



WEST SHORE



JUNIOR / SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

A Message from our Principal...

Welcome Back Wildcats,

I recently had the opportunity to see so many smiling faces at our annual registration event. As I had the chance to greet both new and returning students, it was refreshing indeed to hear about so many amazing summer vacations. Also, I continue to be inspired by our parental commitment to our school evidenced by the phenomenal turnout at our Open House. Hopefully, you collectively gleaned some valuable insights into the course objectives, standards, and workloads for our students presented by our awesome Wildcat teachers.

In mentioning our Wildcat teachers, I wanted to once again welcome our newest members to the West Shore Faculty: Ms. Dawn Gregor in Chemistry, Ms. Miraya Ramos in Spanish, Ms. Jennifer Staton in Latin, Mr. Kyle Berry in our E-Learning lab, Ms. Tamara Reis in English, Ms. Carolyn Horst (serving letters A-G) and Ms. Hannah Smith (serving letters H-R) in our Guidance office. Also, we have a new school secretary in Ms. Laura Richardson as she fills this role after a longtime stint as our past PTA President and our E-Learning Lab Assistant. When you see or speak to these individuals please welcome them to their new roles within the Wildcat Nation.

With all of our beginning of the school year activities now behind us we can now focus on top quality instruction and the many enrichment events that go along with our robust program. In athletics, we currently have several sports underway to include Men's and Women's Golf, Bowling, Swimming/Diving, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Boys and Girls Middle School Basketball. Additionally, we have our All-School Musical Performance of Hello Dolly coming up in October as well as our many concert showcases of our exceptional music program. To also highlight school activities I am happy to share that our annual Spirit Week will be held the Week of September 23rd with our fan favorite Powder Puff Football Game on Friday September 27th at 4pm on our competition field. The week's festivities will be the prelude to our annual Homecoming event held at the Melbourne Auditorium on Saturday Night, September 28th. Please be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities for this and other Fall events.

On a final note, I would like to once again thank all of you for your amazing support as the Wildcat Nation would not be what it is without our staff and parental involvement!!!!

Best wishes for an amazing school year and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rick Fleming

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS

See a Happy Birthday Message and your Child's Name on the Marquee!

Photos of your child in front of the Marquee are also available.

Where?

- Shout outs will be on the West Shore Marquee (the electronic scrolling sign at the front of the school)

How Does It Work?

- Forms are available in the front office
- Turn in completed form at least 2 school days prior to their birthday
- Payment is due at the time the form is turned in to the front office

Cost?

- \$10.00 Includes "Happy Birthday" and your child's name

Method of payment:

- o Check - made payable to West Shore Jr./Sr. High School
- o Cash - please be sure it's the correct amount, as we do not have change

Student Name _____

Birthday _____

For more information, please contact Janice Kowing at kowing.janice@brevardschools.org.

Proceeds from this Fundraiser benefit the Sophomore Class.

BIRTHDAY OR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR STUDENT!

Celebrate with a cookie cake on any special occasion. Each cookie cake will be decorated with sprinkles and will be available in the cafeteria during Power Hour.

Important Change this year:

Since students do not have a pre-arranged lunch schedule during Power Hour and some students eat outside the cafeteria or attend teacher office hours, students must pick up their cookie cakes from the cafeteria. If you want this to be a surprise, please arrange for your child's friend to pick it up for him/her. If the cookie cake is not claimed 15 minutes before the end of Power Hour, we will do an all-call for the student to pick up his/her cookie cake.

Please submit your request one week before the event. The cookie cake will feed 6-8 people. The cost is \$16.00 per cookie cake. The Birthday Cookie order form can be found on the West Shore Edline page under news or you can pick up a hard copy in the front office. Please fill out the form and return it with the payment (cash or check made out to West Shore) to the Front Office.



CAFETERIA NEWS

To fill a student's lunch account, you can go to

www.mypaymentsplus.com and fill in the information. You will need your child's student ID to do this.

If you need Free and reduced lunch applications, they are available online at www.brevardschools.org or in the front office.

Also, breakfast is available to all students at no charge every morning from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.



****FROM THE DESK OF SRO BUTLER****

Parents, we have received multiple complaints from the residents in the neighborhoods surrounding our school about students and parents speeding through the neighborhoods during arrival and dismissal. Please be respectful of the residents who live around here and watch your speed.



GUIDANCE NEWS

PHOTO GUIDELINES FOR ACT AND SAT TESTS

Students, make sure the photo guidelines are followed on your admission ticket for the ACT and SAT tests.

PLEASE NOTE: It is possible to upload an unacceptable picture when registering for the ACT or SAT.

**ACT and SAT do not preview pictures for acceptability. Students will not be admitted to testing if their photo does not meet the requirements. The following sites identify the photo requirements and provide examples of acceptable and unacceptable photos.

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/add-photo.html>

<http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/photo-requirements>



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST DATES 2018-2019

<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REG. DEADLINE</u>	<u>LATE REG. DEADLINE</u>
October 5th	September 6th	September 24th
November 2nd	October 3rd	October 22nd
December 7th	November 8th	November 26th
March 14th	February 14th	March 3rd
May 2nd	April 3rd	April 21st
June 6th	May 8th	May 27th

***Register at <http://sat.collegeboard.org>**

*****all Juniors will take the SAT at West Shore on March 6th*****



<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REG. DEADLINE</u>	<u>LATE REG. DEADLINE</u>
October 26th	September 20th	September 21st - October 4th
December 14th	November 8th	November 9th - 22nd
February 8th	January 10th	January 11th - 17th
April 4th	February 28th	February 29th - March 13th
June 13th	May 8th	May 9th - 22nd
July 18th	June 19th	June 20th - 26th

***Register at <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/>**

2019 PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered at West Shore on Wednesday, October 16th. All juniors will take the test at no cost as the West Shore PTA is paying their test fees. All sophomores will also take the test at no cost as the result of a district/state initiative. Any students in grades 7 through 9 may also take the test for a cost of \$20. Spots will go on sale in Guidance starting on Monday, September 16th. Bring \$20 (cash or check made out to West Shore) to the Guidance office to purchase a spot. Any questions can be directed to Mike Drake at (321)242-4741.

BPS College Fair

The BPS College Fair will take place on Tuesday, October 2nd from 6 to 8pm at the Melbourne Auditorium (625 Hibiscus Blvd.). Local, state and national universities along with military academies will be represented. There is no cost and all are invited.

WELCOME

The Guidance department is very happy and excited to welcome on board our newest counselor Ms. Hannah Smith. She will be responsible for last names H-R and can be reached at Smith.Hannah@Brevardschools.org or by calling (321)242-4730x2004.

COLLEGE VISITS

- September 10th, 2019: Florida State University - 1:30 PM - Media Center
- September 12th, 2019: US Air Force Academy - 10:00 AM - Media Center
- September 13th, 2019: Dartmouth College - 1:30 PM - Media Center
- September 30th, 2019: Florida Polytechnic University - 2:30 PM - Media Center
- October 1st, 2019: Florida International University - 11:00 AM - Media Center
- October 2nd, 2019: Florida Southern University - 11:00 AM - Media Center
- University of Central Florida - 1:00 PM - Media Center
- Nova Southeastern University - 2:00 PM - Media Center
- October 3rd, 2019: University of Florida - 8:30 AM - Auditorium
- October 4th, 2019: Vanderbilt University - 10:00 AM - Media Center
- October 11th, 2019: University of Chicago - 10:15 AM - Media Center
- October 17th, 2019: Florida Institute of Technology - 9:00 AM - Media Center





**Medication Rules
Florida Statutes 1006.062
and the
Brevard County School
Board**



1. A separate Permission form must be completed for EACH medication given at school. Forms MUST be signed by the parent/guardian every year and given to the clinic nurse.
2. When completing Permission forms, please make sure that your instructions match the pharmacy label or manufacturer label.
3. **Clinic staff will not accept a medication if the label has been altered in any way.** Please DO NOT write on the pharmacy label.
4. All medications must be in the **ORIGINAL CONTAINER** with the manufacturer or pharmacy label in place. The medication must have a valid expiration date **and** the prescription must be current.
5. **Medication in baggies will NOT be accepted or administered. This includes cough drops and over-the-counter (OTC) medications.**
6. All medication will be counted upon arrival at school. The parent/guardian will initial to verify that the count is correct.
7. **FOR YOUR LEGAL PROTECTION, PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO TRANSPORT ANY MEDICATION TO/FROM SCHOOL.**
8. OTC medications will remain in the clinic for 10 days, then, discarded. Age-appropriate doses will be given as directed by the manufacturer's label. If a longer time period or a dose change is needed, written physician authorization is required.

THIS MEDICATION POLICY IS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS. MEDICATION WILL ONLY BE ADMINISTERED WHEN FOLLOWING PROPER PROCEDURES. CALL THE CLINIC IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, 321-242-4730 EXTENSION 3007.



SLC HOMEROOM NEWS

West Shore welcomes the Class of 2025! Brand new to West Shore, the 7th grade Homerooms have been making "Connections" with their teachers and fellow Wildcats.

7th grade

School safety is a major priority as we want to ensure that our new students feel knowledgeable and confident about school procedures should an emergency arise. Homerooms are also working on Flag Themes that represent them as a group. We are looking forward to continuing what started out as a positive and promising school year!"

Class of 2024

Our theme for this year is Aspirations. This simply means our lessons and discussions will center around this theme. As always, please stress to your student the importance of getting their 25 volunteer hours done and turned in. All homerooms/SLC have been added to Focus so we hope this will help in communicating with par-

8th grade

9th grade

9th Grade SLC – We are off to a great start this year. We reviewed safety and school security procedures via a video the first week of school, and we also covered policies and laws concerning bullying. We have returned to work on homeroom flags, which is always an enjoyable activity for students. Please remember that since students are in 9th grade this year, they must turn-in all volunteer hours to Guidance. Hours earned this year will count towards a Bright Futures Scholarship as long as students have completed a Bright Futures Proposal and have the proposal on file with Guidance. Most of the students completed a Bright Futures Proposal at the end of last year. If you are unsure whether or not your child completed a Bright Futures Proposal, please contact Guidance. All gifted 9th grade students will be getting new Educational Plans this year. Please be on the lookout for surveys and meeting notices if your student is staffed into a gifted homeroom.

10th Grade Homerooms have been busy planning their homeroom flags, motto and logos during the month of August and September. Students are also excitedly making plans for spirit week and Homecoming that is coming up the week of September 23-28. We are also getting ready for the PSAT that will be administered to all 10th graders on October 16. They will be receiving their PSAT packets in their English classes but prep work will be reviewed in homeroom.

10th grade

11th grade

We are currently working on designing our flags for our junior year! The kids are excited with the different events they get to finally participate in this year. Our homeroom curriculum continues with character education and preparation for college application.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

September 19th - UCF Field Trip for Senior Research
September 27th - Power Puff game
September 28th - Homecoming Dance
October 3rd - Jersey Mike's Spirit Night
March 13th - Wildcat Challenge
March 27th - Senior Breakfast
April 3rd - Senior Follies
April 4th - Prom
April 17th Grad Bash
April 22nd - Senior Boards
May 22nd - Graduation



In homeroom seniors are actively working on their homeroom slogan and flags as well as preparing for the annual Powder Puff game which will be held on September 27th. They continue to work on team building, and of course college applications!

12th grade

This is an exciting time for our Seniors. They have been applying to colleges and are beginning to receive acceptance letters. They will be bringing those letters in to the Media Center and writing on our college wall. All our students and staff love to come by and see where our students have been accepted.

🐾 **CLASS OF 2020** 🐾
🐾 **COLLEGE WALL** 🐾



All School Musical - "HELLO DOLLY"

Come out and support our students in the first performance of the year.

Show times are: Thursday, October 10th - 7:00 PM
Friday, October 11th - 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 12th - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 13th - 2:00 PM

Tickets are available through www.showtix4u.com. For more information contact West Shore Theatre Boosters at westshoredrama@gmail.com.

ORCHESTRA LIBRARY WORK-DAY

ORCHESTRA STUDENT & PARENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

~ EARN 4 or 8 HOURS!!! ~

Saturday September 21

1ST SHIFT: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LUNCH with VOLUNTEERS

2ND SHIFT: 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

EMAIL MRS. PINFIELD OR MRS. DAVIS FOR DETAILS:

pinfield.laura@brevardschools.org davis.amy@brevardschools.org

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CALENDAR



Tuesday	September 2nd	Holiday for All
Friday	September 6th	Early Release
Monday	September 9th	Food 4 Thought Drive begins
Wednesday	September 11th	1st Interim ends
Friday	September 13th	Early Release
Monday	September 16th	Interims posted to Focus
Tuesday	September 24th	PTA Meeting - 6:30 PM - Auditorium
Friday	September 27th	Powder Puff Game - 4:00 PM

BACKPACK AND SUPPLIES—
CHECK! WHAT'S LEFT TO DO
FOR BACK TO SCHOOL?



THE 'READINESS CHECK'—A
QUICK MATH AND READING
REVIEW FROM LAST YEAR.
WE'LL SHARE IT WITH YOUR
NEW TEACHER TO GET SUPPORT
RIGHT FROM THE START!

SUPER 5 Back-to-School Power Moves



Want a gut check on how
ready your child is for the
new school year?

It only takes a few minutes
with the Readiness Check!

Go to belearninghero.org for
the Readiness Check, a new (free)
interactive tool developed by
leading experts in math and
reading, to see how your child has
learned foundational skills needed
for this year and how to support
them at home.

1 Get a Gut Check

Use the Readiness Check to see how prepared your child is for their new grade. Pay attention to how easy or hard it is for them to do grade-level tasks, and look at their annual state test results from last year. If you haven't received the results yet, ask your child's teacher.

2 Partner Up

At your first teacher meeting, bring your child's state test results and ask what they mean for this year. Find out what's expected of your child and how you can support at home. Help the teacher get to know your child by sharing their interests and strengths as well. You can also share what you learned from the Readiness Check.

3 Make It Fun

You are the expert on your child and can help make learning exciting! Read together, choosing topics that interest your child. Find math in everyday life and turn it into a game. These small learning moments add up to a lot!

4 Celebrate Effort

Help your child see that hard work is what leads to success. Focus on effort and what your child is learning. This will help your child feel less nervous about new tasks or subjects.

5 Support Life Skills

Strengths such as communication, problem-solving, and confidence will help your child in school and life. Talk openly with your child about how they feel and how they handle situations, especially the tough ones.

Go to belearninghero.org for the Readiness Check and more!

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Our Student Debit/Checking Account has no minimum balance requirements and no monthly fees, with lots of free mobile services to make it easy to use no matter where you are.

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School Board of Brevard County

1254 S. Florida Avenue • Rockledge, FL 32955
Desmond Blackburn, Ph.D., Superintendent



July 9, 2018

Mr. Eric Fleming, Principal
West Shore Jr./Sr. High School
School Board of Brevard County

Re: Annual Asbestos Notification to Building Occupants and Their Legal Guardians

Dear Mr. Fleming,

Please communicate this information to all building occupants and their legal guardians.

Our records indicate that no asbestos removal activities or any other type of asbestos response actions have taken place at West Shore Jr./Sr. High School during the past year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).

Background Information

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all accredited school districts to provide building occupants with a yearly correspondence describing any/all asbestos materials removed from each school during the past year.

The EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 required an asbestos inspection of each school facility nationwide. This inspection was completed in 1988. The scope of the survey included sampling building materials that might contain asbestos, assessing the condition of the materials, performing laboratory analysis of each sample, and writing a comprehensive report called an *Asbestos Management Plan*.

The Management Plan document and subsequent Three-year Reinspection documents are on file at the school Administration office. These documents are available to the public for review.

Sincerely,

Jim Powers

Jim Powers, Environmental Health & Safety Manager
Office of Plant Operation & Code Compliance / Facilities Services Division
Phone: (321) 633-3496 • FAX: (321) 617-7156



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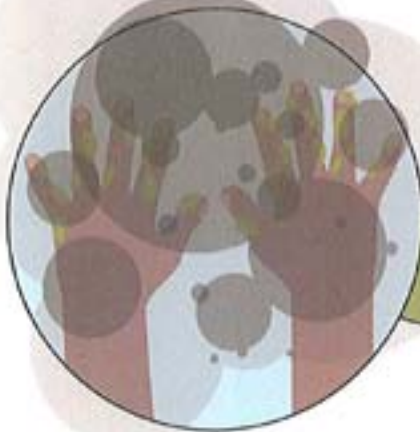
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Head Lice Facts

- Head lice are common among all classes of people.
- You can completely control a head lice infestation with manual removal alone. You cannot completely control head lice with head lice shampoos alone. You must combine shampoo treatment with manual removal.

University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
<http://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.cfm?number=C0611>

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Most cases of head lice are acquired outside of the school.
- Head lice cause no medical harm.
- Head lice are transmitted by head-to-head contact.

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 Ware, FL 32544-6001



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Head Lice

Facts and prevention



Head Lice Prevention and Control



Head lice are spread most commonly by direct head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact. However, much less frequently they are spread by

sharing clothing or belongings onto which lice have crawled or nits attached to shed hairs may have fallen. The risk of getting infested by a louse that has fallen onto a carpet or furniture is very small. Head lice survive less than 1-2 days if they fall off a person and cannot feed; nits cannot hatch and usually die within a week if they are not kept at the same temperature as that found close to the scalp.

The following are steps that can be taken to help prevent and control the spread of head lice:



Avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp).



Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Disinfect combs and brushes used by an infested person by soaking them in hot water (at least 130°F) for 5-10 minutes.



Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person.

Machine wash and dry clothing, bed linens, and other items that an infested person wore or used during the 2 days before treatment using the hot water (130°F) laundry

cycle and the high heat drying cycle. Clothing and items that are not washable can be dry-cleaned OR sealed in a plastic bag and stored for 2 weeks.



Vacuum the floor and furniture, particularly where the infested person sat or lay. However, spending much time and money on housecleaning activities is not necessary to avoid reinfestation by lice or nits that may have fallen off the head or crawled onto furniture or clothing.

Do not share clothing such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, or barrettes.



Do not use fumigant sprays or fogs; they are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

WEST SHORE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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Support the Wildcats
with a Banner Sponsorship
displaying your logo

3' x 5' Banner
Up to 2 locations

Student Parking Lot
or
Parent Car Loop



New Partners:

\$300- 1 location

\$500 = 2 locations banner included.

Returning Partners:

\$250- 1 location, \$400- 2 locations
using prior year's banner

New Partner _____ **Returning Partner** _____ **No. Locations:** _____

Location: **Student Parking Lot** **Parent Car Loop** **Amount:** **cash/check**

Company Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____ **Contact e-mail:** _____

Contact: Tony Riopelle

250 Wildcat Alley | Melbourne, FL 32935 | 321 242 4744 | Riopelle.tony@brevardschools.org

BREVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

5517.01 POLICY AGAINST BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

In response to changes made to Florida Statute 1006.147, that became effective July 1, 2013, Brevard Public Schools has updated School Board Policy 5517.01 that prohibits bullying, harassment, teen dating violence, and abuse. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind.

Florida Statute 1006.147 defines bullying to include cyberbullying and means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees and may involve but is not limited to chronic teasing, social exclusion, threat, intimidation, stalking, including cyber-stalking, physical violence, theft, sexual, religious, or racial harassment, public humiliation, and destruction of property.

Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, which includes, but is not limited to, any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photo-electronic system, or photo-optical system, including, but not limited to, electronic mail, internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. Cyberbullying includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person, or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages, if the creation or impersonation creates any of the conditions enumerated in the definition of bullying. Cyberbullying also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons, if the distribution or posting creates any of the conditions enumerated in the definition of bullying.

Harassment is defined as any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or employee that: places a student or employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, benefits or has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

Bullying and harassment also encompasses retaliation against a student or school employee by another student or school employee for asserting or alleging an act of bullying or harassment. Reporting an act of bullying or harassment that is not made in good faith is considered retaliation. Perpetuation of conduct is listed in the definition of bullying or harassment as causing an individual or group with intent to demean, dehumanize, embarrass, or cause emotional or physical harm to a student or school employee by incitement or coercion, accessing or knowingly and willingly causing or providing access to data or computer software through a computer, computer system, or computer network within the scope of the district school system and/or acting in a manner that has an effect substantially similar to the effect of bullying or harassment.

Cyber-stalking, as defined in Florida Statute 784.048(1)(d), means to engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no legitimate purpose.

Florida Statute 1006.148(1)(a) prohibits dating violence and abuse by any student on school property, during a school-sponsored activity, or during school-sponsored transportation.

West Shore Jr./Sr. High School is committed to providing a safe learning environment and will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind. Incidents of bullying or harassment can be reported to the principal or any administrator. Anonymous reports can also be made by calling the Speak-Out Hotline at 1.800.423.8477.

To learn more about bullying and find out what can be done to help prevent it, visit the website www.stopbullying.gov.

