

Westglades Middle
School
2020-2021
Welcome Back
Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear Westglades Middle Community:

I am very excited to welcome our students and families back as well as welcoming our new families virtually for the 2020-2021 school year! Although I will miss seeing our students in person, I am excited to be able to serve such an amazing community for what will undoubtedly be an adventurous year. As we embark on a beginning like no other any of us have experienced, our focus will be to ensure that our students feel connected to our school and that every child will be challenged academically and receive a great educational experience.



This will be a different experience from how eLearning was conducted last Spring. Teachers have a refined set of guidelines for delivering instruction with unique ways to connect with our students. I am sure that our time spent in the virtual environment will be a positive experience for all students and families. Our outstanding staff will be here to support our students and families every step of the way.

All student schedules will be finalized on Monday, August 17th. Join us on Monday, August 17th at 6:00 PM, for your child's orientation and Open House. Please visit our website and click on the Open House link to begin your online Open House experience.

During eLearning, Westglades will have a daily schedule and an evening academic support schedule. The daily schedule will be followed each day by our students. In the evening, students will be able to receive support to assist them even further if needed.

Westglades Middle School Daily Schedule	
Schedule	Time
Period 1	8:30-9:30
Period 2	9:35-10:30
Period 3	10:35-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:00
Period 4	12:00-12:55
Period 5	1:00-1:55
Period 6	2:00-2:55

Upcoming Dates & Events

Virtual Open House
**Monday, August 20th – Join us on
Canvas @ 6:00 PM**

First Day of eLearning
Wednesday, August 19th

No School
Monday, September 7th

SAC/SAF/PTO Meeting
Friday, September 11th @ 8:00 AM

Interims
Monday, September 11th

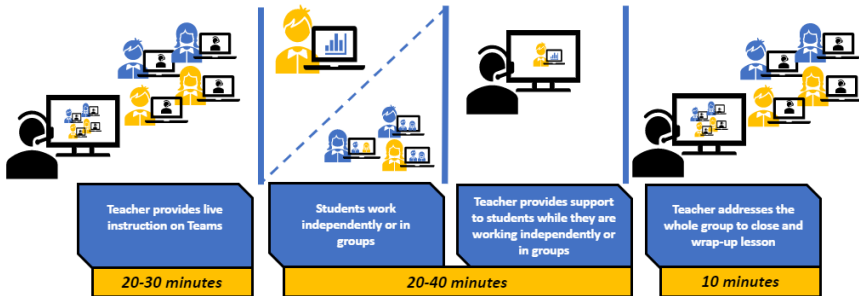
No School
Monday, September 28th

End of the 1st Quarter
Friday, October 16th

Report Cards Issued
Wednesday, November 12th

Westglades Middle School Evening Academic Support	
Schedule	Time
Teacher 1: Math	3:15-9:30
Teacher 2: ELA	
Teacher 3: Science	
Teacher 4: Social Studies	
Electives	

When students log on to Canvas for each class, they will also log into Microsoft Teams. In this environment envision Canvas as the chalk board/textbook where students will find assignments, activities, textbooks, etc. Microsoft Teams will act as the teacher where instruction is given. Each class will follow a similar schedule as seen below.



This year, each teacher's Canvas page will have a similar layout to make it easy for students and parents to navigate from one page to the next.



Westglades has a tradition of being an excellent school, and we truly have an outstanding staff. We look forward to working with you to make a difference in the lives of our students and encourage you to be an active participant in your child's journey this year.

eLearning Parent Guide

The Westglades Middle School eLearning Parent Guide is located on our Website and has a lot of information to help you and your child. Scan the barcode below with your phone to visit the guide or go to westgladesmiddle.com to locate the guide.



Stay Connected to the WMS PTO

- Website- westgladespto.com
- Facebook- @WestgladesPTO
- Twitter- @WestgladesPTO
- Instagram- @WestgladesPTO

Stay Connected to Westglades

- Website- westgladesmiddle.com
- Twitter- @WMSWolves
- Instagram- @WMS_Wolves

Tips for Students During eLearning

Familiarize Yourself with Online Learning Practices and Expectations.

Teachers will review with students how to navigate the Canvas pages to show you where the assignments are located, due dates are posted, and other important announcements and features.

Create a dedicated work area. Whether it's a desk, or the dining room table, create a space to associate with school work, and disassociate from your home and the distractions like televisions, video games, or cellphones.

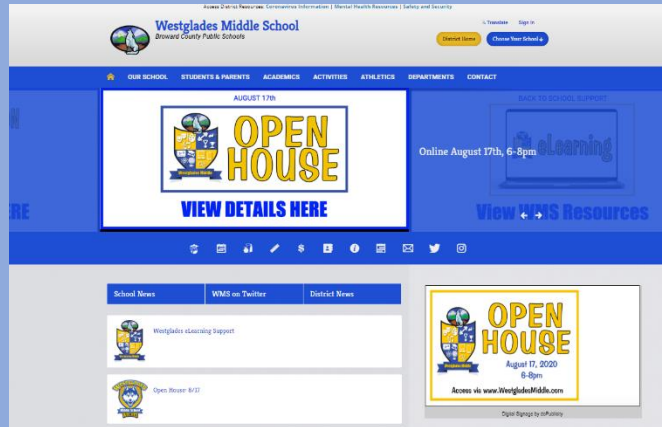
Start on track and stay on track. It's always better to be ahead than to be struggling at the last minute! Break down big projects into small, manageable parts—and give each one a deadline.

Advocate for yourself. Advocate for yourself means to make sure your needs are met. Ask your teachers questions when you do not understand directions, due dates, or even how to solve a problem. If you do not understand something that the teacher has talked about, make it your responsibility to reach out for help.



HOW TO VIEW OPEN HOUSE

To join our Open House on Thursday, August 20th.



Who's Who @ Westglades



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REQUIRED PARENT DOCUMENTATION

It is important that all parents complete the Back to school online forms as soon as possible. Visit our website or go to the following link to complete the online forms.

<https://bit.ly/3kp7Ql8>

Code of Student Conduct

Parents and students, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link found on the Broward Schools' webpage at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38091>

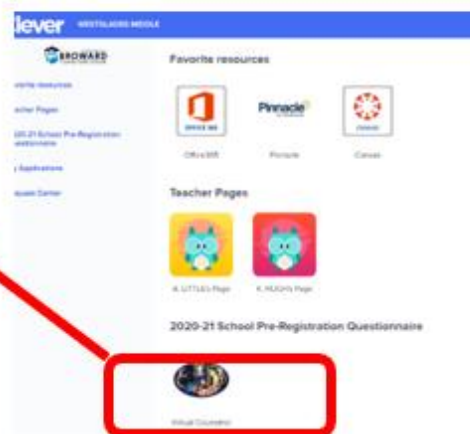
HOW TO CHECK YOUR SCHEDULE

Student schedules will not be available until Monday, August 17th.

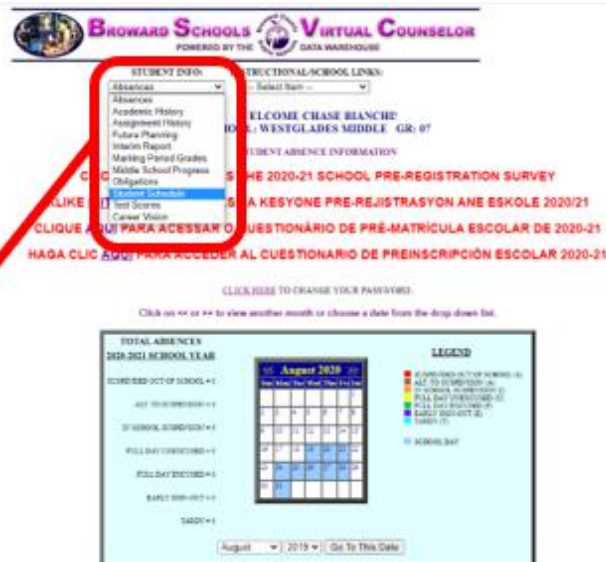
- 1 Students log on through their single sign on (<http://browardschools.com/ss0>)



- 2 Click on Virtual Counselor



- 3 Select Student Schedule from the drop-down menu



School Lunch

Meals will be served from all school campuses as we begin the school year. Meal distribution will commence on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Thereafter, meals will be available to our families on Tuesdays and Thursdays during two time periods, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Check our website for more information.