



WILDCAT WATCH



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*For the Parents, Students and
Community of
Winter Park High School*

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Dear Wildcats,

Thank you for your support of Winter Park High School!

Here are some of the outstanding accomplishments and recognitions that have already occurred this year:

- Congratulations – to the following students who achieved the honor of being named **National Merit Semifinalists: Madison Lee, Susan Mallen, Jordan Rotz, Sebastian Suarez, and Tyler Williams.**
- **Teacher of the Year – 9th Grade Center - is Heather Parker.** Ms. Parker is a Math teacher who provides high-quality instruction for our students and serves as a leader and mentor to other math teachers. She also offers additional technical support for many teachers on campus.
- **Teacher of the Year - Main Campus - is Lisa Nix.** Ms. Nix is our school media specialist. She creates such a welcoming environment in our media center – students choose to study and collaborate in the media center before school, during lunch, and after school hours because of the warm atmosphere established by Ms. Nix. She is also an integral part of our testing team and instructional leadership team.
- **Support Person of the Year – 9th Grade Center - is Bob Walker.** Mr. Walker provides outstanding customer service for our students, parents, and staff. His technical expertise and willingness to assist in other areas like supervision, fixed asset management, and testing support make him an important asset to our school.
- **Support Person of the Year - Main Campus - is Trenette Dahlke.** Ms. Dahlke is our school secretary. She is an integral part of daily operations in our front office. She communicates with students, staff, parents, and community members on a daily bases, while providing excellent customer service.
- **PTSA** – has once again been recognized as a **School of Excellence** by the National PTA. This distinction was awarded to only 45 high schools in the nation.

We are fortunate to have outstanding parent and community support. Our PTSA volunteers their time for so many events and functions. They raise support to provide teacher grants in order to enhance academic programs. They provide assistance for families in need, and they reward our teachers/staff throughout the year in various ways. The WPHS Foundation raises close to \$300,000 annually to support our tradition of excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics. The School Advisory Council supports our school through ongoing planning and discussions related to our School Improvement Plan. We always have numerous parents supporting our athletic and performing arts programs through various acts of service. I have walked into our College and Career Center many times this year to see parents helping students with College and Career planning. Thank you to all of the parents who sacrifice time to support programs at WPHS and help to continue our tradition of excellence!

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Principal's Message *continues...*

Here are some important dates and reminders:

- **Bright Futures update** - Counselors visited the senior Government and Economics classes to help students complete the Florida Financial Aid Application. There are over 14 different grants and scholarships in this application, including Bright Futures. Students who have not completed this application will receive an email to visit the College and Career Center for help completing it.
- **FAFSA** – Seniors should be completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. They can visit the College & Career Center for additional assistance with college and/or career information, FAFSA completion, or scholarship applications.
- **Khan Academy** – is an online resource that helps students prepare for the SAT. With 20 hours of practice, the average increase for students is 90 points. Students who need help linking their Collegeboard account to Khan Academy can stop by the College and Career Center.
- **Peterson's Test Prep** - is another online test prep option for the SAT, ACT, and the ASVAB. This link is located in the Media Center section of the Student Canvas page under databases and research.
- **Winter Concerts**
 - ◇ **Chorus and Orchestra Winterfest** – Tuesday, December 7, @ 7 PM.
Ticket information for this Winterfest concert will be in the Sunday Newsletter as we get closer to the event
 - ◇ **Band** – Thursday, December 9, @ 7 PM
 - ◇ **Orchestra** – Tuesday, December 14, @ 7 PM
 - ◇ **Guitar** – Thursday, December 16, @ 7 PM
- **Athletic Events** - can be found on our athletic website – www.winterparkathletics.org.

The best way to stay informed about individual/group recognition, upcoming events, and important reminders is through our weekly electronic newsletter, which is usually sent out every Sunday afternoon. Send a text message to 22828 to sign up for the newsletter. Enter the following text message content: WPHS. A prompt will then be sent asking for your email address. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 407-622-3200.

Thanks again for your support of Winter Park High School, "Home of the Wildcats!"

Sincerely,

Matthew Arnold, *Principal*



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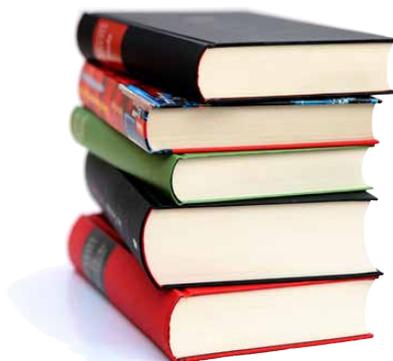
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Student Services

- Counselors have open office hours for students every day during lunch and of course, by appointment.
- All seniors have had an individual meeting with their school counselors to review graduation requirements and post-secondary plans.
- Seniors also completed their Bright Futures application and created FSA ID in class. We highly encourage all students to complete the FAFSA to determine whether they qualify for Financial aid to attend a college or technical school.
- Counselors visited all sophomore and junior classes. Academic timelines, graduation requirements, testing information, dual enrollment, post-secondary plans, and tutoring options were discussed.
- The College and Career Center has been open extra hours to ensure seniors meet their college application deadlines. Volunteers and staff have been available to assist with essays, college visits, and scholarship applications
- In October, the Student Services Team conducted separate grade level virtual parent presentations. If you missed them, the recordings are posted on the Student Canvas page.
- Students and parents can follow the WPHS College and Career Instagram Account (@WPHS_CCC) to receive information on scholarships, college visits, community service opportunities, and much more. Other important senior information can be accessed by following @WPSeniors on Instagram. We will also communicate via the Student Body Canvas page and on SCOIR
- In January and February, counselors will meet with students individually to complete registration for classes for the 2022-23 school year.
- The Junior SAT day is March 23, 2022.



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The FHSAA recognized all Fall Teams as Academic Team Champions. All Fall teams had a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. Congratulations to all our Fall student-athletes.

Spring Sports information as well as all Athletic Information can be found on our athletic website – www.winterparkathletics.org.

2021-2022 School Calendar

Weekday(s)	Date(s)	Event
Mon-Fri	November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
Fri	December 17	End of Second Marking Period
Two Weeks	December 20-31	Winter Break
Mon	January 3, 2022	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Tues	January 4, 2022	Beginning of Second Semester/Third Marking Period
Mon	January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Schools and district offices are closed.)
Mon	February 21, 2022	Presidents Day (Schools are closed. District offices are open.)
Thurs	March 10, 2022	End of Third marking period
Fri	March 11, 2022	Teacher Workday/Student holiday
Mon-Fri	March 14-18, 2022	Spring Break (Schools are Closed. District offices are open.)
Mon	March 21, 2022	Begin Fourth Marking Period
Tues	May 25, 2022	End of Fourth Marking Period/Last Day of School for Students
Wed-Thurs	May 26-27, 2022	Post Planning for Teachers (2 days)
Mon	May 30, 2022	Memorial Day (Schools and district offices are closed.)

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From the WPHS Foundation

WPHS FOUNDATION - FIVE FALL 2020 STUDENT ORGANIZATION GRANTS ANNOUNCED!!

Amazing news: We are thrilled to announce that we were able to award FIVE fall grants instead of just one! Congratulations to: Beta Club; Dance Team; Senior Class; Eco Club; Film Club; and the Asian Student Association. We truly appreciate all the work our students and teacher advisors do to support our student organizations - it's one of the many things that make WPHS great! Our spring grant application process will open up again in January 2021.

We have launched our annual campaign and thank ALL of you for supporting your WPHS Foundation, please look for your letter in the mail, and if you would like to donate, please visit our website (www.wphsfoundation.org) to learn more. We continue to apply for and actively pursue grants from independent foundations and non-profits to help support other areas of need at WPHS. If you are aware of any grant opportunities or have any questions, please email us at: info@wphsfoundation.org.

Save The Date: 2022 Restore the Roar - Yacht Rock Style will be on Saturday, February 26, 2022. Please like and follow our Facebook page (@WinterParkHighSchoolFoundation) for more information to come.

Don't forget about our WPHS's school spirit store, The Cat Shack, located on the main campus and always open online, but the school store is open every Friday from 10:30AM-12:30PM. One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds benefit the WPHS Foundation, and every dollar raised goes towards our annual Cat Shack student scholarships! Shop in our store or online at <http://squareup.com/store/WPHSCatShack>.

Founded in 1992, The WPHS Foundation is an all-volunteer 501(c)3, that provides additional support to WPHS to bridge the needs gap between county and state funding for WPHS students. Your WPHS Foundation's sole purpose is to provide additional financial support for the educational, extracurricular and athletic needs of Winter Park High School students.



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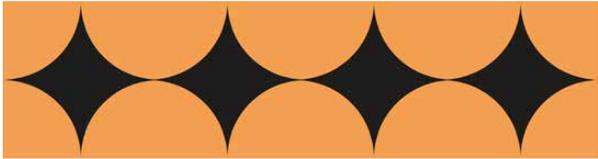
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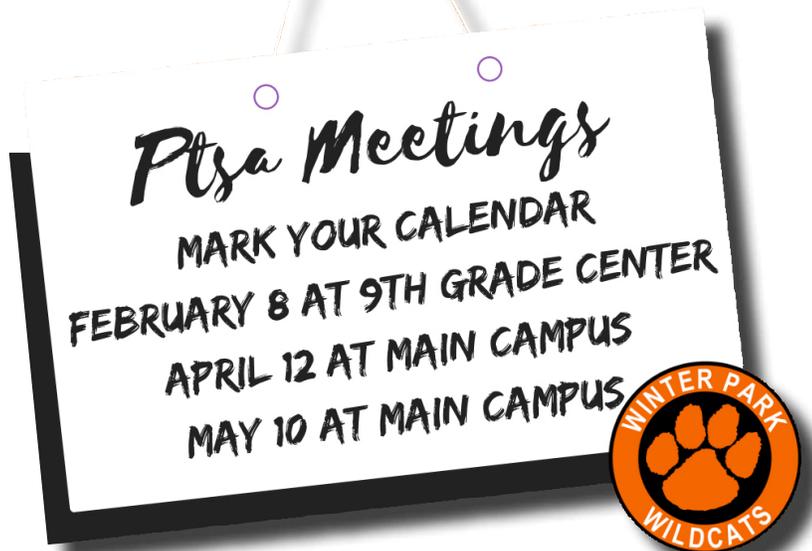
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- \$30 **Teacher Appreciation Donation:** This donation will go towards the purchase of gift cards for our teachers and staff.

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This membership drive is the ONLY fundraiser for the PTSA. Membership dues fund 100% of PTSA sponsored programs/events such as Faculty Enrichment Grants, Teacher Appreciation, College & Career Center, the school clinic, Homecoming BBQ, Baccalaureate Reception, PTSA scholarships and more!

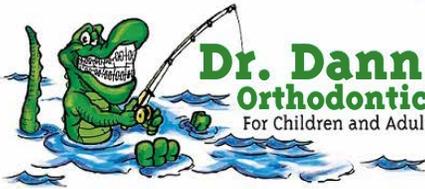
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