Join us at our next General Meeting, Thursday, January 28th, 6:00 p.m. at WBHS in room 142.

Mr. Juan Luna of Tropical Financial Credit Union will be our guest speaker.
Also, Jane Marquardt, our Bobcat Chair, will be on hand to explain the Bobcat Awards process.
Our Scholarship Chair, Maria Trotto-Mark, will present scholarship information and the application process for PTSA Senior Scholarships.
All are available to answer any questions about these programs.

As the holidays approached, the PTSA was very busy showing our gratitude to staff with luncheons and gifts.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, and to show our appreciation for the support of WBH administrators, the PTSA Executive Board presented gift bags to Principal Teresa Hall and Assistant Principals Mr. Richard Gonzalez, Mr. Frank Jones, Ms. Wendy Mola, and Ms. Lisa Spencer.
On November 24th, the PTSA hosted a “thank you” luncheon for the Administrative Staff. Several of our Board Members served a delicious Thanksgiving meal that was catered by Emilio’s BBQ with desserts from Publix.

L-R: Board Members Shannon Dillehay, Betty Del Rosario, Raquel Nechyba, Barbara Valdes, Amy Leschhorn, and Belinda Berginz

The annual Teacher and Staff Holiday Luncheon was held on December 3rd in the West Broward High School cafeteria. The WBHS PTSA served over 200 staff members. A hearty Italian Feast was catered by Del Vecchio’s, 19620 Pines Blvd., and decadent desserts, donated by Costco, 15915 Pines Blvd., were enjoyed by all.

COSTCO also donated a membership, gift cards, and cookbooks that were given away to Staff members in a drawing. COSTCO also provided the delicious desserts. This year the PTSA was able to give each and every staff member at the luncheon a small gift box of Lindt Chocolate Truffles.

Thank you to our business partners, COSTCO and Del Vecchio’s, for their contributions in making our Holiday Luncheon a huge success.

Members of WBH Administrative Staff.
Standing L-R: Ann Wingett, Janet Zapata
Seated L-R: Linda Friedman, Makeda Brathwaite, and Kim Fernandez

Hospitality Chair, Betty Del Rosario (right) and Maryory Rosado prepare table decorations.

Maryory Rosado and Barbara Valdes stand behind the decadent desserts provided by COSTCO.
Reflections at West Broward High School:
Broward County Reflections judging is complete. Two West Broward High School entries have qualified to move on to State in the Photography category. Kyle Leibler and Alexander Negrin will be presented their awards at the Broward County winners ceremony on January 22nd at Apollo Middle School.
The theme for the 2015-2016 PTA Reflections program is *Let Your Imagination Fly.* The Reflections program at WBHS is chaired by Art Department Head, Debra Lumia with assistance from PTSA Liaison, Barbara Valdes.
Below are some of the fabulous entries created by West Broward students.

Membership Update: As of January 18, 2016, PTSA membership at WBHS was 774. Membership forms are available in the Main Office, on the WBHS Webpage, and the last page of our newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers, and staff for supporting the PTSA at West Broward!

The PTSA Board would like to say farewell to our Corresponding Secretary and Photographer, Danta Simonsen. Thank you for your service to the PTSA and good luck in your future endeavors.

We would like to announce Naseema Outram as the new Corresponding Secretary. Welcome aboard Naseema!
PTSA Board Member Spotlight: Jarrod Maloney and Ian Berginz

In this issue of the newsletter, we are spotlighting our two student Board Members: Jarrod Maloney, 2nd Vice President, and Ian Berginz, Student Membership Coordinator.

Jarrod is a Senior who is passionate about giving back and making a difference in his community. Jarrod volunteers and serves, in different capacities, with many different service organizations.

Jarrod's interests lay in using computer programs, like Alice, to mimic 3D object behavior to create virtual worlds for real world applications. He's one of 32 Broward County high school students chosen for the inaugural class of the Museum of Discovery and Science's 2 year APP-titude program creating mobile apps for the museum's exhibits.

Other interests include his love of filming, whether it’s volunteering his time helping various organizations film events or making one of his many movies for others to enjoy.

His plans for college are to major in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, math) related field. Thus far, Jarrod has been accepted to 4 of the 5 universities to which he has applied - he is awaiting acceptance to the University of Florida. His preference is either UF or UCF.

Ian is a Junior who often volunteers for the PTSA. As the Membership Volunteer Coordinator, Ian helps set up, distribute and sell memberships for our membership drives. His love of weight training allows us to use him and his muscles to volunteer and set up many of our PTSA functions including Bobcat Bootcamp, 9th Grade Orientation, P.E. Uniforms sales, luncheons, Red Carpet Awards, and anything else we need in between, such as shoe and paper drives.

Ian is a member of NHS, Anime Club, and the APP-titude Program through the Museum of Discovery and Science and the United Way of Broward County. The APP-titude program is a 2 year Internship in STEM Education.

Besides weight lifting, some of his other hobbies include skateboarding, drawing, writing, playing video games.

After he graduates in 2017, Ian plans on attending college aspiring to design, code and program video games.

Thank you both for your efforts and dedication on our Board and in our community. The PTSA is honored to have these exemplary students serve as Board Members.
WBHS PTSA Recognition Awards

Bobcat Awards:

Join us at the January 28th General Meeting for more information about this award. Students, nominated by a staff member or parent, are recognized for their actions that help to enrich the lives around them and make their community a better place in which to live. Students awarded this honor receive a pin for each year they receive the award. The Bobcat Award pins are the only ones that can be worn on their graduation gown. To qualify for this honor, students must be PTSA members in each year they apply.

PTSA Senior Scholarships:

Scholarship Chair, Maria Trotto-Mark, will be giving a detailed presentation on the scholarship process at the January 28th General Meeting. Funded by community and business leader contributions, the WBHS PTSA Senior Scholarships are awarded to eligible, college bound seniors. To become eligible, the student must be a member of the WBHS PTSA in their senior year.

If you have or know of any businesses that would like to sponsor a scholarship, please contact a PTSA Board Member or email wbhptsa@gmail.com.

These and other awards will be given at the PTSA Red Carpet Awards tentatively schedule for April 27, 2016.

Details on how to apply and the criteria for these awards will be announced in January 2016.
PTSA Membership Form

Become an advocate! Join West Broward PTSA Today! Membership Fee: $10.00

Student Name:________________________ 3rd Hour Teacher:________________________

Individual Member Information:

Name & email:_________________________ Phone:_________ Staff/Teacher/Student/Parent/Grandparent
Name & email:_________________________ Phone:_________ Staff/Teacher/Student/Parent/Grandparent
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______ / ______ Birthday Information (Optional)
Month / Day

Total Amount Paid: _________ Cash______ Check #______ Received by:______

Interested in becoming a West Broward High School PTSA Business Partner? (See below)

Company Name: ______________________________ Phone: ______________________
Contact Name: ______________________________ Email: ______________________
Total Amount Paid: _________ Cash_____ Check #______ Received by:______

Joining PTSA is your way of showing support to your child, school and PTSA. Remember that joining PTSA is not a commitment to volunteering. It is a commitment of support for our students and the many programs and activities brought to you through our WBHS PTSA Outreach Program. Through this program we have awarded over $25,000 in scholarships, the last couple of years, to graduating seniors. Membership dollars also subsidize P.E. uniforms and provides thousands of dollars to students in need. Student membership is also important because each year your child is a PTSA member is factored into the eligibility process of PTSA scholarship in their senior year.

In accordance with Broward County Schools Media release form, as the parent of a student in the Broward County Public Schools; I understand that my student’s picture may appear in newspapers, school publications, television, and websites of the following entities: School Board/District, WBHS PTSA and School websites, e.g., school yearbooks, school newspapers, class pictures and/or other communication tools.

I will allow my student to be photographed and/or filmed for Newspapers, Television, School Board/District, WBHS PTSA websites and publications, and other communication tools.

Signed:_______________________________________ Date:_______________

Please turn in at PTSA table at any event or drop off in PTSA box located in the Main Office.