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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Winter Springs Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the beginning of the school year and you are looking forward to some cooler weather that we all hope is approaching soon. At Winter Springs High School, we have been busy supporting our students and planning for a busy 2nd quarter! As I have done in previous articles, I will break down my article into sub-sections for your easy reading.

Thank you: I wanted to start this newsletter article with a simple THANK YOU to all of the WSHS community for all your patience, flexibility and support through this incredibly challenging school year! I would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to our WSHS teachers and staff for the incredible work they are doing with meeting the needs of our students and families. It is historic what our teachers are doing in their classrooms! Amazing!

WSHS Seniors Class of 2022: You are set to take the SAT on Wednesday, October 13 at WSHS. More details will follow in the near future. I know some of you were planning on taking the SAT on a Saturday so I wanted you to know about this FREE opportunity happening in October. Thank you! GO BEARS!

Who wants some extra help? Does your student need help with ELA, Reading or Mathematics? We have tutoring for FREE each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon! Come get help from our teachers! Rooms 5-222 for English and 7-103 and 7-218 for Math.

Who wants to Substitute Teach? WSHS Community: Many of our WSHS stakeholders have reached out to me whether in person, through email, or social media and have asked what the community can do to

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BEAR NECESSITIES

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support Winter Springs High School. The answer to this question to this is easy: We need substitute teachers badly! Please, if you have time and you are willing, please consider being a substitute teacher on the campus of Winter Springs High School. Recently, during a meeting at the district level, we were told that during a normal school year 99% of the teachers that request a sub for the day get filled! This school year, and over the time of the pandemic, we, as a district, are averaging around a 67% fill rate. You can probably imagine the problems and issues that comes with this. I am very proud of our WSHS teachers and staff that have been jumping in and assisting from time-to-time, but we simply cannot sustain this. WSHS Community: We need your help! Please visit the SCPS website and get the process started if you can help. Also, if you can and do start the process, please email Mrs. Centeno at centenvz@scps.k12.fl.us and keep her informed on when you will be ready to sub. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Is your child sick and not feeling good? When you have a student that is out sick, it is imperative that you notify the school as soon as possible so that we can excuse the absence. Once again, if your student is not feeling good, keep them at home and send a note or an email. The email to contact is below. Mrs. Centeno: centenvz@scps.k12.fl.us. Please note: If you have a student that has excessive unexcused absences our truancy procedures will start on that student and family. Make sure you send a note. Also, if you have had a student quarantined or was out with Covid, those absences should be marked excused or with a "Q" code indicating that. If you do not see that in Skyward, please let us know so we can resolve that. Please let me know if you have questions!

Did you know that Winter Springs has an IB school?

Now in its 53rd year, and offered in over 150 countries through the world, the IB offers an unparalleled educational experience which creates internationally minded students who can thrive in a globalized world. It's a world class education here in small town Winter Springs! For more information, please contact Lori Bowman, Assistant Principal at lori_bowman@scps.us or our IB Counselor Ms. Jami Lash at 407-320-8707.

WSHS Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month:

In September/October at Winter Springs High School, we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Our students are coming up with a lot of great ideas despite the challenge of doing this through a pandemic. Please continue to let Mr. Bevan and I know of any ideas of how we can continue to celebrate the month. Kudos to some of our students for coming together to share some fantastic ideas! GO BEARS!

WSHS Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 28, 2021

5:30pm-7:30pm: WSHS is once again having a Trunk or Treat event. We are seeking donations for individually packaged candy from our community. Please drop off candy in the WSHS Front Office by Friday, October 22, 2021. Thank you! Any questions, contact Mr. Jarzynka at jakob_jarzynka@scps.k12.fl.us. GO BEARS!

School Store Update: The school store now has hoodies (\$25) and "Defend the Den" t-shirts (\$12). The store is open before school and during both lunches. We accept cash, check, and credit card. Hot off the press... Class shirts are now available in the school store. Freshman shirts \$15.00 (tie-dye), Sophomore shirts \$10.00, Junior shirts \$10.00, Senior shirts \$10.00

WSHS Celebrates the Fine Arts: The WSHS Theatre Department is proud to announce our upcoming production entitled: SHIPWRECKED! From October 28-30, please join us and support our incredibly talented students! We can't wait!



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WSHS Athletics Reminder: Tickets for ALL athletic events will be sold through GoFan. Here is the link: <https://gofan.co/app/school/FL2683>. Please contact Athletic Director, Mr. Gomrad at scott_gomrad@scps.k12.fl.us with any questions.

NEW COACH: Welcome our New Head Boys Volleyball Coach Bryan Jacques! Coach Jacques has worked as an assistant coach for Lake Howell HS & for area clubs for the past 4 years! Stay tuned for upcoming meeting information for returning players / any WSHS boys interested!

WSHS Baseball Program: Please consider supporting our baseball program and join us Saturday November 6th. Play as a single, twosome, or foursome! On course games, post play awards, great giveaways, lunch & college football! GO BEARS!!!

Thank you for all your support of Winter Springs High School! GO BEARS!

Respectfully,
 Mr. Pete Gaffney
 Principal

SENIOR CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

HELP: We need you! The Senior Celebrations Committee has begun working but we need more bear paws on deck! Please consider volunteering to help make this year's senior picnic and breakfast the best it can be for the class of 2022. (You do not have to be the parent of a senior to help - all are welcome and needed) Contact Sandi Bills @ sbills4@gmail.com

NEW No Fuss Fundraiser: This no fuss no frills "Opt out-Fundraiser is the only fundraiser where 100% of your donation goes directly to celebrate the Senior Class of 2022. After the challenges these kids have had to face and overcome over the past few years let's give the Class of 2022 a Senior send off they will never forget! wshsseniorceleb.square.site

Poinsettia Sale: We will be selling poinsettias for the holiday again! That's right, the most wonderful time of year is right around the corner and we are taking your orders. Don't miss out on the most BEAUTIFUL and long lasting poinsettias for your decorations and gifts. (see flyer for details)

Graduation Yard Signs: This year's senior graduation yard signs are getting a new look and we will be taking orders soon!

GO BEARS CLASS OF 2022!



Adrian Burrowes, M.D.
 Venkatesh Nagalapadi, M.D.
 Akila Balasubramanian, M.D.
 Steven H. Selznick, D.O.
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YEARBOOK



Yearbook Senior Info:

Senior quotes are due October 16th. To fill yours out, go to the 2022 eCampus page and look at the announcements/module. Scan the QR code!

Yearbook Prices and Ads

- Yearbooks are on presale now for \$65.00.
- On October 18th, yearbooks prices will go up to \$75.00.
- On May 2, yearbook prices will go up to \$85.00.

To purchase a book, go to <https://yearbookforever.com/> and type in Winter Springs High School. We also accept cash and checks (made out to WSHS- Yearbook)!

This year, you have three different options to purchase ads. (all of these can be done online through Walsworth online)

Visit <https://yearbookforever.com/>

1. Students/ parents can upload their text and pictures, and our staff can design the ad for you
2. Parents/students can upload a pre-made ad as a tif, .jpg, .jpeg, or .png
3. Students/parents can design their own ad online using the online tools

Ad Prices:

- Full Page Ad: \$225.00
- 1/4 Page Ad: \$90.00
- 1/2 Page Ad: \$125.00
- 1/8 Page Ad: \$45.00

Ads are **due before Thanksgiving Break, November 19th!** Get them in as soon as possible!

Senior Cap and Gown Pictures

Cap and Gown Pictures for seniors will be taken after Winter Break. The date is TBA.

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FALL PLAY

The Winter Springs High School Theatre Department proudly presents Shipwrecked! An Entertainment: The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont, as Told By Himself! by Donald Margulies. We will be performing in the WSHS Auditorium on **Thursday, October 28, 2021, Friday, October 29, 2021, and Saturday, October 30,**

2021. Each performance begins at 7:30p and doors will open at 7:00p. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, October 11, 2021 and tickets are \$5 (Advance Student), \$10 (Advance Adult) , and \$15 (anyone at the door). Please email theatre director, Ms. Brittany Brown, with any questions at brownbz3@myscps.us.



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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				
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1st Quarter: Aug. 10th - Oct. 7th	42 Days	Semester 1	87 Days	8/10-12/21
2nd Quarter: Oct. 11th - Dec. 17th	45 Days			
3rd Quarter: Jan. 5th - March 11th	46 Days	Semester 2	93 Days	1/8-5/25
4th Quarter: March 22nd - May 25th	47 Days			

8/4-8/9	Pre-Planning
8/10	First Day of School
9/6	Labor Day Holiday
10/7	End of 1st Quarter
10/8	Tchr Workday/Student Holiday
10/11	Beginning of 2nd Grading Period
11/22-11-26	Thanksgiving Break
12/17	End of 2nd Quarter
12/20-12/31	Winter Break
1/3	Tchr Workday/Student Holiday
Early 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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SENIOR VIDEO

Attention SENIORS!! We are hard at 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 December 13th, 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!

TESTING INFORMATION

Date (Approximate)	Assessment	Who Does It Affect?
October 4th – 7th	Common Assessments #1 (C9A – 1 Day)	Students enrolled in ELA 9 and 10, Algebra 1, Liberal Arts Math 1, Geometry, US History
October 5th	ACT – no essay	Students who are juniors and those seniors who have not met graduation requirement.
October 13th	SAT – no essay	Students who are seniors.
October 13th	PSAT/NMSQT – no essay	Students who are freshman to juniors.
November 29th and November 30th	Algebra EOC Retake [90 min each session]	Students who have not yet met the graduation requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1 EOC Score = 497 PSAT/NMSQT Math Score = 430 SAT Math Score = 420 ACT Math = 16 Geometry EOC Score = 499
December 1st and December 2nd	Geometry EOC Retake [90 min each session]	Students on Scholar Diploma
December 3rd	US History EOC Retake [80-160 min] Biology EOC Retake [80-160 min]	Students on Scholar Diploma
December 6th	Civics Assessment	Senior students enrolled in US Government
December 14th - December 17th	Biology Mid-Test	Students enrolled in Biology.
December 14th - December 17th	Common Assessments #2 (C9A – 1 Day)	Students enrolled in ELA 9 and 10, Algebra 1, Liberal Arts Math 1, Geometry, US History

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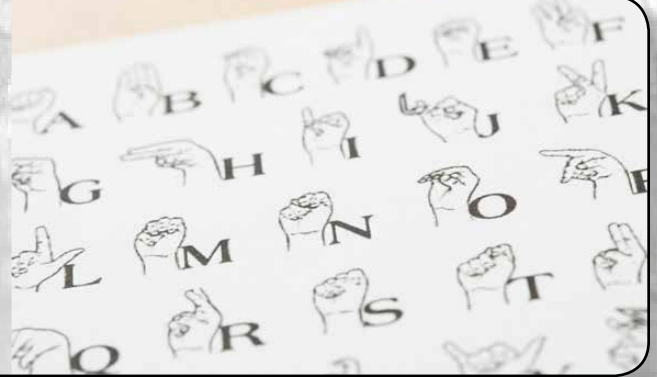
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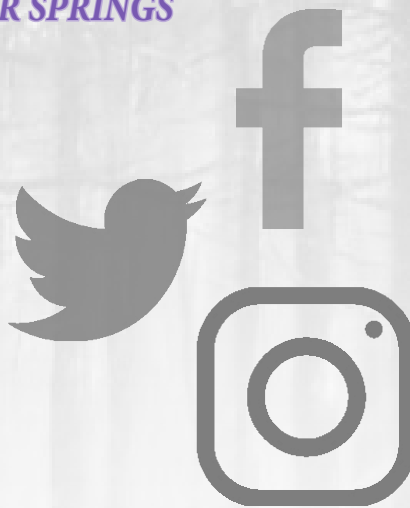
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