



9th Grade Academy



Where Wildcats Learn to Roar

Welcome WCHS Class of 2023...
Get ready to ROAR!

The faculty and staff of WCHS are excited to meet our newest Wildcats on August 1, 2019!

The 9th Grade Academy, known as the Wildcat Pride, is a program that is specifically catered to the needs of WCHS's 9th grade students. Over the past seven years, the faculty and staff have worked diligently to create several integral pieces of the Wildcat Pride to make the transition to high school a successful and memorable experience.

Three driving forces behind the creation of Wildcat Pride are the infusion of rigor, relevance, and relationships into every aspect of your child's transition to, and

successful completion of 9th grade. To make this a reality, the Wildcat Pride committee has spent countless hours creating academic and behavioral interventions that will increase and improve communication with 9th grade parents and students. The WP committee has also recruited over 50 of our most successful senior student leaders to function as mentors, tutors, and peer mediators within your child's 9th grade core classes.

A special event for our newest Wildcats to participate in is the Annual Freshmen Orientation Day! This newsletter will highlight the features of this very exciting day where the WCHS faculty and staff open the campus exclusively to the class of 2023 for an opportunity to learn all about WCHS.



Wildcats have spirit at our Pep Rally!



Connect with Wesley the Wildcat on social media where we highlight activities and accomplishments!



<https://www.facebook.com/wildcat.pride.63>



<http://instagram.com/wchswildcats>



@WCHS_Wildcats

How to Connect with WCHS!

1. Mark the calendar for August 1st and make sure your child attends the Annual Freshmen Orientation!
2. Stay informed on school events by visiting the WCHS website at <http://wchs.pasco.k12.fl.us/>.
3. Create a myStudent account to monitor grades and attendance.
4. Help your 9th grader choose a club or organization to join in order to start building relationships with peers and adults.

9th GRADE ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS!

-Presentations!

- Guidance Counselors
- CPL Mobley
- Drama Skits

-Scavenger Hunt!

- Media Center
- Student Services
- Lockers
- Cafeteria



Annual WCHS 9th Grade Orientation is August 1, 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm!

The Annual Wildcat Pride Summer Orientation will be held on August 1st 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the Wesley Chapel High School campus.

Representatives from vital areas of WCHS will be in attendance to explain departments, clubs and programs. Senior mentors known as Pack Leaders, will be on hand to lead student groups through team building initiatives and important freshmen activities. Our Administrative team, school counselors and our School Resource Officer will be in attendance to reinforce high school requirements and expectations. The Summer Orientation is a one-day program that is essential to starting each freshman out on the right paw!

Only students who attend the entire day (August 1st) of Summer Orientation will receive their class schedule before the first day of school.

This summer orientation day will substitute for the county-wide registration day for our freshmen class. This means that parents of freshmen and freshmen students will NOT attend the "County-wide Registration Day" on August 6th.

Parents will drop off students to the WCHS cafeteria by 9:00am and head to the Performing Arts Center for a Parent University meeting and plan to rejoin their students at 1:00pm to pick up student schedules, pay fees and purchase lockers. We are excited to meet our newest Wildcats and hope you will join us on this exciting day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Koslin, 9th grade Assistant Principal, at 813-794-8700.

Pack Leaders are our role models for WCHS success!

The Wildcat Pack Leaders consists of pre-selected Junior and Senior level students to serve as mentors, tutors, and peer mediators in the core classes of the 9th grade academy. Pack Leaders were selected

based upon GPA, attendance, discipline history and most importantly on their eagerness to mentor and coach our 9th grade students.

Pack Leaders are required to attend a one-day training session in team-building, leadership, mentoring and peer mediations skills. They also will be utilized for their expertise in specific content areas as tutors and will be called upon to mediate minor infractions between students as they carry on the tradition of being role models to our newest class of Wildcats!

A Few WCHS Clubs!

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| -Chess Club | -Book Clubs |
| -Best Buddies | -Art Club |
| -Freshmen Steering | -Ping Pong |
| -FISH Club | -SGA |

*Club Sign-Ups will be at the Club Fair during lunch!

