

# WOLF TALES



## IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES:

10/3: Interim Reports via Virtual Counselor  
 10/4: Think B4U Post Parent Night, 6:30pm, Auditorium  
 10/6: SAC/SAF Meeting, 8:20am, Media Center  
 10/10: Band/Orchestra Concert, 6pm, Auditorium  
 10/10: Picture Make-Up Day  
 10/12: Wolf Fest 4-6pm  
 10/23: Red Ribbon Week Begins  
 10/23: Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:45pm  
 10/24: No School, Employee Planning  
 10/25-10/27: Harvest Drive Carline Drop Off  
 10/27: SGA Talent Show, 6pm, Auditorium

## IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES:

11/7: No School, Employee Planning  
 11/10: No School  
 11/14: Report Cards Issued via Virtual Counselor  
 11/20: Thanksgiving Break Begins



**WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**NJHS TUTORING**  
**OPEN TO ALL WMS STUDENTS!**  
**BEFORE SCHOOL**

-8:25-9:05am, ROOM 158  
 -Every Thursday  
 -All Course Subjects  
 NJHS Tutors

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Westglades Family,

We are off to a great start of the year at Westglades. We want to continue the positive momentum by keeping our students engaged and involved as much as possible.

Clubs and athletics are an amazing way to have your child meet new friends and form positive peer relationships in a safe and secure environment. We are happy that many of our athletic programs are underway.

We have also started our clubs and are adding new clubs all the time. Please check out the [club calendar](#) on our website and encourage your child to participate. As always, parents are encouraged to have an active voice at WMS by attending monthly SAC meetings. Information about these meetings can be found on our [website](#).

The end of the first quarter will be on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our NJHS students are providing free tutoring every Wednesday for all students beginning at 8:20 AM in Room 158. It is important to check your child's grades often on [Pinnacle](#). [Directions for accessing your child's grades](#) can be found on our website.

Westglades will begin its annual [Harvest Drive](#) to assist families in our community. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved in helping those less fortunate. Our Harvest Drive collection will be from October 9<sup>th</sup>-October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will do a carline drop off during the mornings and afternoons from October 25<sup>th</sup>-October 27<sup>th</sup>. All items that are being collecting can be found on our on our [website](#).

We look forward to all of the great things that October brings to Westglades Middle School!

- Matthew Bianchi, Principal

## IMPORTANT WMS CONTACTS



Main Office: 754-322-4800

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School Hours: 9:15am-3:45pm

Early Release Day Hours: 9:15-1:45pm

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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**

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

**Denise.Gonzalez@browardschools.com.**



**STAY INFORMED:**

**WESTGLADESMIDDLE.COM**

@WMS\_WOLVES  
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Our first Speech and Debate Tournament of the season took place on September 19th, 2023, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Middle Schools from across Broward County participated in this event. We brought 53 students from grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders with varying experience in Speech and Debate.

The following students placed high enough in their rankings to earn a medal and be declared winners from their chosen event:

Lindsay Rosaler	Congress
Ira Kumar	Congress
Nalia Haak	Dramatic Interpretation
Camryn Walker	Dramatic Interpretation
Andrea Win	Impromptu
Gabriella Duman	Impromptu
Joaquin Vasiliadis	Informative
Scott Miller	Lincoln Douglas
Melanie Clifford	Oratory
Briana Loo Martinez	Oratory
Sofia Sawhney	Oratory
Samyah Singh	Public Forum
Neel Bharambe	Public-Forum
Sabine Fiero	Poetry
Lily Wiener	Poetry
Krish Shah	Prose

We are very excited to attend our second tournament of the year on 10/10 at MSD.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
EVERYONE!**

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**MS. JOHNSON**



WMS Teacher of the Year

**MR. VANCE**

WMS Employee of the Year



On September 15th, Mr. Bianchi and the WMS Administration Team surprised two very important staff members. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Vance were voted, by their peers, as the Westglades Middle School Teacher and Employee of the Year!



Ms. Johnson helped open Westglades and has been teaching for 30 years! She believes that being a teacher is not just a profession; it is a lifelong commitment to shaping the future. Her love for teaching has remained unwavering throughout the years and her dedication to our school is shown in many ways.



Mr. Vance takes pride in his work and enjoys being an integral part of meeting the needs of the students and staff of Westglades since 2014. His goal is to ensure if something is needed by someone while on campus he is available to make it happen. He often goes out of his way to ensure that whether you are a staff member or a visitor on campus, you have what you need to make your day at Westglades a great one.





We have amazing extra-curricular programs and activities available to students at Westglades Middle School.

Please take a moment to check them out on our website under the Activities Tab.

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

Best Buddies  
Book Club  
Broward Youth Coalition  
Creative Writing  
Debate  
DECA In the Middle  
Drama / Jr. Thespian Club  
First Priority Club  
Florida Future Educators (FFEA)  
Math Club  
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)  
PAWS  
Robotics Club  
SADD  
Student Government (SGA)  
Tennis  
Youth Mountain Bike



For anyone that needs to have their School Picture taken, Fall Picture Makeup Day has been scheduled for

**Monday, October 10th.**

As reminder, Fall pictures are used for the yearbook. Yearbooks are sold via

[WestgladesPTO.com](http://WestgladesPTO.com).



**MEDIA CENTER, 8:20AM**

OCTOBER 6, 2023  
NOVEMBER 3, 2023  
DECEMBER 1, 2023  
JANUARY 12, 2024  
FEBRUARY 2, 2024  
MARCH 1, 2024  
APRIL 5, 2024  
MAY 3, 2024



# PEACE

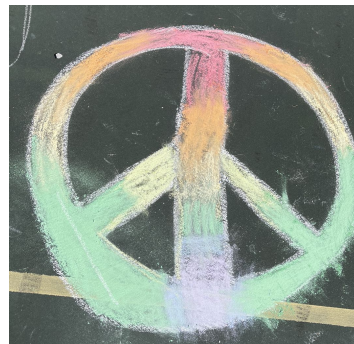


# WEEK

September 18- 22, 2023

On Thursday, September 21st, WMS students had a blast participating in the district-wide initiative to promote peace. They covered our track and basketball courts with beautiful colors and messages of peace.

**#Chalk4Peace**





# YOU'RE INVITED!

Westglades Band and Orchestra students will perform their first concert of the year in October! The Westglades Band and Orchestra Fall Concert is October 10th The Concerts begin at 6:00 pm in the Westglades Auditorium and are free to anyone who wishes to attend.  
Westglades Band and Orchestra students will perform in costumes as part of their concert.



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN  
**WMS HARVEST DRIVE**  
PLEASE DONATE: October 9th - October 27th

CANNED FRUIT  
INSTANT OATMEAL  
PEANUT BUTTER  
CANNED/PACKETS OF GRAVY  
FRUIT CUPS/ APPLESAUCE  
POP TARTS  
PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP  
RICE / PASTA  
BOXED MASHED POTATOES  
BAGGED/CANNED BEANS



RAMEN NOODLES  
COOKIES/CRACKERS  
MACARONI AND CHEESE  
ANY CANNED VEGGIES  
CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA  
RANCH/ ITALIAN DRESSING  
CEREALS  
SOUPS  
BOXED STUFFING  
BROWNIE MIX

**BRING REQUESTED  
ITEMS TO 1ST PERIOD.**

**COMMUNITY NIGHT:  
OCTOBER 30, 4:30-6:30 PM**

**CARLINE DROP OFF:  
10/25-10/27  
8:15-9:10am  
3:45-4:10pm**

Visit the Westglades eStore to Adopt a Family!