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Principal's Message



Fall 2015

It is great to be a Wildcat! I started with that thought to begin my first year at West Ranch, and I still very much believe it today. Every time I step onto our campus, I am impressed by the friendliness of our students, the quality and effort of our staff, and the never-ending support by our parents. This is truly a special place to be, and I am excited to come to work every day.

The latest data is in from our most recent Advanced Placement and CAASPP exams. With CAASPP, the test that took the place of the STAR exam, 89% of our students met or exceeded standards in ELA/Literacy, and 64% met or exceeded standards in math. This is the highest marks in the district, and well above the state and county average. In Advanced Placement, 746 students took 1,345 exams, with an overall passage rate of 67%. This data ranks us as one of the highest performing schools in Los Angeles County. This data demonstrates the hard work of the students and faculty I see evident

on our campus every day.

If you want to see first-hand the efforts that go into a typical day at West Ranch, you will have that opportunity during Parent Shadow Day on Thursday, October 1. The day will begin with check-in from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. with a welcome from the Principal at 8:15 in our gymnasium. Classes will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. You can register online for this event by visiting our website at www.WestRanchHighSchool.com.

Don't forget that all year long I will be hosting Starbucks with the Principal. This is an opportunity for you to learn about West Ranch and the events we have straight from the Principal in the relaxed setting of the Starbucks amphitheater on the corner of McBean and The Old Road. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 8. We begin at 8:45 a.m. I hope to see you there!

Mark Crawford
Principal

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*West Ranch
Welcomes the
Graduating Class of
2019*

West Ranch Activities Fall 2015

September

- 1 Back to School Night
- 2 Freshmen Class Officer Elections
- 10 Club Rush Day
- 11 Your Voice Matters
- 14 Homecoming Week Begins
- 18 Homecoming Rally/Game
- 19 Homecoming Dance @ Hyatt
- 29-30 Jostens Senior Class Visits

October

- 1 Socktober
- 1 Parent Shadow Day
- 12 Fall Blood Drive
- 12 Cap and Gown/Class Rings Orders
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- 19 Dude, Be Nice Week
- 20 Your Voice Matters
- 21 Dude, Be Nice Assembly
- 27 Lunch Bunch #1
- 28 Lunch Bunch #1
- 29-30 Jostens Cap and Gown Sales
- 30 Costume Contest

November

- 3 ASB Executive Officers Meeting
- 12 ASB Executive Officers Elections
- 10 ASB Commissioner Meeting
- 18 Your Voice Matters
- 20 ASB Commissioner Interviews
- 24 Faculty Feast

December

- 4 Holiday Rally
- 8 Lunch Bunch #2
- 9 Lunch Bunch #2
- 15-17 Finals



News From Counseling

The William S. Hart Union High School District is hosting its 5th annual:

College & Career Fair
Thursday, September 24, 2015.
6:00-8:30 pm
at
West Ranch High School
26255 W. Valencia Blvd.
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

Over 100 college & university reps will be on hand to answer questions as well as career technical schools and apprenticeship programs. Again this year, due to overcrowding issues, the fair is open to juniors and seniors only to improve the fair-going experience for all. Parents, as always, are welcome.

Workshops on financial aid and out-of-state college options will be available throughout the event in the theater.

A complete Program Guide listing the colleges and participating programs will be available for download in early September.



Attention 9th -11th Graders and Parents! The Counselors will be holding a **College Workshop** on November 12th at 6pm in our West Ranch Theater. The evening will give a broad overview of college options, how to prepare, financial aid and much more. Look forward to seeing you there.



The PSAT, or Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, will be given at West Ranch on Wednesday morning, October 14, 2015. The PSAT, taken primarily by Juniors and Sophomores, helps students start getting ready for college, practice for the SAT and Act, and offers and opportunity to enter scholarship competitions.

- Registration for Juniors begin September 2nd
- Registration for Sophomores begins September 16th
- Registration for Freshmen begins September 28th

The cost of the PSAT is 22.00. WR students may register with the ASB office during normal school hours before school, burn and lunch, or online through the WR Web Store. Registration may close early if all seats sell out before the deadlines.

Club News

FBLA: Just a bunch of nerds in suits, right?

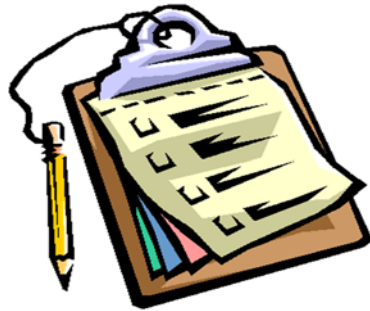
Future Business Leaders of America builds high school students into leaders, managers, business professionals, competitive workers, and networkers. Besides the Section Leadership Conference where students compete in specific events, FBLA includes a myriad amount of various workshops and leadership developing sessions. Apart from pure business, competitive events vary from information technology to sports medicine to impromptu speaking to marketing. West Ranch FBLA also provides members with the opportunity of real-life business experiences through business tours, organized by the students them-

Meetings are even Thursdays at lunch in room 427.

Attendance Office

1. Parents/guardians are to call or write a note of excuse within 24 hours of absence. According to Education Code 48260, any student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for three or more days will be considered a truant. Parents/guardians should provide written medical, and or legal notices when possible.
2. Students who are continually tardy to class will face disciplinary actions from teacher or administration. Students who are 30 minutes late or more need to bring a note to the attendance office clarifying the tardy before going to class.
3. Students leaving campus for any reason without an off-campus pass or verified open period, must check out either through the Attendance Office or Health Office. Students are not permitted to go off campus for lunch, without a valid off-campus permit. Those students without off-campus lunch passes must be checked out by their parent/guardian during our lunch our in person.

The intent of this policy is to call the attention of parents and students to the importance of class attendance and provide for greater student accountability for make-up work. It is not our intent to punish students who are ill or have family emergencies.



Registrar's Office

Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number or email address? If so, please contact the registrar's office to update your contact information. It is imperative that we have up-to-date contact information on file.

Health Office Procedures

When children become ill at school, they will receive every care and consideration and parents will be contacted. With so many students and little space in the health office, we ask for your full cooperation in picking up a sick child in a reasonable amount of time. We do not have the accommodations for a child to sit in the health office for an extended period of time, and generally they need to *return to class after approximately 15 minutes*.

If, however, they are deemed quite ill, they need to be picked up as soon as possible. If parents cannot pick up the child, they will need to make arrangements with a relative or friend and convey this information to the health technician. It is our goal to maintain the health and safety of every child.

Children should be kept at home if they have the following:

- Temperature of 100 degrees and over and/or a fever the previous day
- Diarrhea
- Green nasal discharge
- Eye infections
- Illness during the night
- A rash associated with children's diseases or of unexplained origin

-Your cooperation is very much appreciated in keeping our students healthy-

Medication-Prescribed and over the counter

All medications require a District medication form to be completed by Parent and Doctor. This form is available in the Health office. When completed, the form must be returned to the Health office. Any student found with medication at school, who does not have the appropriate forms filed in the Health office, will have the medication confiscated, and the medication will be released only to a parent.

Physical Education Excuse Notes

A parent may write a note excusing a student from PE for one to three consecutive healing days maximum. If a student is not able to participate in PE in excess of three consecutive healing days, a note from a physician stating the duration of the PE excuse note is mandatory. If a student can participate in MODIFIED PE, (e.g. walking versus running, no upper body, etc), a note from a physician is mandatory and must state the nature and duration of the modification.

Medical Equipment

If your student requires the use of crutches or a wheelchair at school, a **Doctor's note must be provided** to the Health Office stating the reason and duration of use.

Upcoming Dates

September 18	1st Progress Report	
September 24	College & Career Fair	@WR 6:30 to 8:0 p.m.
September 24	Staff Professional Development	Minimum Day
October 5 & 6	Fall Break	No School
October 14	PSAT	
October 16	1st Quarter Grading Period	
October 22	District Wide Minimum Day	
November 5 & 6	High School Exit Exam	Make-up for 11th & 12 Grades Only
November 5	Staff Professional Development	Minimum Day
November 11	Veteran's Day	No School
November 12	College Workshop	West Ranch Theater 6:00 p.m.
November 20	2nd Progress Report	
November 25	Staff Professional Development	Minimum Day
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Day Holiday	No School
December 3	Staff Professional Development	Minimum Day
December 15, 16, & 17	Final Exams	Minimum Days
December 17	End of Semester 1	
December 18	Winter Break through 1/8/16	No School

