

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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**Octavius Clark** 407-320-8709 Dear Winter Springs High School Students and Parents:

Happy summer! Believe it or not, the 2024-25 school year is right around the corner. In August, we will welcome back around 2000 students to Winter Springs High School. I would like to say a huge "Thank you" to our facilities crew that is working hard to prepare our campus for the 2024-25 school year. They will be spending the summer deep cleaning our classrooms, waxing our floors, and pressure washing around campus! 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.



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## **WSH Bears**



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- Monday, August 5,2024 Bear Bash 10:00am -12:00pm
- Wednesday, August 12, 2024 1st Day of School
- Friday, August 16, 2022 Kickoff Classic Football Game vs Atlantic at Home 7pm
- Tuesday August 27, 2024 WSHS Open House 6pm-8pm

#### STUDENT SERVICES/GUIDANCE INFORMATION

Coming Soon! Check email for Summer Student Services Information.









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### WSHS RISING SENIORS CLASS OF 2025

It's time to schedule your child's senior yearbook portrait for the 2024-2025 school year! Your senior will receive the Leonard's Senior Focus Magazine at school before the end of the year, also accessible online at www.leonards.com/seniorfocus. This magazine provides all the necessary details to prepare for their portrait session. Additionally, we encourage both you and your senior to watch this firsthand look at what to expect during the photo session: Leonard's Senior Ambassador Video.

#### **Booking Your Senior's Portrait Session:**

Please ensure your senior schedules their portrait session as soon as possible, as slots are expected to fill up quickly. They will receive a personalized access code to book their session, which can be done conveniently online at www.leonards.com/schedule. Please be on the lookout for a postcard in the mail or an email from Leonard's Studio! If you don't receive one, CONTACT LEONARD'S CUSTOMER SERVICE.

Students have a cutoff date of Saturday, OCTOBER 19th, 2024. Seniors will not be able to choose their yearbook image if they are photographed after October 3rd. Please make sure you select or "heart" the photo you want to be chosen for the yearbook; otherwise, a Leonard's representative will pick one. Please be advised that there is a sitting fee of \$15.00. If you have any issues with the cost, please let the yearbook advisor know in August. YOU NEED TO TAKE THE PHOTO BY OCTOBER 19th!

Leonard's looks forward to capturing this special time in your senior's life! Should you have any questions or require further information,



please do not hesitate to reach out to Leonard's Customer Service at (800) 215-4852 or customerservice@leonards.com.







# WSHS ACADEMIC INFORMATION



#### **IB PROGRAM**

OurIBProgram(InternationalBaccalaureate) 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 Arika Sutton, Assistant Principal, at 407-320-8726 (arika\_sutton@scps.k12.fl.us)





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#### WSHS will host Summer School during the Summer of 2024

Credit Recovery- Available to students who previously earned a semester grade of a "D" or an "F" in a course.

Students, take advantage! It will benefit you! Students do not put yourself in a situation where you cannot graduate due to lack of credits. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Gaffney at peter gaffney@scps.us.



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- FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeToTheDenWSHS/ Check out our Facebook Page for more WSHS Information
- TWITTER: Follow @Petes\_dragons on Twitter to get info from Mr. Gaffney
- INSTAGRAM: Follow Mr. Gaffney @papagaff\_wshs







# ATHIETICS

### WSHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER

- WSHS Baseball Camp: Ages 7 and up. May 28-29 9am-1pm. Check Facebook for information and registration details.
- Meet the Coaches Day: During Bear Bash! Details coming soon!
- Athletic Facility Clean-Up Day: Saturday, August 10, 2024, 9am-12pm

#### FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Calling ALL incoming freshman! Looking to play freshman football next year at WSHS? Workouts began in June. ALL participants MUST have a physical completed and on file with our Athletic Department. Please contact Coach Dycus at timothy\_dycus@scps.k12.fl.us.

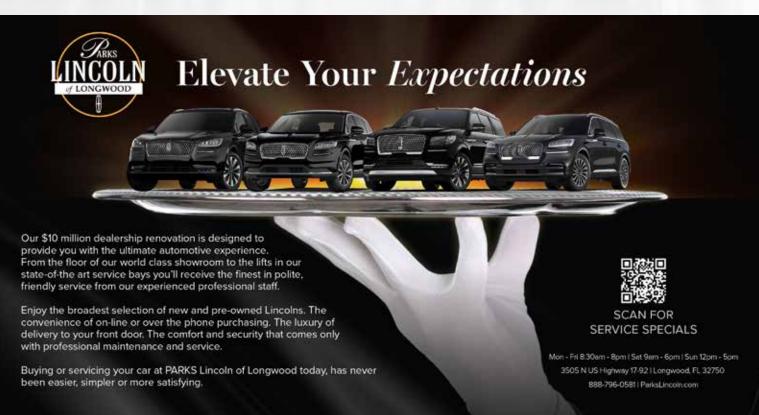
Have a GREAT summer! GO BEARS!!

Caring for your child,

Mr. Pete Gaffney, Principal, Winter Springs High School

GOOO BEARS!!!





#### STUDENT CALENDAR 2024-2025

Date of Board Adoption: May 9, 2023

**Definition of Descriptions:** 

- Schools Closed = Teachers and students not in attendance; Educational Support Center open for business
- Schools Closed for Students Students not in attendance; Teachers are working & Educational Support Centeris open for business
- School System Closed Teachers, students, and employees at Educational Support Center not in attendance

August 6-9 Teacher Workdays

August 12 First Day of Student Attendance – Start of 1st Quarter/1st Semester

September 2 School System Closed October 11 End of 1st Quarter

October 14 Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday

October 15 Start of 2nd Quarter November 25-29 Schools Closed

November 28-29 School System Closed
December 17-19 Early Dismissal for Students
December 19 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

December 20 Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday/Student Make-Up Day #3, if needed

December 23-Jan. 3 Schools Closed/Winter Break

January 6 Schools Closed for Students/District PD Day/Student Make-up Day #1, if needed

January 7 Classes Resume - Start of 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester

January 20 School System Closed February 17 School System Closed March 13 End of 3rd Quarter

March 14 Schools Closed for Students/Teacher Workday/Student Make-up Day #2, if needed

March 17-21 Schools Closed/Spring Break

March 24 Classes Resume - Start of 4th Quarter

May 23 Early Dismissal for Students
May 26 School System Closed
May 27, 28 Early Dismissal for Students

May 28 Last Day of Student Attendance/ End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
May 29 Teacher Workday-Post Planning/Student Make-up Day #4, if needed

May 30 Teacher Workday-Post Planning









#### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU GROW UP?

If the average person changes careers 6-7 times in their lifetime, wouldn't it be wise to do some research before choosing a career that's supposed to last a lifetime? The most common reasons for changing a career are disillusionment of the job and not utilizing a person's strengths. With technology changing our work force at lighting speed, it's more important than ever for high school students to research careers that will align with their interests and strengths.

Two beneficial resources available to Florida high school students are Bigfuture by the College Board and the Kuder Navigator at Floridashines.

At bigfuture.collegeboard.org, students can choose topics in which they are interested, then combine these interests to get career ideas. These career ideas can lead to possible college majors. A plethora of information is available for students to learn more about what careers are out there and how to make career choices.

New to the Floridashines website is the Kuder Navigator in the MyCareerShines section. Students can use career assessments to explore careers in areas which their interests, skills, and work values align. Floridashines explains this new tool as follows:

MyCareerShines Kuder Navigator® is an online planning tool made just for students in high school. It gives you everything you need to start planning for your future. You can:

- Assess your interests and skills to connect with careers that are just right for you,
- Explore the extensive catalog of careers to find exciting job opportunities in the dynamic 21st century economy,
- Get information about colleges and financial aid to turn your plan into reality, and
- Create a resume that gets you in the door and moves you up the ladder of success.







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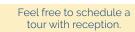
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