

**IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES:**

12/07: Band Winter Concert, 6:30pm, Auditorium
 12/09: Orchestra Winter Concert, 6:30pm, Auditorium
 12/10: SAC/SAF Meeting, 8:15am, Media Center
 12/20: Winter Break Begins

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES:

1/03: Classes Resume
 1/10: Early Release Day
 1/11: No School, Employee Planning
 1/17: No School, MLK Day

Dear Westglades Family,

Westglades continues to be very busy! Our school community did an outstanding job collecting for this year's Harvest Drive. This is important work that helped over 200 families in the community and in the surrounding communities. Our girls' basketball team completed their undefeated regular season at 10-0. This makes back-to-back undefeated regular season records! Our Fine Arts department continues to shine, and at the Florida Thespian Festival, several students received Superior ratings. Also, our Band program had 14 students make All-County and 3 students make All-State.

Social media and the news often focus on the negatives that go on, and with so many positive things happening at Westglades, we want to give parents and students the ability to share positive messages to each other and to our staff. Westglades now has a Pawsitivity Padlet for the community to post information about our staff and students. Please share some of the great things that you have experienced at Westglades and spread the pawsitivity!

<https://padlet.com/WestgladesMiddle/Pawsitivity>

**PAWSITIVITY
POWER**

PARENTS & STUDENTS:
 We would love for you to share your positive thoughts and experiences about the
WMS Staff & Students:
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SCAN ME TO SHARE!

As we approach the mid-point of the year, I hope that all of you have an amazing Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your time with friends and family over the Winter Break.

-Matthew Bianchi, Principal



IMPORTANT WMS CONTACTS



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BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE FORMS



Parents/Guardians, please be sure to complete your child's back-to-school forms, online. You must complete these forms at the start of each school year for each student enrolled in the District. Once you complete and submit the forms, you will receive an email confirmation. Print and return the confirmation to your child's school. [BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS](#)

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL CURRENT 7th GRADERS & OF 8th GRADERS THAT WERE NOT ON CAMPUS LAST SCHOOL YEAR:

Prior to entering the 7th grade, all students must provide a Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH 680) stating that their immunizations are complete for 7th grade entry. Please note that in addition to compliance with all other required immunizations, children entering the 7th grade in Florida schools must have received one dose of the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Your child may need additional immunizations and/or you may just need to turn in the updated DH 680 form. You may request the form from your child's physician's office or visit a public health center.

Please email your child's updated immunization form to our Registrar at

ChandaJames@browardschools.com.



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The 3rd debate tournament of the season took place on November 9th at Stoneman Douglas. Great job to all who participated! This month's winners are:

Congressional Debate

Sarah Rosaler
Alexandra Yeats
Nicholas Litenski
Shania Srivastav
Madison Hamilton

Informative Speaking

Laasya Pagadala

Public Forum Debate

Ishika Gadani and Manpreet Chhabra
Rishab Iyer and Saveer Sidhu
Darsh Patel and Praneeth Tallapaneni

Poetry Interpretation

Lauren Lee
Rania Ismail

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!



This month Westglades honored our veterans by filling our courtyard with American flags. We also recorded video messages that will be shared with veterans during this year's honor flight. Info: [Honor Flight](#)



The Westglades Student Government has had a very busy few months! Their weekly meetings have been so full of excitement and participation. SGA is working hard to prepare for the upcoming Wolves in Toyland Winter Party with our PTO! They are very proud to have also partnered with [Toys For Tots](#) and are hosting a Toy Drive for children in need. Lastly, they are planning for their annual Talent Show which will take place in January!



SGA is always looking for new members to participate. Their next meeting will be held on December 1st at 8:20am in the Media Center. For up to date information on what's happening with SGA, be sure to follow them on Instagram at @WestgladesSGA.

WESTGLADES STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS COLLECTING:



Donate now through December 10th.
THANK YOU!





The Lady Wolves finish the regular season undefeated and District Champs! On November 16th, the Westglades Girls Basketball team capped off an impressive season by defeating William Dandy Middle School 26-21 and winning their 10th game in a row! They will begin the first round of playoffs on November 30th as they take on Bair Middle School at home.



The girls have demolished their competition, outscoring them 373-70. The Lady Wolves are led by Team Captains Madelyn Feldman, Isabelle Feldman, leading scorer Nya Clark, assist leader Elayna Garzon and rebound leader Laura Gruber.

"Every girl on our team works incredibly hard to make sure they are doing everything they can so that we are as successful as we can be!"

~ Coach Keery

"It is amazing to have 15 players who play every game like it's the championship game!"

~ Coach Keir

BAND NEWS



A small group of Westglades Bands provided music for the Parkland Veterans Day Ceremony. Along with playing the National Anthem, the band performed Marches of the Armed Forces, which recognized Veterans in each branch of the military. Band students were honored to be a part of this community event!

Congratulations to the students that earned a spot in our All-County and All-State Bands!

All-County

Aaron Alter
 Alex Boehm
 Gabriella Boehm
 Adelia Cira
 Gustavo Cira
 Ellen Farafonov
 Aliya Fletcher
 Levi Forman
 Celeste Heim
 Faith Hugus
 Alexander Laurenzano
 Gillian Leggett-Perez
 Zarar Siddiqui
 Grace Zhu

All-State

Aaron Alter
 Alexander Laurenzano
 Grace Zhu



Please check out our amazing Band and Orchestra students at some of their upcoming December events.

DECEMBER 7:

Band Winter Concert, 6:30pm Auditorium

DECEMBER 9:

Orchestra Winter Concert, 6:30pm Auditorium

DECEMBER 10:

Marching Band and Advanced Orchestra Performance at Light Up the Night
 Pine Trails Park, Parkland

DECEMBER 15:

Marching Band at
 Coral Springs Holiday Parade

GREAT JOB, GIRLS!



DRAMA NEWS



Congratulations to all the students who competed in the District 3 Florida Thespan Festival! The festival took place the weekend of November 20th. The WMS Troupe, led by Ms. Donnelly, won 2 Critics' Choice awards, 9 Superiors, 9 Excellents, 2 Honorable Mentions, and 5 Goods! Great job to all that participated!

9 Excellents

Improv- Joni Van Eck and Tysen Odeh

Duet Musical- Haley Campbell and Lily Wiener

Monologue- Sadie Kraus

Monologue- Carter Haynes

Solo Musical- Sophia Zelinka

Costume Design- Sofia Johansson

Costume Design- Camilla Garia Villa-Alta

Costume Design- Kaida Marino

Scene Design- Tysen Odeh

Makeup Design- Michelle Gautierrez

2 Critics' Choice

Monologue- Aliyah Bilu

Publicity Design- Noa Nierman

2 Honorable Mention

Large Group Musical – Eugenie Fraile, Jonathan Jacknow, Luke Smith, Maggie Starr, Miriam Smith, Selah Matthe, Sofia Johansson, Sophie Zelinka

Solo Musical- Ellie Pulsifer

9 Superiors

Large Group Musical – Eugenie Fraile, Jonathan Jacknow, Luke Smith, Maggie Starr, Miriam Smith, Selah Matthe, Sofia Johansson, Sophie Zelinka

Duet Acting – Ava Fronstin and Kyra Shultz

Monologue- Aliyah Bilu

Monologue- Miriam Smith

Monologue- Ella Valente

Solo Musical- Ellie Pulsifer

Solo Musical- Jonathan Jacknow

Costume Design- Bella Frederick

Publicity Design- Noa Nierman

5 Goods

Large Group Musical – Aliyah Bilu, Carter Haynes, Ella Valente, Haley Campbell, Joni Von Eck, Kyra Shultz, Livy Gunter, Sadie Kraus, Tysen Odeh

Improv – Alexa Yale and Kiara Kaminietzky

Improv – Lucy Johnson and Ryan Acero

Solo Musical- Kyra Shultz

Solo Musical- Miriam Smith

CONGRATULATIONS!



WOLFGIVING FEAST



On Wednesday, November 17th, the WMS Staff came together for their Annual Thanksgiving Lunch!

The event, hosted by the WMS Sunshine Committee, was truly a showing of three of our favorite things: friendship, family and food!

The meal catered by Dyan's Country Kitchen included items such as: turkey, gravy, green beans, sweet potato casserole, rolls and fresh cranberry sauce! The staff then contributed their favorite Thanksgiving desserts! Special thanks to those who planned and executed this amazing event!



...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 one responsive and nurturing place to call or drop in for any supportive service or wellness needs 7 days a week, free of charge.

To make it easier to receive information about their services, download their mobile device app! Follow These 5 Easy Steps to Download the App: Using your device, click the link or search for Eagles' Haven in the Apple Store or on Google Play.

Download the free app from the app store and follow instructions. Please note that if you already use the MINDBODY App for another studio, you will be directed to enter your existing username and password.

The Eagles' Haven icon will display on your homescreen making it super easy and convenient for you to sign up for our free wellness classes any time.

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

<https://www.eagleshaven.org/>

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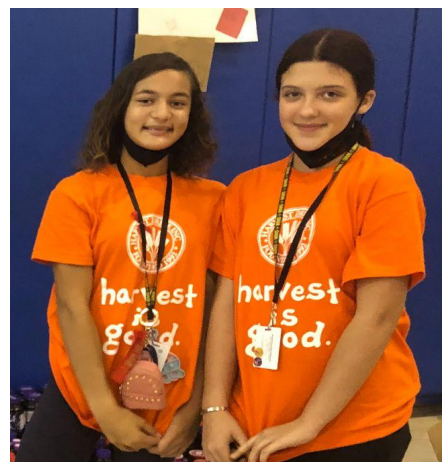
The mission of the Harvest Drive, Inc. is to promote the concept of philanthropy to Broward County students by providing the opportunity for them to give back directly to their community in a basic and meaningful way.

Students working in conjunction with community partners provide food and other necessities to Broward County schools' families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday. "Children Helping Children" remains the theme of the program after over 25 years.



This year our Harvest Drive Club, led by Ms. McGuire, worked diligently to raise awareness and promote the collection. The club worked tirelessly throughout the months of October and November to collect and market for this event.

Our goal was to be able to assist over 200 families with groceries and a gift card for perishables to complete their Thanksgiving meal. We are proud to say that we accomplished our goal.



THINGS TO DO AT WESTGLADESPTO.COM

YEARBOOKS & TRIBUTE ADS

The Westglades PTO is selling yearbooks. If you would like to order a yearbook, please place your order today. The price is \$55.

If you have an 8th grader, it's time to purchase an 8th Grade Tribute Ad, via the same link on the PTO website. The last day to order an ad is February 28th.

1/4 page ad: \$75

1/2 page ad: \$100

Full page ad: \$150

Email Lori at

YearbookWestglades@gmail.com

with any questions.

HASSLE FREE FUNDRAISER:

When you donate to the Westglades PTO, your family or business will receive a 1' x 3.5' vinyl banner that will proudly be displayed on the inner fence of the school. 100% of donations directly benefit the school for improvements in a variety of programs (spirit, technology, beautification, staff appreciation, and many others).

APPAREL & MERCHANDISE

With the new year beginning soon, we want to remind all families that spirit merchandise and apparel is available to purchase.

GO WOLVES!



REMINDERS:

WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTO SPIRIT WEEK!

MAD ABOUT PLAID MONDAY



Wear as much plaid as you can!

HOLI-TACKY TUESDAY



Wear your tackiest holiday sweater

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY



Dress like your fave holiday character.

TWINKLE TOES THURSDAY



Wear holiday socks!

FESTIVE FRIDAY



Wear flannel pj bottoms, festive t-shirt and holiday hat or headband.

DECEMBER 6-10

WMS

PLEASE SHARE & SEND PICTURES TO YEARBOOKWESTGLADES@GMAIL.COM



WESTGLADES PTO and SGA present:

WOLVES IN TOYLAND

WINTER PARTY!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
6-8PM AT WMS
OPEN TO ALL WMS STUDENTS

FUN, FOOD, DRINKS
GAMES, DANCING AND MORE!

****Bring a toy to donate to Toys For Tots to be entered to win a BIG prize!****

SOLD OUT! 50 ADDITIONAL TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

COST: \$25
BUY: WESTGLADESPTO.COM
MUST BUY IN ADVANCE.
TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. NO EXCEPTIONS.
WEAR WHITE!

Visit westgladespto.com for additional details.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

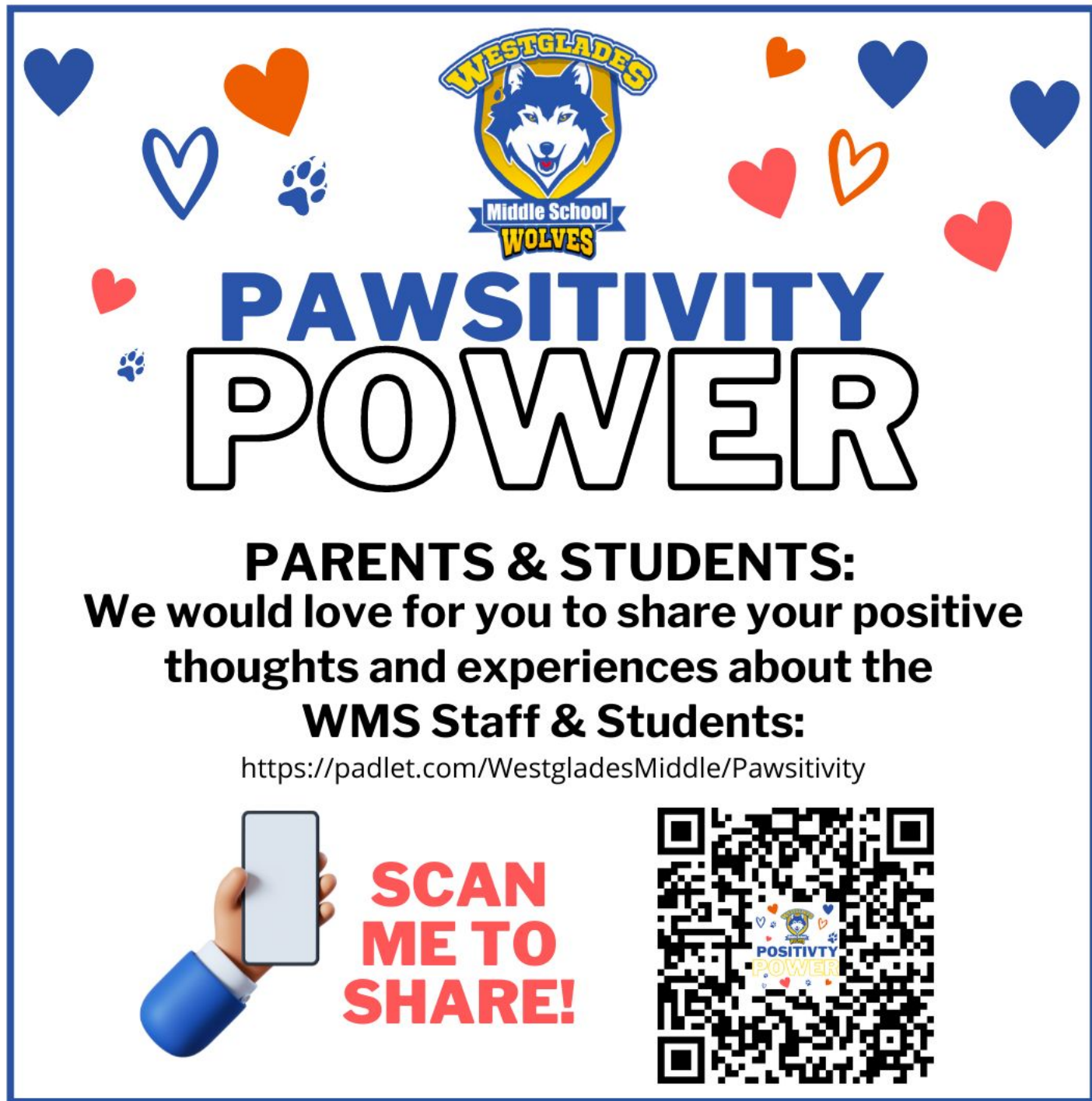
NOVEMBER 8-12th

 STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING! MONDAY, 11/8  Wear crazy socks and/or Crocs! WMSWOLVES	 EVERYONE COUNTS! WEDNESDAY, 11/10  Wear a jersey or a shirt with numbers! WMSWOLVES	 GO BLUE AGAINST BULLYING! FRIDAY, 11/12  Wear blue from head to toe! WMSWOLVES
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"Your Choice, Your Actions, Your Life."

Broward County Public Schools observes Anti-Bullying Week annually the second week in November.

This special week was created to raise awareness and provide opportunities for our schools and communities to enhance their bullying prevention efforts. Thank you to all who participated.




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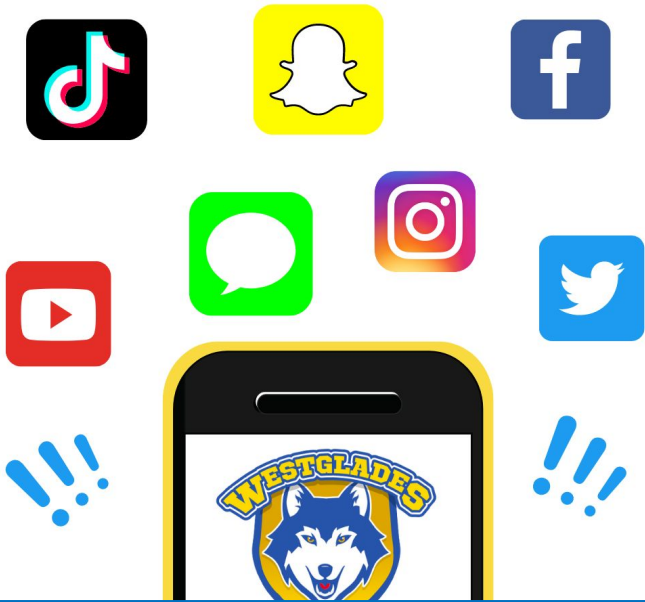
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#THINKB4UPOST



Broward County Public Schools shared very important content/posts on social media platforms on Tuesday, November 16th.

The posts are in direct response to many recent threats made on social media to our schools, individuals, and staff. We want to send a clear message that those threats are not a joke and will not be tolerated.

Parents, please monitor your child's social media accounts. Please assist Broward Schools and South Florida law enforcement agencies in making sure students know that threats carry serious consequences.

#ThinkB4UPost
#ItsNoJoke

WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL

FREE AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

**STARTING NOVEMBER 2ND.
OPEN TO ALL WMS STUDENTS!**



- 3:50-4:50pm, Media Center
- Every Tuesday & Thursday
- All Course Subjects
- Led by 4 Certified Teachers
- NHS & NJHS Tutors

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR GRADE LEVEL ADMINSTRATOR



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