

### **IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES:**

2/2: Showcase Night, Incoming 6th Graders, 6pm

2/3: Report Cards Available on Virtual Counselor

2/3: SAC/SAF/PTO Meetings, 8:15am, Media Center

2/9: Rising 9th Grade Curriculum Night @MSD, 6pm

#### **FEBRUARY DATES CONT:**

2/10: Spring Picture Day

2/13: Acts of Kindness Spirit Week Begins

2/14: Interim Reports Available on Virtual Counselor

2/14: Day of Service & Love/ Early Release, 1:45pm

2/20: No School, President's Day

Dear Parents,

We are approaching the five-year commemoration of the MSD tragedy. Students, staff, families, and the community will be participating in "A Day of Service and Love" on Tuesday, February 14th which is an Early Release Day. We have made several plans to address the emotional and physical safety of the students and staff at Westglades.



Our theme will be Westglades LOVES (Leadership Opportunities through Volunteerism, Education, and Service). Each grade level subject area has created lesson plans around a service/volunteer activity, or a mental health lesson.

Westglades will observe a moment of silence at 10:17AM.

This will be a non-academic day which means homework and assignments will not be given for students absent on February 14th.

Westglades will have additional mental health counselors available to help students who need the assistance. Additional law enforcement will be on campus for the entirety of the day.

It is very important to monitor your child's electronic devices especially leading up to the commemoration. Encourage them to bring any comments that are worrisome, destructive, or troubling to the attention of an adult.

We are carefully planning for this day, and we recognize that many of you may choose to keep your child home with you. If you choose to keep your child home it will be an excused absence, but you must call in the absence at (754)322-4802.

-Matthew Bianchi, Principal









Westglades will participate in Kindness Week during the week of February 13th to encourage kindness and service to the community. There are dress up days so students can show their solidarity towards spreading kindness. We hope you encourage your children to participate.



/ChrisHixonMemorialRun

Any questions, please visit or call Eagles' Haven at 954.618.0350 and their amazing staff will gladly walk you through downloading the app or answer any questions you may have.

...rediscovering wellness, restoring hope

Have you been to Eagles' Haven? Eagles' Haven is a community wellness center

created solely and mindfully for the MSD

community giving current, future and

former students, parents, family members

and faculty a responsive and nurturing

place to call or drop in for any supportive

service or wellness needs 7 days a week, free of charge. On-site classes, for all ages, are offered everyday.

https://www.eagleshaven.org/



### Top Honors (Best Score in the Room):

Ella Valente

The weekend of January 13th, The WMS Drama Club participated in the Florida Junior Thespian State Festival. The event took place in Orlando and needless to say our Drama students were exceptional performers. Congratulations to Ms. Donnelly and all the students listed below.



### **SUPERIORS:**

Hunter Rosenthal & Tysen Odeh Duet Musical

Jayden Minett X

Flla Valente

Solo Musical

Hunter Rosenthal

Ella Valente Monologue

Noa Nierman Publicity

Maria Carvalho Costume Design



### **EXCELLENTS:**

Aria Azzarelli Solo Musical

Luke Smith Solo Musical

Ari Stollman Scene Writing

Maria Carvalho Make Up Design

**AMAZING!** 

Aaliyah Olsen, Anna Chetan, Ava Austad, Eva Schlanger, Haley Campbell, Hunter Rosenthal, Joni Van Eck, Julianne Murphey, Lena Fleck, Lily Wiener, Luke Smith, Tysen Odeh, Morgan Balladares, Sam Herman Superior Large Group

# **DEBATE NEWS**

Congratulations to the winners of the December after school debate tournament at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.



Standing left to right: Jordin Bekker, Lily Wiener, Stepan Senyukhin, Lauren Lee, Sadie Titensor, Ava Austad, Julienne Madrid, Gabriella Duman

<u>Sitting left to right:</u> Lindsay Rosaler, Scott Miller, Jayeesh Kondlapudi, Zachary Williams, Cameron Levy, Ivanshi Gadani.

Not pictured: Emma Wiener, Brianna Celler, Neel Bharambe

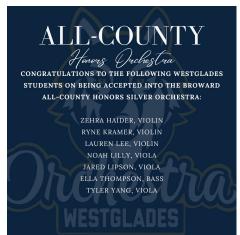
### **BAND NEWS**

Please congratulate the following students on being accepted into the Broward All-County Band and Broward All-County Orchestra! Westglades Band has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest representation in the All-County Band. Westglades had 15 students make the Band, and the top school (Ramblewood) had 18 students make the Band.

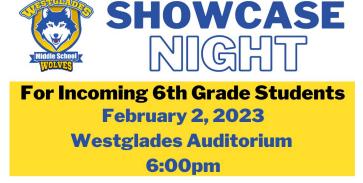
Westglades Orchestra tied with Pine Crest for the highest representation in the All-County Silver (auditioned) Orchestra. Westglades and Pine Crest both had 7 students accepted into the Silver Orchestra. Students in the Bronze Orchestra were accepted based on the recommendation of their director. Mr. Gordon and Ms. Todd are extremely proud of the strong music programs at Westglades!







# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



Join us and learn why WMS should be your CHOICE in education.

This interactive, informational evening has been developed to provide you and your child the opportunity to learn what Westglades has to offer and what makes us so special.

~Tour the campus

~Meet Teachers, Administrators, Guidance Counselors and ESE Specialist
~Learn about Athletics, Electives, Extracurricular Activities & Organizations
~Meet our PTO and find out how to get involved at Westglades

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Hello Wolfpack Families!

The PTO has been busy at Westglades! In December, we hosted so many fun holiday activities for students and staff, including our Winter Holiday Party and our Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon.

We kicked off January by helping staff celebrate National Popcorn Day with a poppin' treat, and also hosted a Family Give Back Day at Carmela's Coffee Company PTO is also gearing up for our next big event - **SAVE THE DATE**FOR MARCH 7th!

This week, we kicked off our 2023 PTO Renovation Project Fundraiser. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our Wolfpack families that have so generously contributed to this project! With Phase 1 being completed, we are very enthusiastic to begin Phase 2. In order to make this project come to fruition, we rely on the generous support of our wolfpack families and local business partners. If you wish to make a donation, please read the flyer included below. All donations are accepted via <a href="https://www.westgladesPTO.com">www.westgladesPTO.com</a>.

#### **YEARBOOK**

The 2022-2023 Yearbook is up for sale on our website. Secure your Yearbook today and cherish the memories your child has made at Westglades Middle School. Click <u>here</u> to purchase your copy.

### 8th GRADE DEDICATION ADS: DEADLINE 3/1

Celebrate your 8th Grader with a personalized dedication in the Yearbook! Share photos and congratulate them for a job well done in Middle School. The Dedication Ads are a great way to show your student how proud you are and to recognize them for how much they have accomplished and grown. Different ad sizes are available! Click <a href="here">here</a> to reserve your spot in the yearbook today.

### **BUSINESS BANNERS**

If you or someone you know owns a business in Parkland or the surrounding areas, then this opportunity is for you! Purchase a Business Banner which will hang proudly on our Outer or Inner Fence to be viewed by over 1,000 Westglades Middle School families, staff, and local community visitors. Research shows that parents support businesses that are sponsors of their local schools! You can find more information by clicking here.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Please join us for our next PTO Meeting on February 3rd at 9:30am in the Media Center.



Thank you for your support!

Deanna Russo

PTO President

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The week of January 23rd, the state of Florida Celebrated Literacy Week. Literacy Week is designed to raise awareness about the importance of reading and to inspire Florida's students and families to make reading part of their daily routines.



Westglades' students and staff were happy to show off their love for reading by participating in a full week of "Diving into Literacy!" And thanks to our wonderful PTO, each day was an opportunity to win a literacy week spirit ticket.

A BIG THANK YOU to the community leaders that joined us for a school-wide Read In.

Broward Mayor/Commissioner, Michael Udine Parkland Mayor, Rich Walker

Parkland Commissioner, Bob Mayorsohn School Board Chair, Lori Alhadeff School Board Vice Chair, Debra Hixon MSD Librarian, Diana Haneski & River Doodle Parkland BSO, Deputy Delio

Thank you to all who participated in this important week.





# WELCOME FUTURE





During the week of January 23rd, the Home of the Wolves was filled with Panthers, and Hawks! 5th Grade students from Park Trails Elementary and, Heron Heights Elementary schools were invited to campus. They met Administration and Guidance Counselors, as well as toured the campus with Peer Counselors. Many were overheard saying how fun the visit was! They loved seeing the cheerleaders and the band students perform. Wolfie, our school mascot, was also a huge hit! We look forward to seeing the Riverglades Gators in February.





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