



Winter Springs High School  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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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# Save the Dates

- 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

## STAY CONNECTED WITH WSHS!

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto:customerservice@leonards.com).



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## 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 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.

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

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# ATHLETICS

## 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](mailto:timothy_dycus@scps.k12.fl.us).

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Date of Board Adoption: May 9, 2023

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- **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 Center is 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

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## 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](http://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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