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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 the start of this 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.

WSHS 9-WEEK EXAM SCHEDULES

We have sent all parents/guardians an email with all 9-Week Exam Schedules for the entire year! Please make sure you check that out and look on our school's Facebook page for the information.

SCHOOL SAFETY

We continue to urge our students and families to practice the phrase "See Something, Say Something" – Use the P3 Campus App, speakouthotline.org; or call 1-800-423-TIPS or FORTIFYFL www.getfortifyfl.com (suspicious activity reporting app)

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SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS - COMING IN NOVEMBER SCPS SAFETY SURVEY

Beginning October 30th, students in grades 4-12 will have the opportunity to take part in the SCPS Safety Survey. Your student's input and comments are important.

Participation in the surveys provides valuable information on our school and helps to guide school improvement. Participant identities and survey responses are completely anonymous and will never be connected to your student.

The SCPS Safety survey will be administered online. To preview the questions that students will respond to: https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/assessment-accountability/5essentials?fbclid=IwAR3c173E0yT41pf9HkpSo_JAYhPN2jbnQE-LcNVke57IYUWCJMzgQMa8yQ.

WHO WANTS SOME EXTRA HELP?

Does your student need help with Mathematics or Biology? We have tutoring for FREE each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon! Come get help from our teachers! Check our school's Facebook feed for the information.

CREDIT RECOVERY

ALL STUDENTS! Have you failed a class? Are you NOT on track to graduate due to not having all your credits? Is your GPA below a 2.0? Well, Credit Recovery PLATO Classes is for you! Credit Recovery will continue every Wednesday and Thursday AFTER school for the remainder of the school year (some exceptions apply)! TIMES: Wednesdays from 1:30pm until 2:30pm and Thursdays from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. Make plans now to make up your credits that you have not obtained! Don't procrastinate! Don't be left scrambling at the end of the year! Get it done now! Any questions, contact Assistant Principal, Dr. Carpenter at carpenkl@scps.k12.fl.us!

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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 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. WSHS Community: We need you help! Please visit this SCPS website and get the process starting if you can help. Also, if you can and do start the process, please email Mrs. DeBerry at debertj@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. wshs_attendance@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.

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WSHS CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In September/October at Winter Springs High School, we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. The weeks have been phenomenal! We celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in many ways; from Dress Up Days to Fun Games at lunch we had a blast! A very special THANK YOU to our Latinos in Action students and our World Language Department for their planning of the week! Such a fun week!! GO BEARS!!!!

WSHS TRUNK OR TREAT ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

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 ASAP. Thank you! Any questions, contact Mr. Oliver at thomas_oliver@scps.k12.fl.us. GO BEARS!



FOOD PANTRY

Speaking of donations. Our WSHS Food Pantry is always in need for more items for our food pantry. Just please bring any packaged or canned donations to the front office.

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DECISION DAY 2023

Decision Day at Seminole State College will be held on Friday, November 10. Spend the day with your friends and learn everything you need to know about Seminole State. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Sign up to attend at: seminolestate.edu/decisionday. Permission slips are due to the Student Services office by Friday, November 3.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Do you want to purchase a senior ad or business ad in the yearbook? Ad prices are as follows: A full page: \$225.00; Half a page: \$125.00; Quarter of a page: \$90.00; Business card (1/8th): \$45.00. Go to www.yearbookforever.com and make sure to select Winter Springs High School. From there, select "Create personal ad or create a business ad." You can design it yourself OR you can enter the text and pictures and we can design it for you! Ads are due by Wednesday, December 20th! Get one now! Spots are filling up fast! Thanks - Mrs. Oberle- Rodriguez-Yearbook Sponsor Purchase a yearbook @ <https://yearbookforever.com/>.



SCHOOL STORE UPDATE

The school store now has hoodies (\$25) and t-shirts (\$12). The store is open before school and during both lunches. We accept cash, check, and credit card.

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WSHS ATHLETICS REMINDER

Fall Sports Tryouts are coming. Follow our social media pages to be informed on the times and requirements.

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.

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

Respectfully,
Mr. Pete Gaffney
Principal

save the DATES

WSHS COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

Below are the dates for the ACT, SAT, and PSAT SCHOOL DAYS this year during the school day.

ACT, SAT, and PSAT dates

ACT

- 10/31/23: ACT All Juniors (reportable), only Seniors needing a concordant score (non-reportable) PAPER AND PENCIL BOTH
- 3/26/24: All Juniors(reportable), Only Seniors needing a concordant score (non-reportable) PAPER AND PENCIL BOTH

SAT

- 10/11/23: All Seniors, reportable (can be used for college scores) PAPER AND PENCIL
- 3/4/24-3/8/24: All Juniors Reportable, Only Seniors needing a concordant score, non-reportable. BOTH COMPUTER BASED

PSAT/NMSQT

- 10/16/23 – 10/30/23 All students grades 9-10-11 COMPUTER BASED
- TENTATIVE GRADE LEVEL DATES ARE ON OUTLOOK CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES



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We are hard at work on your Class of 2024 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 1st, 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 2024 Senior Video! Go Bears!



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