



Wildcat Weekly

August 9th, 2024

Principal's Update

Well, the time is upon us Wildcats!

Students, we are so excited for your return to campus, and to our incoming 7th graders and new students, we are excited to welcome you into the West Shore family. Your teachers and staff have been on campus for the last 6 days diligently preparing for your arrival and they are ready!

As I have had the opportunity to reflect on this new journey we are on together, I couldn't help but think of all of the amazing administrators, teachers, students and staff who have paved the way for all of us who are now blessed to teach and learn here. One of our amazing Wildcats, Rhea Sinha, co-editor of ROAR, shared this story with me, and I felt I had to share it with you all. Please check it out below. Have a great final weekend of summer...stay safe, see you all Monday!

We Are Unrivaled!

Mr. Clark

West Shore ROAR Presents Tribute to Mr. Rick Fleming - "End of an Era"

Please check out an in-depth feature story on Mr. Fleming to commemorate his career and contributions. <https://westshoreroar.com/fleming/end-of-an-era/>

August Staff Birthdays

Lisa Rehm - 08/02 - Teacher

Alyce Higginbotham - 08/07 - Cafeteria Manager

Jenny Pazderak - 08/15 - Teacher

Tam Reis - 08/16 - Teacher

Paula Navarrete - 08/16 - Teacher

Jackie King - 08/23 - Bookkeeper

Stefani Archibald - 08/26 - Teacher

Shalene Bartlett - 08/27 - Teacher

Koren Olson - 08/30 - Teacher



West Shore PTA

Join PTA and earn Volunteer hours!

Join at www.westshorepta.com

7th Annual Blingo Sponsorship Opportunities

Dear West Shore Families,

We are hosting our 7th Annual Blingo PTA Fundraising event this fall on Friday, September 13th.

This is our only fundraising soirée and we are looking for sponsors to help support our event.

Donations from our sponsors will be used to purchase designer bags ☑ and custom jewelry👑 for raffles & prizes! All sponsors will be listed on a banner that hangs on campus all school year.

Diamond Level Sponsors will receive a color logo on the banner.

Sponsorship Levels

\$1,000 Blue Diamond Level 💎💎

\$500 Diamond Level 👑

\$300 Platinum Level 🏆

\$200 Gold Level 🌟

\$100 Silver Level 🥈

Checks can be made payable to West Shore PTA, by August 31st.

Thanks to your generosity in supporting our past Blingo events, we have been successful in raising money to support our West Shore teachers and students in many ways!

Please contact Sherrie Stovall (VP Fundraising) with any questions @ 321-223-8282

Parent Volunteer Opportunity



School Hours

Student Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 3:30

Friday: 8:30 - 2:15

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Show Your School Spirit

West Shore has an online school store! This is the place to get your all your official West Shore spirit gear. Please check it out and share this link with friends, family, and alumni of West Shore.

GO WILDCATS!

[WEST SHORE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS - MELBOURNE, Florida - Sideline Store - BSN Sports](#)



Dual Enrollment Students Check-Out Policy

All Dual Enrollment students' need to see Ms. Morin on Monday regarding the Dual Enrollment Check-Out process.

Open House

Our Open House night will be held Wednesday, August 21st from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Come meet your child's teachers and learn more about our school and their classes. We will begin the evening in the gymnasium for a brief welcome and then you will follow your child's class schedule from period 1 - 7. We hope to see you there!

Parents of 7th and 9th grade Gifted students should meet at 5:30 in the Media Center for a brief meeting prior to Open House.

Senior Parent Night

Our annual Senior Parent Night will be held on Thursday, August 29th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the West Shore Auditorium. Please join us for strategies for navigating your senior year. We will discuss graduation, Bright Futures, college applications and essays, scholarships, FAFSA and other financial aid, SAT and ACT, senior projects, and more!

Bright Futures, FAFSA and College 101 Information



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Plan Your Path After High School

**College, University
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**September 10
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ET**

Learn about 2-year degrees, 4-year degrees, and career & technical programs during this fun and informative webinar!

**Make Your College
Application Stand
Out from the Rest!**

**September 17
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ET**

Helpful guidance, tips, and tricks that are sure to get your application noticed!

**Show Me the Money:
How to Pay for College
Without Breaking
the Bank!**

**September 24
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ET**

Learn about scholarships, grants, and other financial aid options that can make college more affordable for you!

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www.FloridaShines.org/College-101

Important Testing Information

Testing Information

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) PM1 will be administered at West Shore the third week of school. Students enrolled in 7th – 10th grade will take ELA Reading on Tuesday, August 27 at 8:30 AM. Students enrolled in M/J Accelerated Math (7th grade math), Algebra I, or Geometry will take the appropriate Math PM1 exam on Wednesday, August 28 at 8:30 AM.



The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to all sophomores and juniors on Wednesday, October 9 at 8:30 AM. Any other student who would like to take the PSAT must register by Friday, September 13. The cost is \$20 and must be submitted with the appropriate registration form to Ms. Sanford in the guidance office by Friday, September 13. Checks should be made out to West Shore Jr/Sr High School.



Youth as Solutions

Youth as Solutions (YaS), is a program of the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), that offers funding to teams of middle and high school students to design a solution that meets a need in their community in one of the following areas: education equity, community health, environmental justice, or civics and democracy. This is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and get support to make a difference in your community. Please see Ms. Feldbush for more information and read more about the program here: <https://nylc.org/youth-as-solutions/>. Applications are due by September 13

Student Volunteer Opportunity - Supervisor of Elections



2024 PE Volunteers flyer.pdf

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Power Hour and Homeroom

Power Hour is an initiative that empowers students with roughly 53 minutes of time each day to eat lunch and have the opportunity to attend teacher office hours. Making up tests, turning in homework, getting caught up on assignments, and attending a club or class meeting, are all activities taking place during this time. Students will know what is expected of them, where they can spend time, and what time office hours are available to them. Also, during early release every Friday, students will continue to participate in homeroom during the Power Hour period.

Homeroom is a time for students to bond and for them to meet with their teacher advisor which they will have throughout their junior and senior high career. This provides students the opportunity to meet with their teachers, attend clubs and other opportunities during the school day rather than before or after school.

Student ID's

Due to a continued focus on school safety...all students will need to carry their school ID on them at all times. Students will be provided a physical ID card (after school pictures on August 23rd) and will also be able to access a digital version of their ID card in FOCUS.

Student can use their ID's to purchase food in the cafeteria, check out books from the media center, and to sign-in and out of school in the attendance office when arriving late or being checked out.

Students can choose to wear their ID's on a lanyard or to carry their ID in a wallet, purse or backpack. They must have their ID on them at all times.

Cafeteria Services

Lunch prices for 2024-25 are as follows:

Secondary lunch: \$3.00

Reduced price lunch: \$0.40

BPS provides breakfast free of charge to all students school every day.

We encourage parents to apply for Free or reduced (FRL) price meal benefits. Click here to fill out a FRL application:

<https://www.brevardschools.org/o/bps/page/free-and-reduced-lunch-applications>



Families can also set up an online lunch account through the district system. Go to www.mypaymentsplus.com to create your account and add money for your student to use in our cafeteria. If you already have an account, you do not need to create another one for this year. This is a convenient way to keep lunch money in your child's account, so they do not have to carry cash to school. Your child's lunch account is connected to their student ID, so all they have to do to pay for lunch is scan their ID and go.

Attendance

West Shore Jr. Sr. High will adhere to the School Board Rules of Brevard County as cited in the Secondary Student Parent Handbook along with the West Shore Contract that is signed when you accept your seat at West Shore.

These are the portions most frequently referred to by parents, students, and school personnel.

The educational program offered by this District is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. Attendance shall be required of all students enrolled in the school during the days and hours that the school is in session.

School attendance is the responsibility of parents/legal guardians and students.

- A student who is absent from class with an unexcused absence may need to complete supplemental learning opportunities.
- Excused absences may include medical appointment of the student, pregnancy related issues, court dates, religious holidays, illness with medical documentation and chronic and extended illness, insurmountable conditions, death in immediate family, and appointments for a therapy service provided by a licensed health professional.
- For excused absences, the student shall have a reasonable amount of time, up to ten (10) school days, to complete make-up work. Principals or designee may grant extensions to the make-up time limit for extenuating circumstances.
- College visits and Military recruitment trips are limited to junior and senior students. Documentation from the colleges visited must be submitted to the Attendance office at the conclusion of the trip.
- Senior Project research days are limited to senior students, for (2) days per school year. Students should complete a Pre-Arranged Absence form. These absences will be recorded as a Parent Excused absence.

Student Parking

Student parking is limited to senior, junior and sophomore (if space available) students. Students must have a valid Florida driver's license and must register their vehicle with the School Resource Officer. The cost is \$20 for a parking tag. It is a privilege to drive and park at school, and it is up to each student to see that this privilege is not abused.

Parking spots are only to be used by the student who purchased the spot. All drivers must observe the 5-mph campus speed limit. Violation of driving rules will result in fines and possible loss of driving privileges. Students must have administrative approval to go to their cars during the school day.

All vehicles driven by students and parked in student parking shall be registered with current Florida registration and proof of insurance. Student shall display a current year West Shore Jr/Sr High School issued decal from vehicle rearview mirror at all times.

Students shall register and purchase a decal during school registration. The cost of a decal is \$20 and \$5 for replacement decals.

Students who have a registered vehicle and find it necessary to drive a temporary vehicle shall report the use of said temporary vehicle to the SRO upon parking on campus. If the vehicle is used more than one school day, the student shall obtain a temporary parking permit from the SRO or Administration.

Failure to abide by school rules and expectations can result in fines and loss of parking privileges as outlined in the in student handbook.

West Shore Traffic Management Plan

Please review the West Shore Traffic Management Plan Below. It contains detailed information for student drop-off and pick-up.



Traffic Mgmt Plan SY25.pdf

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Dress Code

The following dress code developed by administrators, teachers, parents and students will be enforced at West Shore Jr. /Sr. High School. Student found in violation of the dress code must remedy the infraction to return to class. Repeat offenders may be subject to additional discipline.

- Length and fit of clothing should be school appropriate.
- Patches, garments, and accessories that make comments or references to weapons, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex, obscenities, and innuendo are not permitted.
- Footwear is always required.
- Sunglasses and hats are not allowed indoors or inside the classroom, except in outdoor P.E. activities.

- Pants and shorts must be worn at waist level. If belts are worn, they must be at the waist and buckled.
- Undergarments may not be exposed. Strapless garments are prohibited.

Students are reminded that the dress code is in effect when students are on campus and at all school functions. Organizational and team sponsors may require specific attire at their events.

The Administration of West Shore reserves the right to determine if a student is wearing inappropriate clothing. Students are also reminded of the West Shore Jr./Sr. High School Parent/Guardian and Student Contract, which states, that our dress code "May differ from other Brevard County School's dress codes."

Cell Phone Policy

Although cell phones are now an integral part of our society, they are a substantial distraction to a healthy and productive learning environment. It will take the cooperation of all stakeholders to ensure that cell phones do not negatively impact the teaching and learning experience of our West Shore students and teachers. It is imperative that all students follow our school cell phone policy, and that school staff and parents consistently enforce and support the policy.

Students will be permitted to have cell phones in their possession throughout the school day. However, cell phone **use** will only be permitted before the first bell, during class change, during Power Hour and after the last bell of the day. **There should be absolutely no cell phone usage during class time.**

Cell phones and ear buds must be turned off and out of sight during class time. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action that will include but is not limited to a dean's referral and confiscation of the phone. Repeated violation of this policy will result in the student losing the privilege to be able to carry a cell phone permanently, or for a period of time as determined by an administrator.

Definition: Use of a cell phone includes but is not limited to checking the time, conversing, accessing the internet, using Focus, text messaging, using social media and taking pictures.

Athletic Clearance

Parents and Student Athletes can begin completing the Athletic Clearance process. This digital platform is how West Shore gets athletes eligible to participate in sports by having parents/athletes complete the eligibility forms digitally. In order to complete this process, all student athletes need to be registered with AthleticClearance.com, and all paperwork must be completed electronically and/or uploaded in order to participate in athletics at West Shore. All forms will be completed digitally, except for the [physical \(EL2\)](#) and the [ECG](#) forms, which will need to be printed, completed, scanned and uploaded to the Athletic Clearance Platform. For instructions to complete this process, please click here: [instructions](#)

2024-25 Sports Tryouts

FALL

Girls Golf: August 13th, 4:00 pm - Harbor City Golf Course

Boys and Girls Bowling: August 13th, 4:00 - 5:30 pm - Shore Lanes Palm Bay

Dance: August 20th and 22nd, 4:00 - 6:00 pm - Gym

WINTER

Cheer: September 30th, 3:30 - 5:45 pm - Gym

Boys and Girls Soccer: October 14th, 3:45 - 5:30 pm - soccer field

Boys Basketball JV & Varsity: October 28th, Time TBA - gym

Boys Basketball Middle School: October 28th, Time TBA - gym

Girls Basketball All Levels: October 28th, Time TBA - gym

Senior Portraits

Seniors!

Don't forget to schedule your Senior Portraits with Dean Stewart Photography

Booking can be completed at: <https://www.dsp-photo.com/Senior-Portraits.html>

Deadline is October 26th!

Pre-order Your Yearbook Now!

Pre-order your yearbook now at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)

Search by school name, West Shore Junior Senior High School and then click on "Order My Yearbook Today."

KidGuard Student Insurance Opportunity



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