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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.

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BEAR NECESSITIES



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SCHOOL SAFETY

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

Save the Date – Mark Your Calendars Coming in November SCPS Safety Survey

Beginning soon, 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.

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 1:20pm until 2:20pm and Thursdays from 2:30pm until 3:30pm in room 4-116. Make plans now to make up your credits that you have not obtained! Do not procrastinate! Do not 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!

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!

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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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WINTER SPRINGS HAS AN IB SCHOOL?

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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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2024

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. Bevan at kenny_bevan@scps.k12.fl.us. GO BEARS!



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SENIORS – CLASS OF 2025 SSC DECISION DAY

Decision Day at Seminole State College will be held on Friday, November 8. 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/become-a-student/decision-day). Permission slips are due to the Student Services (Guidance) office by Friday, November 1.

CLASS OF 2025: SENIOR VIDEO

Attention SENIORS!! We are hard at work on your Class of 2025 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, you can submit one on the eCampus class of 2025 baby picture link, or you can bring a hard copy in and put it in the senior box in room 2-107. Deadline is December 17th, 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 take pictures at those events and check in with TV Production so that you can be a part of the 2025 Senior Video! Go Bears!

SENIOR YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Parents, it's time to honor your graduate's incredible journey with a special ad in their yearbook! These ads are a wonderful way to showcase your pride, share cherished memories, and convey your heartfelt congratulations.

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- **1/2 Page Ad** – Ideal for a comprehensive tribute with plenty of room for photos and a heartfelt letter. Only \$125!
- **Full Page Ad** – Go all out with a full page of memories and messages to celebrate this major achievement. Only \$225!
- **Deadline:** January 4, 2025
- **How to Order:** Go to <https://tinyurl.com/wshsyearbookad> to get started on your ad today! Contact Walsworth Customer Service at 877-723-6344 or visit help@walsworth.com for questions relating to creating an ad.

Let's make this a year to remember!

****Note:** Space is limited, so act fast to ensure your message is included in the yearbook!**



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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 and credit card.

WSHS ATHLETICS REMINDER

Winter 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, Winter Springs High School

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.

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Under the 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>

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MINGA NEWS

Starting August 19, 2024

Tardy to School

All students will use the entrances in the front of the school by the flagpole between 6:45 AM and 7:19 AM. The front doors will close at 7:20 AM. Students should be in their class and ready to learn at 7:20 AM.

I'm Late:

With a Parent:
Please report to the front office and sign your student in. Your students tardy will be excused.

Without a Parent:
Have your MINGA or student ID ready to scan at the MINGA attendance station. Students tardy will be marked as unexcused.

Consequences:

1st Tardy- Warning
2nd Tardy- Warning
3rd Tardy- Warning
4th Tardy- Lunch Detention (Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch)
5th Tardy- 1st Wednesday Detention (Held on Wednesdays from 1:30 PM until 2:30 PM)
6th Tardy- 2nd Wednesday Detention (Held on Wednesdays from 1:30 PM until 2:30 PM)
7th Tardy- 3rd Wednesday Detention (Held on Wednesdays from 1:30 PM until 2:30 PM)
8th Tardy- 1st Saturday School (Held on Saturdays in the Media Center from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM)
9th Tardy- 2nd Saturday School (Held on Saturdays in the Media Center from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

**More than 7 Tardies may result in a Discipline Referral.*

Failure to Serve:

Failure to serve a Lunch Detention will result in an automatic Wednesday Detention.
Failure to serve a Wednesday Detention will result in an automatic Saturday Detention.
Failure to serve a Saturday Detention will result in an automatic Out-of-School Suspension.

Questions:
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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Start Time	End Time
21-Oct	WSHS Homecoming Week		
22-Oct	HoCo Dodgeball	07:00 PM	09:00 PM
23-Oct	Powderpuff/Drive In Movie	12:00 AM	12:00 AM
24-Oct	Powderpuff/Drive In Movie	12:00 AM	12:00 AM
25-Oct	Football (11 man) VR vs Lyman (Longwood)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
26-Oct	WSHS Homecoming Dance at WSHS		
30-Oct	WSHS Community Trunk or Treat Event	06:00 PM	08:00 PM
31-Oct	ASVAB Testing	7:00 AM	01:00 PM
1-Nov	Fall Underclassmen Picture Retakes		
1-Nov	Football (11 man) VR @ Lake Howell (WP)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
2-Nov	Marching Band MPA		
5-Nov	Soccer, Girls JV vs DeLand	05:30 PM	05:30 PM
5-Nov	Soccer, Girls VR vs DeLand	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
7-Nov	Soccer, Girls JV @ Umatilla	06:00 PM	06:00 PM
7-Nov	Soccer, Boys VR vs Lake Mary Prep	06:00 PM	06:00 PM
7-Nov	Soccer, Girls VR @ Umatilla	07:30 PM	07:30 PM
8-Nov	SSC Decision Day		
8-Nov	Soccer, Girls JV vs Space Coast (Cocoa)	05:30 PM	05:30 PM
8-Nov	Soccer, Girls VR vs Space Coast (Cocoa)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
11-Nov	Veterans Day Performance (Town Center)	12:00 AM	12:00 AM
12-Nov	Soccer, Girls JV vs Lake Howell (WP)	05:00 PM	05:00 PM
12-Nov	Soccer, Boys VR @ Geneva (Casselberry)	05:00 PM	05:00 PM
12-Nov	IB Magnet Night	06:00 PM	08:00 PM
12-Nov	Soccer, Girls VR vs Lake Howell (WP)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
13-Nov	All-County Auditions (Band)	12:00 AM	12:00 AM
13-Nov	National Athletic Signing Day	01:00 PM	02:00 PM
13-Nov	Soccer, Boys VR @ International Community (WP)	04:15 PM	04:15 PM
14-Nov	Thespian District Competition		
14-Nov	Soccer, Girls JV vs Lake Brantley	05:00 PM	05:00 PM
14-Nov	Soccer, Girls VR vs Lake Brantley	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
15-Nov	Thespian District Competition		
15-Nov	Soccer, Boys JV @ Lake Howell (WP)	05:00 PM	05:00 PM
15-Nov	Soccer, Boys VR @ Lake Howell (WP)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
16-Nov	Thespian District Competition		
16-Nov	HunnyBears Dancing for Diabetes		

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Winter Spring HS UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Start Time	End Time
18-Nov	LCMS Chorus Concert @ 6:30pm	05:00 PM	09:00 PM
18-Nov	Basketball, Girls VR vs Lyman (Longwood)	06:00 PM	06:00 PM
18-Nov	Soccer, Boys JV @ WP	06:00 PM	06:00 PM
18-Nov	Soccer, Boys VR @ WP	07:30 PM	07:30 PM
19-Nov	Soccer, Girls JV vs Seminole (Sanford)	05:00 PM	05:00 PM
19-Nov	Basketball, Boys JV vs Lake Mary	06:00 PM	06:00 PM
19-Nov	Soccer, Girls VR vs Seminole (Sanford)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
19-Nov	Basketball, Boys VR vs Lake Mary	07:30 PM	07:30 PM
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20-Nov	Basketball, Boys VR @ Circle Christian (WP)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
20-Nov	Soccer, Boys VR @ DeLand	07:30 PM	07:30 PM
20-Nov	Basketball, Girls VR @ Osceola (Kissimmee)	07:30 PM	07:30 PM
21-Nov	ASL Performance @6:30pm	03:00 PM	010:00 PM
21-Nov	Soccer, Girls JV @ Hagerty (Oviedo)	05:00 PM	05:00 PM
21-Nov	Basketball, Girls JV vs Windermere	06:00 PM	06:00 PM
21-Nov	Soccer, Girls VR @ Hagerty (Oviedo)	07:00 PM	07:00 PM
21-Nov	Basketball, Girls VR vs Windermere	07:30 PM	07:30 PM
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25-29-Nov	No School - Thanksgiving Break		

Visit the school website for
additional upcoming dates.