stevens
- 12th- Megan Geist

WSHS Prom & Grad Bash Update:

- **WSHS Prom Date:** Sat, April 23, 2022, 7pm-11pm at Loews Portofino Bay Hotel (*Juniors and Seniors only unless invited as a guest*)
- **Grad Bash:** Friday, April 29, 2022, more details announced soon! Save the date!

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.

WSHS Celebrates the Visual Arts: Mr. Dycus and our students shined at the underclassmen AP show at the Casselberry Art House. Mr. Dycus' class was the only one to have underclassmen at the show!

WSHS Celebrates the Fine Arts: Congratulations goes out to our WSHS Chorus! Ursa Minor just performed at Solo and Ensemble this weekend and earned a superior rating! Also, congratulations to Kathryn Rotolo and Sarah Riddick who sang solos at the same event and performed beautifully!

The following WSHS students were selected to participate in SCPS All-County Band!

- Ashlyn Shepard, Delaney Sawicki-Lake, Zachary Roz, Jacob Stewart, Enrique Pena-Aquino, Jason Weis, Elijah McCord. **Congratulations!**

Recently, our amazingly talented WSHS Theatre Department had their 'Night of One Acts'. Super impressed by the talent of this group. Can't wait to see their next show!



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WSHS Celebrates our Culinary

Program: Our incredible WSHS Culinary Program was asked, and of course accepted, to make the desserts for the SCPS Teacher of the Year Program. Thank you to our culinary crew, Mr. Efland, and Mr. Brevoort for their hard work.

Black History Month Coming Soon:

We are planning some recognition and celebratory events on campus for Black History Month. Due to the pandemic, certain aspects of Black History Month that we traditionally do may not be feasible. However, we look forward to being creative and celebrating all month long.

Parking Decals: WSHS students:

Avoid getting a sticker on your vehicle next week. Stickers and permit inspections of vehicles starts on Monday, February 14, 2022. Parking decals are available for \$35 in the discipline office before school or during lunches. Please bring your Driver's License, Vehicle Registration and proof of Insurance with you to receive your decal.

5th Annual WSHS Athletic Golf

Outing - Mon, Feb 15, 2021: Our 5th annual WSHS Athletic Golf Outing is coming up. Thank you to all who participated and supported over the past few years. The event will take place on Monday, February 21st (President's Day) at Tuscauilla Country Club. Like years past we will have breakfast, BBQ lunch, door prizes, and great donation prizes. If you would like to be a part of our outing, please fill out the flyer posted on social media and send it back to the high school with your payment. If you want to sponsor the event, please look over the different levels and send back the flyer with the amount for sponsorship. This is our Athletic Departments biggest fundraiser for

the entire year. We appreciate all those who have supported by playing or sponsoring in the past and look forward to you joining us again. Also, please spread the word. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you, Rocky Ciero, ESE Teacher, Head Wrestling Coach, 407-320-8735.

More Athletic News: For the

10th time in past 12 years our WSHS Boys Varsity Wrestling Team captured Seminole Athletic Conference Title! Also, our JV squad led the way and won the title as well! Outstanding job also goes out to Mathena Casseus for taking 2nd place at the 1st ever Ladies Conference tournament. GO BEARS!

National Signing Day: Congrats

to our WSHS student athletes!!! Abigail Akerson, Soccer; Aaron Moore, Football; Ashlyn Storms and Sky Ramos, Softball. GO BEARS!!

Our WSHS Girls Weightlifting Team are REGION CHAMPIONS. This is our 4th regional championship in the past 5 years. Time to get ready for STATES. GO BEARS!!

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/.

Yearbooks: Only 200 books left to sell! Yearbookforever.com or go to room 7-210 to purchase.

Again, have a great 2022! We can't wait to see what the year brings! **GO BEARS!**

Mr. Gaffney, Principal

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TESTING CALENDAR

Date (Approximate)	Assessment
February 22nd	FSA G10 ELA-Writing Retake [120 min] (part 1 of 3 subtests)
February 24th – February 25th	FSA ELA-Reading Retake [90 min each session] (Std earbuds not apple lightning or wireless) (part 2 and 3 of 3 subtests)
February 28th – March 1st	FSA Algebra 1 EOC Retake - 2 sessions [90 min each session]
March 2nd	SAT no essay
March 2nd – March 3rd	Write Scores-Argumentative Essay
March 8th – March 11th	Common Assessments #3 (C9A – 1 Day)
March 29th	ACT no essay
April 5th	FSA ELA-Writing 9th [120 min] (part 1 of 3 subtests)
April 7th	FSA ELA-Writing 10th [120 min] (part 1 of 3 subtests)
Week of April 18th	Biology Post-Test
April 27th	Civics Literacy Exam – Makeup [80-160 min]
May 2nd	AP 8 am Test: United States Government and Politics
May 2nd – May 3rd	FSA ELA-Reading 9th – 2 sessions [90 min each session] (Std earbuds not apple lightning or wireless)
May 3rd	AP 8 am Test: Environmental Science
May 4th	AP 8 am Test: English Literature and Composition
May 5th	AP 8 am Tests: Human Geography Macroeconomics
May 6th	AP 8 am Tests: European History United States History
May 5th – May 6th	FSA ELA-Reading 10th – 2 sessions [90 min each session] (Std earbuds not apple lightning or wireless)
May 9th	AP 8 am Tests: Calculus AB Calculus BC
May 10th	AP 8 am Test: English Language and Composition
May 9th – May 10th	FSA Geometry EOC – 2 sessions [90 min each session]
May 11th	AP 8 am Test: Spanish Language and Culture
May 12th	AP 8 am Test: World History: Modern
May 13th	AP 8 am Test: Music Theory
May 12th – May 13th	FSA Algebra EOC – 2 sessions [90 min each session]
May 16th	Biology EOC Retake [80-160 min]
May 17th	US History EOC Retake [80-160 min]

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WSHS PROGRAM OF EMPHASIS COURSE OFFERINGS

PLEASE SIGN UP for the following course to become part of the WSHS Renewable Energy Program:

ETP 2502 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES – DUAL ENROLLMENT with SSC – Open to ALL Grade levels!

Student will receive 3 college credits and high school credit. This course is taken at WSHS and counts like an AP class for GPA, but is NOT AP and has NO exam at the end!

Prerequisite: None. Grades 9-11

MUST BE concurrently enrolled in another science class.

1 Elective Science Credit Grades 9-12

This is an introductory course for students interested in renewable energy and climate change. The curriculum includes topics such as home efficiency, wind energy, solar (thermal and photovoltaic) energy, hydroelectric energy, bio-energy, tidal and wave power, geothermal energy, and fuel cells. Also studied are the environmental and economic impacts of renewable energy. 9th graders are encouraged to take this course as a beginning to a 4-year program of emphasis on renewable and solar energy.

How to Sign up:

ETP 2502 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES – DUAL ENROLLMENT with SSC

Students who sign up for this course will be put into Experimental Science 1 (2002340) HONORS (that will be the name of the course for the 1st semester only) for 1st Semester and will transition into ETP 2502 for 2nd Semester (due to the college course being only 1 semester, or .5 credit), and students will work on the dual enrollment college curriculum 1st semester as well to get a head start on 2nd semester. This allows us more time for labs and activities. 1st semester is Honors Credit, 2nd semester is Dual Enrollment (AP credit). So, students will be receiving high school credit 1st semester and college credit (3 hours) for 2nd semester.

Reasons to take Alternative/Solar Energy Dual Enrollment Courses at WSHS:

1. No homework.
2. Lots of labs and activities.
3. Free college credit without having to pass an exam at the end.
4. Courses are taken on the WSHS campus with Mr. Johnson.
5. Honors and AP GPA weighting.
6. Open-book tests/quizzes.
7. Open to **ALL** grade levels.

4 Year, 5 Course Sequence:

9th Grade: ETP 2502 Alternative Energy Sources (**Open to grades 9-12**)

10th Grade: ETP 2410 Photovoltaic Systems (Solar Electric) (**Open to grades 10-12**)

11th Grade: ETP 2420 Solar Thermal Systems (Solar Heating) (**Open to grades 11-12**)

12th Grade: Fall- ETP 2050 Energy Analysis; Spring: ETP 2910C Projects in Sustainability**

**The 12th grade courses are for 4th year students who have completed the first 3 courses in the Program of Emphasis. All students should check the curriculum guide for more information.

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THE BAND OF GOLD CONCERT SEASON

The **Band of Gold** has started off their concert season with quite a few events scheduled. Enrique Pena-Aquino and Jacob Stewart performed in FMEA's All State Band on January 8th in Tampa. We are very proud of them for representing WSHS. We had students make SCPS All County Band and will perform their concert on January 29th at Lake Mary High School. Congratulation to these students for their amazing contribution to this top band:



Elijah McCord	Enrique Pena-Aquino	Zachary Roz
Delaney Sawicki-Lake	Ashlyn Shephard	Jacob Stewart
		Jason Weis

Jazz band will be performing their District Music Performance Assessment on February 10th at Seminole High School. Individual band students and Color Guard will have the opportunity to participate in the District Solo and Ensemble at Seminole High School on February 11th and 12th. There will be a pre-District Music Performance Assessment concert on February 17th at 7pm. at WSHS 's auditorium. Lastly, Concert and Symphonic bands will participate in their District Music Performance Assessments in March at Seminole High School. Specific dates/times will be posted on the website once they are scheduled.

For more information about all Band of Gold events, visit our website at www.wshsband.wixsite.com/band/.

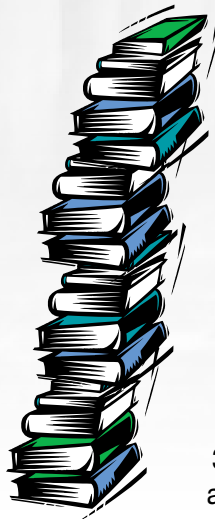
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Yearbooks are on sale for \$80.00. You can purchase them by going to <https://yearbookforever.com/>.

Please buy one now before it is too late! There are less than 200 left!

Seniors: If you are planning to take cap and gown pictures, please contact Leonard's and prepay! Pictures will be held in the auditorium, Thursday, March 31st.

Reach out to Leonard's customer service: 800-215-4852 OR visit their website. Seniors, please make sure to check your ecampus announcements and messages for scheduling for March 31st, Again, these are pre-paid pictures. You will not be able to take a picture unless you have paid.



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Making a global impact:

Here at Winter Springs High School, we started the sock campaign to help give amputees around the world a second chance at life. Working with We Help Two, we are providing them with a leg system that is high-quality and costs less than the cell phone that we carry around in our pockets every day.

We are selling packs of socks to raise money for these prosthetic legs. Each pair costs \$10 and will be available for either delivery or pickup by mid March. Last year, we raised enough money for two legs for well-deserved kids in India and Ghana, so we hope to make a difference again!

Local giveback:

For every pack sold, we will also receive a pair of socks to donate to people in need within our community! We donate packs of socks to our very own Bear Pantry for students in need right here at Winter Springs High School.

So please consider buying some socks and showing your Bear Pride! Use this link to make your order

<https://go.wehelptwo.com/campaign/?campaignid=15789>

Thank you,
Winter Springs High School IB program

SENIORS

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