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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Winter Springs High School Students and Parents:

Summer is almost over believe it or not, the 2024-2025 school year here. On Monday, August 12, we will welcome around 2000 students back to Winter Springs High School. This summer has been a busy one with a lot of new hiring, some facility projects, and a lot of hard work. I would like to say "Thank you" yet again to our facilities crew who is working hard to prepare our campus for the 2024-25 school year. We cannot wait for the new school year to begin!

WSHS Community: It is our pleasure to announce - WE ARE AN "A" SCHOOL! Winter Springs High School has earned an "A" for our school grade for the 2023-2024 school year from the Florida Department of Education! We are SO PROUD of our great students, fabulous teachers, and supportive-hard working staff! We thank the entire WS community for coming together to support our amazing high school! Congratulations to BearNation! Time to celebrate! GO BEARS forever!!!

As always, my communication to parents and the community will be divided into sections. WSHS WELCOMES OUR NEW WSHS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, DR. MARIETTE HERRO. WSHS CELEBRATES OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF: It is our pleasure to introduce to BearNation our NEW Assistant Principal, Dr. Mariette Herro! We asked Dr. Herro to do a nice little write-up to the WSHS community to introduce herself! WSHS Community: I am eager and excited to begin my 20th year in SCPS serving Winter Springs High School and its community! My passion for teaching and learning has led to my commitment to becoming a lifelong learner, educator, and school leader. I attended UCF (Go Knights!) to earn a bachelor's in history and a master's in social science education. In 2021, I earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of the Cumberland.

A proud mother of two teenage girls, our time together enjoying life, making memories, and supporting each other through our journey is what I value most. Some of our favorite activities include beach trips, nature walks, paddle boarding, cooking, attending concerts, and traveling. I look forward to meeting each of you and immersing myself in the school culture that makes WSHS so special! GO BEARS!

# BEAR NECESSITIES



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Consumers can purchase qualifying back-to-school supplies exempt from tax during the 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday.

## BUS ROUTE INFORMATION

Beginning in August, a Transportation hotline is available for parents and families to call with their school bus related questions. The hotline will be available 7 days a week from 7am-7pm. Please call 407.320.7588 during this period.

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### Winter Springs High School SAVE THE DATES!

- Monday, August 5, 2024: WSHS Bear Bash 10am-12pm (Cafeteria/Courtyard/Auditorium)
  - Saturday, August 10, 2024: WSHS Athletic Campus Clean Up Day 8am-11am
  - Monday, August 12, 2024: 1st Day of School! GO BEARS!
  - Friday, August 16, 2024: HOME Football Game Preseason Kick-Off Classic: Atlantic HS at WSHS 7pm
  - Saturday, August 17, 2024: Senior Painted Parking Day 8am-12pm
  - Tuesday, August 20, 2024: WSHS Fall Underclassmen Picture Day (During school day)
  - Friday, August 23, 2024: HOME 1st Regular Season Football Game: Pine Ridge at WSHS 7pm
  - Tuesday, August 27, 2024: WSHS Open House (ALL parents highly recommended to attend) 6pm-8pm
  - Monday, September 2, 2024: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY
  - Tuesday, September 24, 2024: WSHS College and Career Fair (Subject to Change) (During the school day)
  - Saturday, October 19, 2024: SCPS Band Festival at WSHS (Time: TBA)
  - Monday, October 21 through Saturday, October 26, 2024: WSHS Homecoming Week
  - Saturday, October 26, 2024: WSHS Homecoming Dance at WSHS (Time: TBA)
  - Wednesday, October 30, 2024: WSHS Community Trunk or Treat Event 6pm-8pm
- More to come, but this should get everyone off to a good start and planning for the 2024-25 school year!

## WSHS STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

For the 2024-2025 School year, Winter Springs High School counselors will be assigned the following students:

### Mrs. Marsha McBryde (Lead Counselor)

- Assist Students with last names: Ferm – McCr.. Email: Marsha\_McBryde@scps.k12.fl.us

### Mrs. Patricia Durand

- Assists students with last names: ESOL (current & exited less than 2yrs.) & Seeg – Zmij. Email: Patricia\_Durand@scps.k12.fl.us

### TBD

- Assists students with last names: McDa – Sear.

### Ms. Jozett Spence

- Assists students with IEP's (ESE). Email: Jozett\_Spence@scps.k12.fl.us

### Mrs. Jami Walker (Lash)

- Assists: PRE-IB & IB Students. Email: Lashjz@scps.k12.fl.us

### Ms. Alison Whyde

- Assists students with last names: A - Ferg. Email: Whydeal@scps.k12.fl.us

## WSHS STUDENT CHECK OUT (NO PHONE CALL OUTS)

We no longer allow a parent/guardian to call the front office to check out a student out from Winter Springs High School. Students will only be able to be dismissed from campus during the school day if a parent/guardian shows up at the school and shows appropriate identification that will be matched with the information we have in Skyward. Any exceptions to this procedure MUST be cleared by and through Mr. Gaffney, Principal. We wanted to send this message out early in the summer for all families to make the appropriate adjustments with appointments and schedules. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [peter\\_gaffney@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:peter_gaffney@scps.k12.fl.us).

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## WSHS ATTENDANCE PLAN 2024-2025

WSHS Community: As stated in the 2nd semester of last school year, WSHS is on a mission to improve attendance!

Included in this message is a list of FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions that will guide our WSHS community through the joint effort to improve our attendance during the 2024-25 school year!

\*\*See the data below from the 2023-24 school year that indicates that Winter Springs High School MUST improve our attendance for the 2024-25.

\*\*Students with 15 or more absences (ALL ABSENCES include both excused and unexcused combined).

- WSHS 51%
- Seminole 42%
- Lake Mary 42%
- Oviedo 32%
- Lake Brantley 31%

\*\*Students with 10 or more UNEXCUSED absences.

- WSHS 48%
- Seminole 48%
- Lake Mary 37%
- Lake Brantley 33%
- Lyman 30%

## FAQS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE AT WSHS

1. What is the WSHS Attendance and Contact information? How do we report an absence and what is the differentiation between absences?

- WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
- ATTENDANCE EXCUSED NOTES: WSHS\_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us

EXCUSED:

The parents of the student must report and explain the cause of absence to the appropriate school personnel within 48 hours of absence.

PROVIDE, UP TO TEN (10), WRITTEN DOCUMENTS VIA EMAIL OR HAND NOTES.

- EMAIL CONTACT: WSHS\_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us

OR

Please submit handwritten notes to Front Office (Box Labeled: Notes).

MEDICAL:

A written document provided by a health care professional that excuses you from school.

SUBMIT DOCTOR'S NOTES TO SCHOOL NURSE OR WSHS ATTENDANCE EMAIL. Clinic Supervisor: Mrs. Hill Front Office Room: 01-123

UNEXCUSED:

An absence that does not meet state guidelines and/or appropriate documentation has not been provided to the school that excuses the absence.

FLORIDA STATUTE 1003.27:

A student who accumulates 15 or more unexcused absences within 90 days with or without the knowledge or consult of the student's parent shall be classified as a habitual truant.

If a student becomes a habitual truant, the school administration shall refer matters to the Legal Services Department.

2. What do I do if my student is going to be absence AND I would like the absence to be excused? This answer is contained below:

Dear Winter Springs High School Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

My name is Cyril Paul Robertson, and I am the Instructional Paraprofessional for the GOAL/PLATO Credit Recovery Program. I am also one of the attendance operators for the school. First, thank you for using the wshs\_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us email for absentee/doctor's note inquiries. We truly appreciate that. However, we wanted to bring this issue to your attention. As of lately, we have received tons of absentee notes from parents and or legal guardians with little-to-no details as to who their students are- not providing last name, first name, what date(s) said students were absent for, and the reasoning as to why they were absent in the first place. Parents/Guardians, when

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## FAQS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE

you give us your student's full name, the dates, and the reasoning, it helps us to code/correct attendance a lot faster. Attached to this email is a template for how you can format your parent notes, whether you send in a physical note to the front desk or an electronic note to our school-wide attendance email. In the attachment, there are two note templates. Note-template #1 is for students who were absent in the past. Note-template #2 is for anticipated (future) absences. Simply copy and paste the template onto an email or write it out. The template has bolded brackets/parentheses where you can add your student's information.

Due to higher-than-normal excusal requests, delays are expected; however, the attendance

team is working diligently to resolve this issue promptly. Rest assured; we will get to your request in the order in which they were received.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or would like to send in an excusal request for your student, please email me: robertcb@scps.k12.fl.us or wshs\_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us. Attached to this email are the templates that you can use for absentee inquiries.

Note #1

Dear WSHS Attendance Team: My student [LAST NAME, FIRST NAME] was absent/tardy on [Date(s)] from the following class periods: [1-7 (full day); 5-7 (partial), for example]. My student was [absent/tardy] because (Type here why your student was absent/tardy from school). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email: [Insert your email] or phone: [Insert your Phone Number].

Thank you, (Your Name)

Note #2

Dear WSHS Attendance Team: My student [LAST NAME, FIRST NAME] will be absent on [Date(s)] from the following class periods: [1-7 (full day); 5-7 (partial), for example purposes], because (Insert here why your student(s) will miss school).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email: [Insert your email] or phone: [Insert your Phone Number].

Thank you, (Your Name)

3. Will my student be able to attend certain functions if they have a high number of unexcused absences? Short answer is NO. We are raising the expectation for our students and families. Below is a list of exempt functions if absences or tardies become a problem.

- Parking on Campus: Any student with 10 or more unexcused absences from Semester 2 of the 2023-24 school year will not be able to purchase a parking pass this school year for the 1st quarter. If attendance improves (Less than 5 unexcused and excused absences in 1st quarter) students will be able to buy a parking pass for the 2nd quarter.
- WSHS Homecoming 2024: Any student with 10 or more unexcused absences from 2023-24 Semester 2 will not be able to attend Homecoming.
- WSHS Homecoming 2024: Any student with 5 or more unexcused absences in the 1st quarter will not be able to go to Homecoming.
- WSHS Homecoming 2024: Any student with 10 or more TOTAL tardies in the 1st quarter will not be able to go to Homecoming.
- Senior Picnic 2025: Any student with 5 or more unexcused absences in the 2nd semester will not be able to go to the Senior Picnic
- Parking on Campus: Any student with 10 or more unexcused absences from 2024-25 will not be able to purchase a parking pass. For the 1st quarter

4. Will my students be rewarded for attending school on a regular basis? Yes, the "Bear Pass" will be given out at the end of each quarter for ALL students that have NO unexcused absence. The "Bear Pass" will be able to be exchanged for a reward at the end of each quarter. NOTE: The Bear Pass CAN be earned if absences are excused.

5. Will the MINGA app be used during the 2024-25 school year? Yes, the MINGA app will be used during the 2024-25 school year with some possible expansion of the app to help with schoolwide operations. More to come.

WSHS Community: Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we are improving our attendance! It is imperative that we do so! GO BEARS!



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## 2024-2025 SCPS SCHOOL CALENDARS

Under student calendars tab you have access to a text, block and iCalendar version of the need-to-know dates surrounding your child's academic schedule. These calendars serve to keep you informed on important dates regarding school holidays, breaks, early dismissals and more. We encourage you to utilize these resources to stay engaged in everything we have to offer our students here at SCPS.

- <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1854109&pageId=1854129>

## CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PICTURES

Dear Parents of WSHS Rising Seniors Class of 2025: It is 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 do not 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).

## 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 Ms. Sutton, Assistant Principal, at 407-320-8726 ([arika\\_sutton@scps.us](mailto:arika_sutton@scps.us)) or IB Coordinator, Dr. Vickers at ([paula\\_vickers@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:paula_vickers@scps.k12.fl.us)).

## WSHS BUSINESS PARTNERS – WE NEED YOU!

Partners in Education (PIE) is a broad-based program which promotes business involvement in our schools. It is an exchange of human resources between a business and a school involving internships, tutoring, classroom presentations, job shadowing, student and or teacher recognition, field trips, student work displays, student competition judging, apprenticeships, or a customized program designed by a company and the partner school. The focus of this program is to create ongoing connections and relationships with partners who can share their experience and resources with our students. As well as providing our students with access to more opportunities that support their social and physical growth throughout the educational process.

- <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/community-involvement/partners-in-education/application.shtml>

## DIVIDEND AT WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL - GET INVOLVED!!!

There are many opportunities available to both parents and community members to get involved with Winter Springs High School:

- <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/community-involvement/dividends-volunteer-programs.shtml>

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## WSHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Did you know? Did you know? Did you know? WSHS Athletics have captured 33 FHSAA Team/Individual State Championships during the last 7 years (2017-2024)!

In the previous 20 years (1997-2017) our school produced a TOTAL of 30 FHSAA Individual/State Championships!

- 7 years = 33
- 20 years = 30

### WINTER SPRINGS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

#### ALL TIME FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2023-24: captured 11 FHSAA state titles
- 2020-21: captured 8 FHSAA state titles
- 1998-99: captured 6 FHSAA state titles
- 2022-23: captured 5 FHSAA state titles
- 2021-22: captured 4 FHSAA state titles

Congratulations to our WSHS Athletes, Coaches, and supportive community! Great stuff here! GO BEARS! GO BEARS! GO BEARS!

### Are you interested in WSHS Athletics??

BEARNATION: We are very excited to kick off a new school year, many of our coaches will be attending Bear Bash to meet our new WSHS students and see some returning faces! Below are the sports we offer along with contact information for each. Reminder all WSHS students must be fully cleared in the online athletic clearance system (directions / links below). If you have any issues with clearances, please contact head athletic trainer.

- Dr White: whitehz@scps.k12.fl.us
- \*PARENT DIRECTIONS FOR SCPS ONLINE ATHLETIC CLEARANCE: <https://cdnsm5-ss20.sharpschool.com/.../WSHS-Athletics...>
- \*NEW FHSAA EL2 FORM: <https://cdnsm5-ss20.sharpschool.com/.../FHSAA-EL2-Sports...>
- \*SCPS CARDIAC CLEARANCE FORM: <https://cdnsm5-ss20.sharpschool.com/.../CardiacClearance.pdf>

## 2024 FALL SPORTS

### Football Coach Dycus: [timothy\\_dycus@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:timothy_dycus@scps.k12.fl.us)

- Practice Starts Monday July 29th 7:30am meet in Boys locker room.

### Girls Volleyball, Coach Mallard: [mallarjz@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:mallarjz@scps.k12.fl.us)

- Team Tryouts start Wednesday 9am-12pm and 3pm-5pm in WSHS Gym

### Boys / Girls Cross Country: Coach Clark: [octavius\\_clark@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:octavius_clark@scps.k12.fl.us)

- Coach Gomrad: [scott\\_gomrad@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:scott_gomrad@scps.k12.fl.us)
- Practice Starts Monday, July 29th 6:15am at WSHS Stadium

### Boys / Girls Bowling: Coach Ash [ashbz@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:ashbz@scps.k12.fl.us)

- Practice Starts Tuesday, August 6th 3:00pm at The Oviedo Bowling Center

### Boys / Girls Golf: Coach Ciero [rocky\\_ciero@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:rocky_ciero@scps.k12.fl.us)

- Practice Starts Thursday, August 1st 3:00pm at The Tusawilla Country Club

### Boys / Girls Swimming: Coach Weinberg [kimberly\\_weinberg@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:kimberly_weinberg@scps.k12.fl.us)

- Coach Parnell [parnelgt@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:parnelgt@scps.k12.fl.us)
- Practice Starts August 8th 5:00pm at Lyman High School Pool

## 2024-25 WINTER SPORTS

### Girls Weightlifting, Tryouts Oct 7th

- Coach TBA: [TBA@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:TBA@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Competitive Cheerleading, Tryouts Sept 30th

- Coach Mitchell: [mitchekz@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:mitchekz@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Boys Soccer, Tryouts Oct 14th

- Coach Chinchay: [blueimpactsoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:blueimpactsoccer@yahoo.com)

### Girls Soccer, Tryouts Oct 14th

- Coach Oettl: [kurt\\_oettl@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:kurt_oettl@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Girls Basketball, Tryouts Oct 28th

- Coach Saunders: [coachjsaunders@gmail.com](mailto:coachjsaunders@gmail.com)

### Boys Basketball, Tryouts Oct 28th

- Coach Witherspoon: [shawn\\_witherspoon@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:shawn_witherspoon@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Boys / Girls Wrestling, Girls Nov 4th / Boys Nov 11th.

- Coach Ciero: [rocky\\_ciero@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:rocky_ciero@scps.k12.fl.us)

## 2025 SPRING SPORTS

### Boys Weightlifting, Tryouts Jan 6th

- Coach TBA: [TBA@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:TBA@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Boys / Girls Water Polo, Tryouts Jan 13th

- Coach Weinberg: [Kimberly\\_weinberg@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kimberly_weinberg@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Boys / Girls Tennis, Tryouts Jan 13th

- Coach Lord: [lisa\\_lord@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:lisa_lord@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Baseball, Tryouts Jan TBA

- Coach Bradley: [bradlemm@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:bradlemm@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Softball, Tryouts Jan 6th

- Coach Gordon: [FarrahSullivan93@gmail.com](mailto:FarrahSullivan93@gmail.com)

### Boys Lacrosse, Tryouts Jan 20th

- Coach B. Lucas, Contact: TBA soon!

### Girls Lacrosse, Tryouts Jan 20th

- Coach Lucas: [lucaskz@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:lucaskz@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Boys / Girls Track & Field, Tryouts Jan 29th.

- Coach Clark: [octavius\\_clark@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:octavius_clark@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Beach Volleyball, Tryouts Feb 5th

- Coach Mallard: [mallarjz@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:mallarjz@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Boys Volleyball, Tryouts Feb 12th

- Coach Williams: [brian\\_williams@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:brian_williams@scps.k12.fl.us)

► Meet the Coaches: Monday, August 5, 2024 – during Bear Bash 10am-12pm

► Athletic Facility Clean-Up Day: Saturday, August 10, 2024, 9am-12pm

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## WSHS FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Contact Head Coach Tim Dycus, [tim\\_dycus@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:tim_dycus@scps.k12.fl.us) with any questions.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to a GREAT school year! We will continue to make safety a priority and will strive to make sure that our students graduate and have the best academic opportunities we can provide! Our BEAR code of Believe, Engage, Achieve and Reflect will continue this year to promote positive behavior and making positive choices!

Looking forward to a great 2024-25 school year!

## STUDENT INSURANCE

The cost to be covered during school hours for the entire school year is only \$20. The 24-hour Plan annual cost is only \$42. This will help protect your student on weekends, holidays and the 2025 summer break. This one-time payment for insurance may supplement your primary insurance and help with your deductible costs. These plans provide up to \$25,000 of coverage, per accident, subject to the policy limits and provisions. Signing up is easy! Simply fill out the registration form online by visiting [www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com](http://www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com) or pick up an application at your child's school. 407.798.0290

## THE WSHS BEAR CONNECTION MENTOR PROGRAM IS READY FOR YOU!

Be a part of giving back and working and mentoring our students for the 2024-2025 school year! Must be over 18 years of age to mentor, an approved SCPS Dividend, and approved by our WSHS Mentor Coordinator! Sign-up today! Check our Facebook page or your email for information or contact Mrs. Dunaye at [jennifer\\_dunaye@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:jennifer_dunaye@scps.k12.fl.us) for details.

"Show me a successful individual and I will show you someone who had real positive influences in his or her life. I do not care what you do for a living—if you do it well, I am sure there was someone cheering you on or showing the way. A mentor." — Denzel Washington

## RED APPLE DINING UPDATE

SCPS Families: Red Apple Dining would like to announce that meal benefits applications are open for the 2024-2025 school year. We encourage SCPS families to apply to see if your student qualifies for free or reduced-priced meals. Online applications can be completed on [SCPSMealApp.com](http://SCPSMealApp.com). As a reminder, the federal government requires an application to be completed each year to determine eligibility. There is no deadline to apply for benefits, but families should apply as soon as possible. Please, disregard this message if you already received a Meal Benefit Approval Letter for 2024-2025 school year. Red Apple Dining's mission is to nourish and enrich the lives of their guests through an exceptional dining experience. Delicious, high-quality meals are prepared fresh daily in our campus restaurants. With multiple entrée options available, there is something for everyone. We invite you to experience the difference at your campus restaurant this upcoming school year. Keep an eye on your inbox, as additional information will be sent in the coming weeks. We look forward to serving your family. Please visit [RedAppleDining.com](http://RedAppleDining.com) or call 407-320-0226 for more information. Follow us on Facebook and X (@RedAppleDining).

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