



IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES:

- 10/8: SAC/SAF Meeting, 8:15am, Media Center
- 10/19: Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:45pm
- 10/20: No School
- 10/25: Harvest Drive Collection Begins

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES:

- 11/01: Carline Harvest Drop-off Begins
- 11/11: No School
- 11/12: Report Cards Issued via Virtual Counselor
- 11/22: Thanksgiving Break Begins

Dear Westglades Family,

This has been an exciting year so far and our teachers and staff are so happy to have our students back at school in person. We want all our students here every day that they are healthy and feeling well. Please remember to perform the at home daily health screening with your child.

We want to thank the Westglades parents and our amazing PTO for purchasing outdoor seating so our students can sit outdoors during lunches.

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 our athletic programs are underway. You can view all of our [tentative tryout dates](#), coaching information, and even [purchase tickets](#) on our school website. We are excited to be adding bowling and wrestling to the athletic schedule this year. 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 meeting is always shared on our website. We look forward to all of the great things that October brings to Westglades Middle School! - Matthew Bianchi, Principal

AT HOME DAILY HEALTH SCREENING



Broward County Public Schools is committed to the health and safety of our students, our staff and our community. The District has instituted enhanced cleaning schedules, staggered work schedules and continues to reduce the number of people in our facilities to promote physical distancing.

In order to enter Broward County Public Schools facilities, all students, parents/caregivers, and employees should answer the following self-assessment questions at home each morning prior to coming to school or work:

DAILY HEALTH SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS:

- Do you feel warm, have a fever or elevated temperature (100.4), or have the chills?
- Do you have a persistent cough, runny nose or sore throat?
- Have you recently had a loss of taste or smell?
- Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have you been in close, unprotected contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
(spent longer than 15 minutes within six feet of someone who was sick with a fever and cough or confirmed/suspected of having COVID-19)
- Are you feeling sick or ill today?
- Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?
- Have you been told to self-quarantine or self-isolate by a doctor or the Florida Department of Health?

If your child can answer "NO" to all of these questions, they may proceed to school.

If your child answered "YES" to any of these questions, you must contact the school nurse for further guidance.

IMPORTANT WMS CONTACTS



Main Office: 754-322-4800

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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 & 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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APPAREL**

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My name is Travis Allison. I'm honored to be this year's PTO President. This is my last year at Westglades. I have 2 girls - an 8th grader and a college freshman. My incredible board and I are 100% committed to the students and staff and Westglades.

This year is the 20th Anniversary of Westglades. Checkout our apparel and merchandise for some 20th Anniversary swag.

Every Friday is Spirit Day at Westglades. Students can wear any WMS spirit shirt. Spirit shirts are available on our online apparel store.

Our Hassle Free Fundraiser and Membership Drive are how the PTO raise money. Please visit our website: westgladespto.com, if you can help. No amount is too small. Thank you to all that have contributed. If you haven't already, please register as a user, on our website to receive email blasts. I send a weekly email blast that has information that may be important.

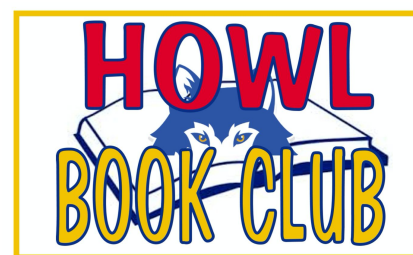
Thank you - Travis Allison
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Need a digital library book? Students can check out digital books from the Westglades Library through the Axis 360 app on your phone or tablet. You can also read books digitally through the Follett Destiny app on your Clever page. Take the WMS library with you wherever you go; download the Axis 360 app today.



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! Our Fall Book Fair will be on campus from 10/4-10/8/2021. All students will attend with their ELA teacher.



The Westglades Middle HOWL Book Club is available to all students. Students can join the HOWL Book Club via WestgladesMiddle.com or by using this link: at <https://bit.ly/3zpSseG>. There is no membership fee. Everyone is welcome. Earn a Brag Tag for every HOWL Book you read. Collect all 15 tags! Students, see Mrs. Stratos in the Media Center for details on how to become a member. Happy Reading and HOWL On!



We are so excited to announce that this year is the 20th Anniversary of WMS opening! We plan to celebrate all year long! The staff started the year with a Twenty Years of Westglades video montage and the PTO provided staff with special goodie bags. The PTO also sponsored new flags and banners which definitely spruced up our courtyard area. Lastly, we started adding items to our Time Capsule that will be opened in 20 years! We invite all WMS families to celebrate with us and show support by purchasing a special edition 20th Anniversary t-shirt from the PTO. www.WestgladesPTO.com



Our 1st debate tournament of the season took place on September 28th at Stoneman Douglas. Great job to all who participated! This month's winners are:

Public Forum Debate

- Marissa John and Sophia Ismail
- Ava Thomas and Alexandra Yeats
- Samera Kathuria and Shania Srivastav
- Ishika Gadani and Manpreet Chhabra

Congressional Debate

- Praneeth Tallapaneni
- Colin Crippen
- Sarah Rosaler

Informational Speaking

- Laasya Pagadala

Original Oratory

- Aayush Gujarathi

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!



On September 13th, Mr. Bianchi and the WMS Administration Team surprised two very important Staff members. Ms. Nast and Ms. Lerner were voted, by their peers, as Teacher and Employee of the Year!



Ms. Nast has spent most of her career working with students whose needs are the center of their learning and understanding in order for mastery of skills to develop and take place. Currently, she is one of Westglades' Intensive Reading teachers, and she enjoys seeing students learn new skills that will give them academic independence.



This is Ms. Lerner's 5th year as the IMT at Westglades. As the IMT, she is responsible for recording all critical data associated with student records and mandatory state and district reporting. A big asset to the WMS team, Mrs. Lerner loves helping all our students and staff and there is no place she would rather be!



GET INVOLVED!

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
- Broward Youth Coalition
- Chess
- Debate
- DECA In the Middle
- Drama / Jr. Thespian Club
- E-Sports
- Florida Future Educators (FFEA)
- Howl Book
- Multicultural
- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- SADD
- Student Government (SGA)
- Stock Market
- Tennis
- Youth Mountain Bike



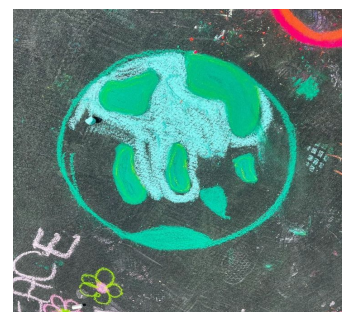
Wolves, need schoolwork help?

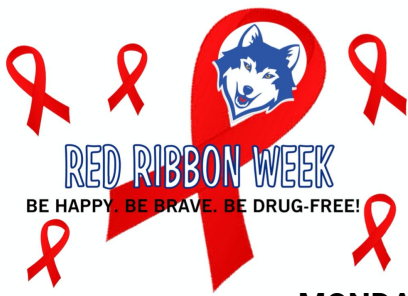
The district offers evening academic assistance Monday-Thursday from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. All students have a link in their Canvas courses to "Ask BRIA" (Broward Remote Instructional Assistance). By clicking on that link, they will be guided to a live Teams session with a certified teacher to receive academic support.



On Friday, September 24th, 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





**October
25th-29th**

MONDAY

"VAPES NOT FOR ME SO SHADE OUT DRUGS"
Wear a funny, interesting, or fancy cloth PPE mask and sunglasses.



TUESDAY

"PEACE OUT TO DRUGS"
Wear a Tye Dye shirt.



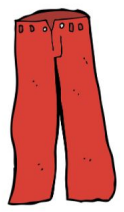
WEDNESDAY

"DRUGS CAN'T FIND ME"
Wear Camo.



THURSDAY

LEVEL UP AGAINST DRUGS'
Wear your grade level color.
6th-green
7th-blue
8th -gold



FRIDAY

"GET 'RED' OF DRUGS"
Wear as much red as you can.



HARVEST DRIVE



The Harvest Drive Helpers will be collecting non-perishable items via 1st period classes 10/25 - 11/12.

Additional drop off times/locations:

Car Line Drop Off: Nov. 1st – 5th (AM & PM)

Items Needed:

- juice – family size
- canned fruit, canned cranberry
- pancake mix and syrup
- cookies/crackers
- cereal/oatmeal
- rice/pasta macaroni & cheese
- peanut butter jelly (no glass jars)
- canned veggies canned/packets gravy
- spaghetti sauce (can)
- soups stuffing
- canned tuna or meats
- boxed mashed potatoes
- muffin/cake mix

Visit the Westglades Estore: If you would like to Adopt-A-Family for \$25. (Each Family will receive a \$25 Walmart or Publix gift card.) Thank you!

OUTDOOR SEATING PROJECT



THANK YOU PTO!



THANK YOU to everyone that supported the **PTO OUTDOOR SEATING PROJECT!**

The new picnic tables have been installed and they look amazing! The students are so excited.



During the week of September 20th, our students and staff promoted kindness by participating in Start with Hello Week. Hundreds of schools and youth organizations across the United States participated in this movement, which promotes awareness about social isolation and educates students and the community on how to prevent it.

Our activities included:

- Caught Being Kind Day
- International Day of Peace, White T-shirt Day
- Start With Hello Presentation
- Human Bingo
- Positivi-TEE Day
- Great job to all that promote awareness.
- Start With Hello every single day!

YOU'RE INVITED!

WESTGLADES
BANDS

Fall Concert

TUES, OCT 5
6:30 PM

AUDITORIUM

WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL

Orchestra Fall Concert

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2021
WESTGLADES
AUDITORIUM
AT 6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST IN-
PERSON CONCERT SINCE
2020!

Tues. 10/5 and Thurs. 10/7, 6:30pm