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Week 14: Highlights and Reminders

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

I hope this message finds you all well as we start Week 14 of our journey through this school year. The energy on campus remains vibrant, and I'm continually inspired by the dedication and resilience I see every day in our students, teachers, and parents. Here are some updates and reminders as we move forward together:

Academic Focus and Progress

Our commitment to high-quality instruction is stronger than ever as we approach the end of the semester. Teachers and staff are working hard to ensure that every student has the support they need to succeed. Please encourage your children to engage fully in their studies, seek help when needed, and embrace every learning opportunity. For our staff, thank you for your continued efforts in building lessons that challenge, engage, and grow each Grizzly.

Campus Safety and Well-being Safety is a priority at West Briar.

I want to reassure you that we are continually working to create a safe, welcoming environment for our students. If any parents or staff members have feedback on ways we can further enhance safety on campus, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can maintain an environment that supports both security and a positive school culture.

Gratitude and Acknowledgments

I want to take a moment to thank our incredible teachers, staff, and parents. The dedication each of you brings to our school community is remarkable. As we close out the semester, I am immensely grateful for the supportive environment we've built together.

(Reinforcement)

Dress Code and Electronic Device Policies:

- **Dress Code:** All students should return to full uniform starting tomorrow to avoid campus consequences.
- **Electronic Devices:** Students are not permitted to have electronic devices visible at any time from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Devices must be stored in lockers or backpacks during school hours. If a device is confiscated, a \$15 fee will be required for its return, and parents will need to pick it up from the office.
- House Shoes: House shoes are not allowed on campus at any time.
- Hooded Jackets: Students are not allowed to wear hooded jackets during the school day, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Jackets must be stored in lockers or backpacks during school hours.
- Backpacks: All backpacks should be clear or mesh.
- Student IDs: IDs should be worn around necks at all times.

Behavior Expectations:

- Hallway Conduct: Students should not run in the hallways and are expected to walk calmly between classes.
- Noise Levels: Yelling or screaming is not permitted. We encourage a respectful and quiet atmosphere throughout the school day.

If any items that violate these expectations are confiscated, parents will need to retrieve them from the office. We ask that you please speak with your child to help reinforce the importance of following campus rules.

We're proud of our students' efforts so far and excited to see them achieve their goals as the semester concludes.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our Grizzlies succeed!

Power School Access for Parents

Please make sure you are monitoring your student's grades and attendance in PowerSchool. For assistance with accessing your student's information, please email Lauri Lamar at lamar@houstonisd.org



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Exciting Updates!

We're thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of our West Briar UIL team! Our talented crew brought home the Best Stage Crew award, and Tera Geehan shone as she earned the Outstanding Lighting Technician award. JB Mathis and Tracy Kolawole were honored with All-Star Acting awards, and the night's highest recognition—Best Performer—was awarded to Naomi Kandala! West Briar's team secured one of the top three spots, advancing to next week's finals, which we're excited to host right here at West Briar.



Congratulations to our amazing performers and crew!

- Updated Dress Code Link
- West Briar Handbook
- HISD Student Handbook
- School Supply List
- Bell Schedule
- Academic Calendar
- Campus Assessment Calendar
- Health Inventory Form
- School Pay

Important Links



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Ms. Jordan's Baby Shower



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Staff Professional Development



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11 - November 15, 2024

- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Theatre UIL Week

November 11, 2024

- Veteran's Day Celebration 9:00am
- English Tutorials 4:15pm 5:15pm (No transportation)

November 12, 2024

- Prospective Grizzly Tour 9:00am
- Social Studies Tutorials 4:15pm 5:15pm (No transportation)

November 13, 2024

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- Math Tutorials 4:15pm 5:15pm (No transportation)

November 14, 2024

• Science Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)

November 15, 2024

School Store 11:30am

November 16, 2024

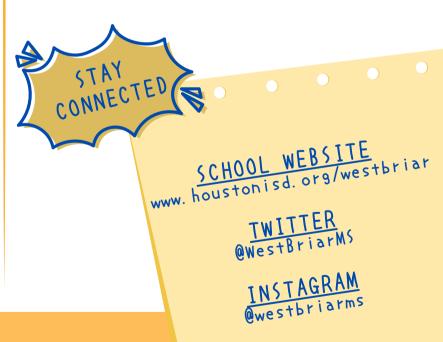
- Swim Meet Lamar 10:00am
- Theatre UIL Day

GRIZZLY TOURS

Interested in learning more about West Briar Middle School?

WBMS invites you to join us for a tour of our school to find out about all the exciting things that await you and your family in middle school. **Our first tour will be on Tuesday, November 12 at 9:00 AM.** If you will be joining us, please **RSVP HERE** to help us know how many people to expect. You can also pre-submit any questions you have so we can be sure to address that during the tour. All visitors must present valid ID for entry to the campus. Check out **www.westbriarpto.com** for more information and updates.

We can't wait to see you!



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Special Shoutout

Mr. London

Growing Every Grizzly Every Day!



This year's lighting will take place on Thursday,
December 5th, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency 13210 Katy
Freeway, Houston, Texas 77079. Admission is free, but we ask that you RSVP using the link provided



SHARE, LEARN, AND DISCUSS MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT! REGISTER TO ATTEND!



Questions? Contact:

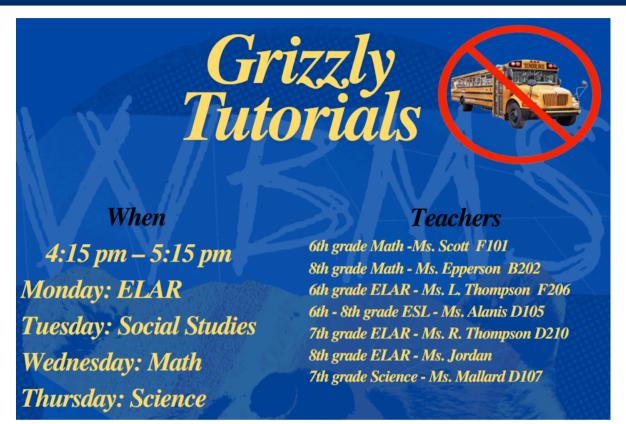


HISD Family and Community Engagement

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Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Brown, Cody Artrey	11-10	8
Ervin, Maiyah Murshall	11-10	8
Torres Alvarez, Duvan Manuel	11-10	8
Drake, Dylan Jerome	11-11	8
Gonzalez, Luis Anthony	11-11	8
Reyes, Christian Florentino	11-11	8
Zepeda, Matthew	11-11	6
Johnson, Ah'Xyreon Marquis Eric De'von	11-12	7
Macias-Ramos, Sophia Anastasia	11-12	7
Kolawole, Pemisire Tracy	11-13	8
Sanford, Jayden Marie	11-13	8
Tillie, Brealyn Renee	11-13	8
Anas, Syed M	11-14	6
Jarabese-Perlos, Jonrey Adriel	11-14	7
Ocoro Jori, Aylin Marcela	11-14	6
Anderson, Logan Neil	11-15	8
Baldeon Camacho, Karol Sofia	11-15	8
Cao, Anthony	11-15	6
Diaz Garcia, Josue Jonathan	11-15	7
Savoy, Micaiah Shiloh	11-15	7
Martinez, Milana Kylie	11-16	8