

## **IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES:**

11/1: Carline Harvest Drive Drop-off
11/7: Anti-Bullying Week Begins
11/8: No School, Employee Planning
11/10: Report Cards Issued via Virtual Counselor
11/11: No School
11/18: SAC/SAF/PTO Meetings, 8:15am, Media Center
11/21: Thanksgiving Break Begins

## **IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES:**

- 12/2: SAC/SAF Meeting, 8:15am, Media Center 12/2: PTO Glow Winterfest
- 12/6: Orchestra Winter Concert, 6:30pm
- 12/8: Band Winter Concert, 6:30pm
- 12/14: Band Winter Parade
- 12/26: Winter Break Begins

Dear Westglades Family,

Happy Fall! October was a busy month filled with a lot of activities. Westglades had its first band and orchestra concert. We are off to another great start in athletics. The girls and boys soccer teams both made it to the District Semi-final games against Falcon Cove but lost both games. Falcon Cove went on to win the District Championship in girls and boys soccer, and we are proud of what our teams accomplished. The girls and boys basketball teams are currently off to a great start as well.

We are still collecting for the Harvest Drive until November 4th. This is an important event to assist those in the community that are in need, and it is an opportunity for our students to give back and support their community and the surrounding communities. As a reminder, our carline drop off during the mornings and afternoons will continue through November 4th. All items that are being collecting can be found on our on our website. In addition, we invite you all to join us for our Harvest Drive Community Night on November 10th from 4:30pm-6:30pm.





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

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope that everyone stays healthy and well. - Matthew Bianchi, Principal

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#### IMPORTANT WMS CONTACTS



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Report cards will be issued digitally via your child's Virtual **Counselor** Account on November 10th.

All families must log on, download and print the report cards for your records. We do not send home or have hard copies here at the school. Please take a moment to review how to locate and print student report cards.



#### Marjory Stoneman Douglas High **School Boundary Discussion**

#### Community Meeting #1

What: Inform the community on the overcrowding concerns at Mariory Stoneman Douglas High and solicit input for proposals

When: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Where: Coral Springs Middle School 10300 W Wiles Road Coral Springs, Florida 33076

#### Community Meeting #2

#### What:

Share and discuss draft enrollment relief proposals for Marjory Stoneman Douglas **High School** 

When: Thursday, November 3, 2022 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Where: Coral Springs Middle School 10300 W Wiles Road Coral Springs, Florida 33076

The 2023-24 School Boundary Process Timeline and other materials can be viewed from the Demographics & Enrollment Planning Web site at: https://www.browardschools.com/bound arvprocess

> If you need additional information, please telephone the Demographics & Enrollment Planning Department at (754) 321-2565

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Visit:

www.https://www.browardschools.com/boundaryprocess



revised meeting dates for the

2022-2023 School Year January 27

October 14 November 18 December 2

April 28 February 3

March 3

May 26

Westalades Middle School 8:15am Media Center

We seek active, dedicated Parents, Teachers, and Community members like YOU who are committed to great things happening at our school.

Come be a part of our Wolf Pack!

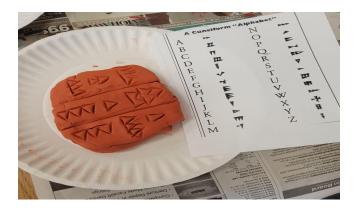


## 6th Grade World History

Our 6th Grade World History students have been very busy. They are finishing up their unit on Ancient Mesopotamia. Students wrote their name in cuneiform and have the Mr. Nicky Song-"By the Euphrates River"... stuck in their minds by now. Their next unit is Ancient Egypt.

Students have been participating in their Mental Health lessons. Our topics for this year are empathy and diversity. What better way to show empathy than to donate to one of the various fundraisers/collections at our school! Our students have been very generous. They are very proud to have donated candy to the Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital Oncology Unit for kids during Halloween. In addition, classes are still collecting non-perishable items for the Harvest Drive and have donated money for the Harvest Drive during 5 Minutes of Dough.

Our community is very diverse. Classes have celebrated diversity by participating in lessons on a couple of cultural holidays. So far, students have learned about Diwali (Hindu-India) and Dia de los Muertos (Mexico). Teachers highlighted famous people during Hispanic Heritage Month. Our students continue to look forward to learning about the many diverse cultures and diverse students in our community.











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LIAM WELLNITZ 7 HORN SYMPHONIC 117 GUSTAVO CIRA 8 BASS CLARINET CONCERT 44 JOSE PEREZ 8 TUBA CONCERT 26 GRACE ZHU 8 FLUTE SYMPHONIC 26 VIVIANA MEANEY 8 TRUMPET CONCERT 21 ALIYA FLETCHER 8 BASSOON CONCERT 20 ALIYA FLETCHER 8 FLUTE SYMPHONIC 20 GUSTAVO CIRA 8 CLARINET SYMPHONIC 19 RYLAND MILLSAP 6 TRUMPET BEGINNING 16 JOEL HERNANDEZ 6 TRUMPET CONCERT 15 GABRIELA PAGEAU 7 TRUMPET CONCERT 14 REX LEE 6 PERCUSSION CONCERT 14 ARI STOLLMAN 6 HORN BEGINNING 14

# Q1 -TOP 26

CLAIRE TITENSOR 6 TROMBONE BEGINNING 14 JONATHAN KOKULVANSKY 8 PERCUSSION SYMPHONIC 14 SRUTHI KOLUKULURI 7 CLARINET SYMPHONIC 14 JOSEPHINE HAIM 6 HORN BEGINNING 12 STELLA WEISMAN 6 CLARINET BEGINNING 12 AYAN ANAND 7 PERCUSSION CONCERT 11 BRUNO SILVEIRA 6 TRUMPET BEGINNING 11 DEETYA PATTANI 6 TROMBONE BEGINNING 11 MAX CAMPBELL 6 PERCUSSION BEGINNING 11 YIJUN WANG 7 CLARINET SYMPHONIC 11 EVA SCHLANGER 6 FLUTE BEGINNING 10 KIERA FLETCHER 6 TUBA BEGINNING 10



The 2022 Westglades Middle School Fall Concerts were a HUGE success!



Videos have been posted for all three performances below. Feel free to share these with family and friends!

> WMS Beginning Band https://youtu.be/4Zo8illo96U

WMS Concert Band https://youtu.be/nP3LmZcR5x4

WMS Symphonic Band https://youtu.be/9ktUUlt19wM

And don't miss the Winter Concerts taking place: Orchestra Winter Concert - 12/6 at 6:30pm Band Winter Concert - 12/8 at 6:30pm



Over 30 members of the Westglades Marching Wolves performed at NASCAR (Homestead-Miami Speedway) on Saturday, October 22nd! What an amazing experience they all had.

If you have a middle school or elementary school student that has interest in joining the band, fill out this form to get info on future events for prospective students. https://bit.ly/WMS\_Music





On October 26th, the Golf Teams competed in the District's MSAA Don Cifra Golf Championship. Our Girls Golf Team pulled off an amazing **3-PEAT** as County Golf Champions. They defeated the other teams by 32 strokes!

<u>Special congratulations to Individual Winners:</u> Sutton Oosterhuis District's Overall Girls Champion

> Elisa Hernandez-Gil District's 2nd Place Overall





CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Basketball season is in full swing! Our teams are having so much fun competing and playing a sport that they love. The Girls continue to dominate and are currently undefeated at 5-0, and our Boys are 2-3. Go Wolves!





Please be sure to come out and support both teams at their upcoming games. The students love to see you.



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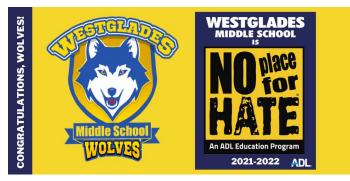
BUY TICKETS, GOFAN.CO \*AWAY GAMES, START @4:30



Our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) students have been very busy this month! They are currently collecting boxes of cereal for the Harvest Drive. Additionally, their new tutoring program kicked off a few weeks ago. The program takes place every Wednesday morning from 8am until 9am in Room 135. The students and sponsors are so excited to work with new members and participate in different projects throughout the year!







No Place for Hate is a student-led school climate improvement program that is offered free to schools by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The intention is to have all stakeholders involved to combat bias and bullying to stop the escalation of hate and to help foster an environment that is welcoming.

The No Place for Hate website boasts the fact that this initiative is a way to "Cultivate student leadership, unite your school community, and engage students and staff in active learning" and we are taking the steps to fulfill this task through various activities. With the implementation of this program, our school has the opportunity to continuously generate a culture of respect, safety, and a bully-free zone for students at all grade levels so that they can thrive.

Westglades Middle School is proud to hold the No Place For Hate distinction for the past three years and we continue to do the work that is necessary to remain designated as a No Place for Hate school.







The Westglades Student Government has had a very busy few months! Their weekly meetings have been so full of excitement and participation. Thank you to all who came out to the SGA Spooktacular Talent Show held on Friday, October 14th in the Auditorium. Of course, the talent of Wolf Nation was on full display! Students sang, danced, played instruments, and did acro gymnastics. We even had a student balance pencils on his face!



SGA is always looking for new members to participate. They meet every other Wednesday 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.





Our 2nd Debate tournament of the season took place on October 27th at Stoneman Douglas High School. Congratulations to all who competed!

Public Forum Debate Kyle Yan and Quinten Bourne Emma Chetan and Emma Wiener Isabel Mayor and Andrew Solinsky Hendrick Oliveira and Cameron Levy Lauren Lee and Rania Ismail Enrico Zangari and Luke Haynie

## Congressional Debate

Angelina Russo Amna Khwaja Nylah Johnson Brianna Celler

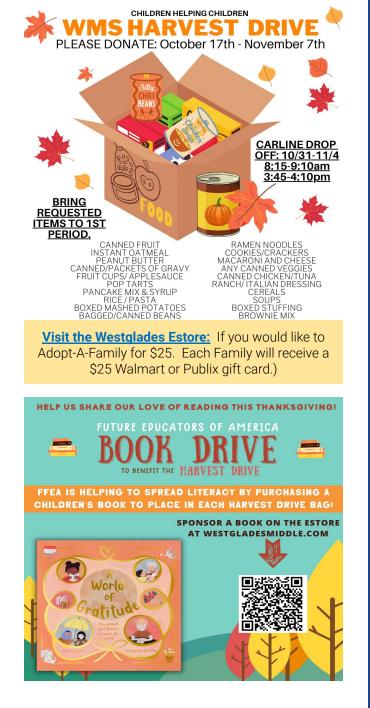
Duo Interpretation Riley Gamm and Byana Finklestein

- Impromptu Speaking Beau Vallee
- Neel Bharambe Scott Miller Lindsay Rosaler Aayush Gujarathi Abhinov Yalamanchili Ariana Thobani Reese Bosco-Gart Ivanshi Gadani Andrea Win Dela Sadeghi Gabriella Duman

## Poetry Interpretation

Lily Weiner Jordin Bekker Ava Austad Samyak Singh Sebastien Bernardin

Prose Interpretation Tenley Plambeck

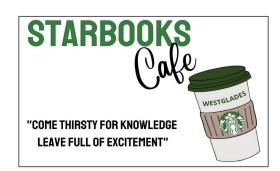


5 F DOUGH-NUTS!

On Wednesday, October 26th, Westglades students participated in our Annual 5 Minutes of Dough-nuts competition.

SUPPORTING THE HARVEST DRIVE

The proceeds from the competition are used to support the Harvest Drive by purchasing food items that may not have been donated through the collection process. We are proud to announce that our students raised \$2,800 in 5 minutes! The top-raising 1st period was Mr. Gordon's class with \$286 collected. Congratulations and enjoy the DOUGHNUTS!



The week of October 17th through the 20th, we held our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair.

The "Star Books" "Read A Latte" fair was an enormous success. Students visited the book fair during their ELA classes to shop while enjoying the ambiance of our makeshift coffee house book shop. We achieved and surpassed our fundraising goal. The Spring Book Fair is scheduled for March 9th-16th and while we're not letting the "cookie" out of the bag, we will say that we are planning another delectable theme.



Special thanks to Mrs. Stratos, our Media Specialist and Mrs. Segelnick, our PTO Book Fair Chairperson.







Deanna Russo PTO President <u>www.westgladespto.com</u>

> Happy November Wolfpack!

BIG NEWS! We are so excited to announce that we have started planning our Winter Dance set to take place on December 2nd. The students will enjoy a night of games, dancing, food, and fun! Tickets go on sale NOVEMBER 2nd - LIMITED tickets available via <u>www.WestgladesPTO.com</u>! Don't miss out! It's going to be GLOW CRAZY!

NEWS TO KNOW:

# YEARBOOK 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 Yearbook is up for sale on our website with EARLY BIRD PRICING! 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

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 <u>here</u> to reserve your spot in the yearbook today.

# FAMILY BANNERS

Purchase a Family Banner today! Show your Wolfpack Pride with your banner displayed proudly on the Inner Fence of our school. 100% of your donation will directly benefit Westglades for improvements in a variety of programs, including but not limited to, technology, educational resources, spirit campaigns, teacher and staff appreciation, campus beautification and many others. To purchase your Family Banner, <u>click here</u>.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



With technology at their fingertips 24/7, it's more important than ever to ensure students are behaving appropriately in the digital world. Digital media is changing the way children live and learn. For this reason, the BCPS supports Digital Citizen Week annually, the 3rd week in October. Celebrate Digital Citizenship Week and use the <u>BCPS Digital</u>

<u>Citizen Week Toolkit</u> to raise awareness and educate students on internet safety. Help all of our students become responsible digital citizens who make excellent choices in the content they post and the actions they take while online. To learn more, view the School Board of Broward County <u>Digital Citizenship Week Resolution</u>. More Internet safety resources can be found at

Common Sense Media.

Be a Lifeline

**Do you know someone in crisis?** You can be a lifeline & help support them!

# Here are five steps you can take that are known to help:

#### 1. ASK:

Are you thinking about suicide? How do you hurt? How can I help?

#### 2. BE THERE:

In person or on the phone. Show support. Listen. Keep promises to connect.

#### 3. HELP KEEP THEM SAFE:

If the person in crisis is suicidal, details matter: Do they have a plan, or ideas about timing or method? You can call 988 to support their crisis care.

#### 4. HELP THEM CONNECT:

When someone is in crisis, connecting them with ongoing supports can help establish a safety net. Remind them they can call, text or chat 988 to connect with a trained crisis counselor 24/7.

#### 5. FOLLOW UP:

After the immediate crisis is over, check in. That text or call afterwards makes a real difference.



A person in crisis—is a family in crisis—is a community in crisis. You can be a lifeline. Call or text 988 or chat http://988Lifeline.org if you or someone you know needs support. #988Lifeline



We acknowledged Red Ribbon Week, the nation's largest and longest-running drug-use prevention campaign. Thank you to all who participated!





# **BE A BROWARD BUDDY! REPORT A TIP.**





We concluded Red Ribbon Week with a door contest. Ms. Davies, "rocked" the competition with her music themed door! Followed by the 2nd place winner, the 6th Grade Admin. Office.

Thank you to all the staff members and students that participated and decorated doors to promote the 2022 theme: "Living Life, Drug Free."

