

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLY TIMES

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Week 15: Thanksgiving and Gratitude

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

As we step into Week 15 and the final stretch before Thanksgiving, I want to pause and express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the roles you play in making West Briar Middle School a place of growth, learning, and community. To our families, thank you for entrusting us with your children each day. Your partnership and support make all the difference as we strive to help every Grizzly thrive. Whether it's through your encouragement at home, participation in school events, or collaboration with our staff, your dedication to our shared mission is invaluable.

To our staff, you are the heart of West Briar. Your unwavering commitment to student success, coupled with the care and creativity you bring to your classrooms and offices, inspires me daily. I am grateful for the countless hours you invest, the smiles you share, and the innovative ways you make learning come alive for our students.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings in our lives, and being part of this remarkable community is at the top of my list. As we approach the holiday, I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate the connections we share and the opportunities we have to lift one another up.

Here's to a wonderful Week 15 filled with gratitude, collaboration, and celebration of our successes so far this year. Let's finish strong before enjoying a well-deserved break with our loved ones.

Wishing you and your families a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, joy, and gratitude.

(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!

~Principal Blanchard

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 llamar@houstonisd.org

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Exciting Updates!

Congratulations!

We're **excited** to celebrate the incredible achievements of our **Choir Students**! This past Saturday, many students participated in the **HISD Solo Contest** at Pershing Middle School! The students performed their **solos from memory** for a judge, receiving feedback and scores on the UIL scale from 1 ("Superior") to 5 ("Below Average"). I'm proud to report that **no West Briar students received a score lower than 2**! The following **students achieved a score of 1** and will receive a medal during class to commemorate their outstanding achievement:

Estefany Farinas

Kayla Smith

Nicole Williams-Ekechi

Lydia Smith

Ithia Rinker

Shawna Abolo

Malia Schmidt

Jasmine Wolfe

Luke Crumbling

Mr. Phillips is beaming with pride for all of the students who participated. **Bravo, Grizzlies, bravo!**

Happy Birthday

Mr. Adaya

November 21st

Important Links

- [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](#)



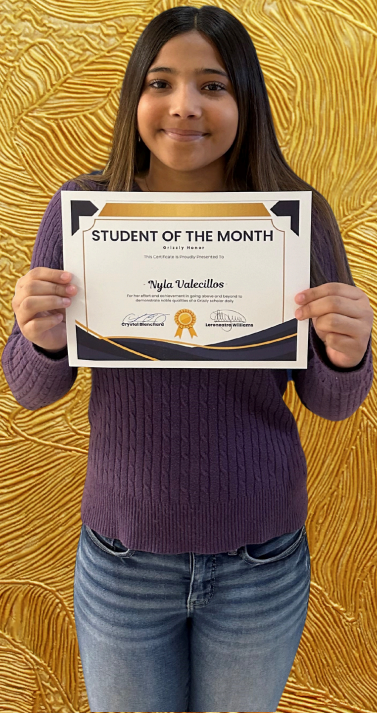
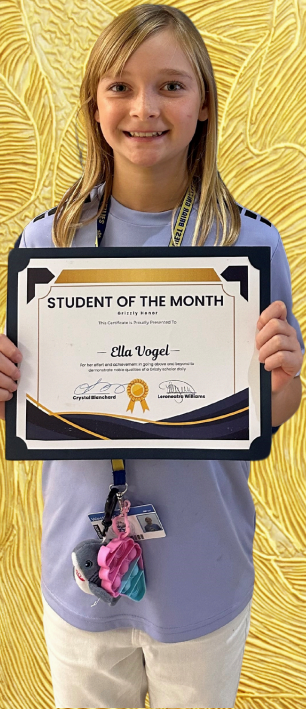
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STUDENT AND STAFF OF THE MONTH



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18, 2024

- Breakfast with Champs at WBMS 8:00am
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- English Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)

November 19, 2024

- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Social Studies Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)

November 20, 2024

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Math Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)
- Advanced Theatre - A Salute to Broadway 7:00pm

November 21, 2024

- Science Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)
- Girls Basketball vs Rice (6pm/7pm) - WBMS
- Boys Basketball vs Rice (6pm/7pm) - Rice

November 22, 2024

- School Store 11:30am
- Deadline to Order Fleece Jackets
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm

November 23, 2024

- NJHS - Houston Food Bank 8:00am/1:00pm

GRIZZLY TOURS

Thank you for bringing your students to experience a glimpse of West Briar Middle School through the Grizzly Tour! It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and curiosity from our future Grizzlies as they explored what our campus has to offer. We hope this visit provided valuable insights into the opportunities and community awaiting them at West Briar.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Principal Barry for graciously allowing his students to attend. Your support fosters strong connections between our schools, and we are excited about the partnership as we welcome these bright young learners to our family.



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@WestBriarMS

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@westbriarms

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energy corridor

Tree Lighting

PRESENTED BY
ConocoPhillips

Thursday Dec. 5, 2024 • 5-9pm
HYATT REGENCY HOUSTON WEST

CANDY CANE LANE
sponsored by
FLUOR
FOOD VENDORS
INTERACTIVE
FAMILY EXHIBITS

MAIN STAGE
sponsored by
bp
DRONE SHOW
LIVE PERFORMANCES

**PHOTOS WITH SANTA
IN THE SNOW!**
sponsored by
CITGO
FREE GIVEAWAYS

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

HERE.

DADS, GRANDFATHERS, UNCLES, MALE ROLE MODELS

BREAKFAST
WITH CHAMPS

NOV. 18
8:00AM - 9:00AM

WEST BRIAR MS
13733 BRIMHURST DR.
HOUSTON, TX 77077

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



Special Shoutout

Mr. Caliste

**Aggressive Threshold
Monitoring**



Questions? Contact:

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Be a
Girl Scout.





Únete a
Girl Scouts.

Designed For Girls, By Girls Since 1912.
Dale a tu niña un lugar solo para niñas.




Your Year of Discovery.
Tu Año de Descubrimientos.





Start your
journey here.
Comienza tu
camino aquí.



Si tiene preguntas llámenos al
1-877-250-8110.

Join Girl Scouts at Kendall Library!
¡Únete a las Girl Scouts en la librería Kendall!
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Martes, 19 de Noviembre a las 4:00 p.m.

In Girl Scouts, girls can earn badges, make friends, participate in community service, and MORE! Girl Scouts is open to girls from kindergarten to 12th grade! Annual membership is \$25 and financial assistance is available. Parents, we need your help also. **Volunteer today and join the fun with her!** Las niñas ganaran confianza en ellas mismas, aprenderan nuevas habilidades y descubrirán sus talentos. El costo de membresía es de \$25 por un año y tenemos becas disponibles. Girl scouts esta abierta a todas las niñas de Kindergarten al 12 grado! **¡Hazte voluntario hoy y únete a la diversión con ella!**

For more information, contact Asusena Gutierrez at agutierrez@sigs.org or 713-292-0292.
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Grizzly Tutorials



When

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Monday: ELAR

Tuesday: Social Studies

Wednesday: Math

Thursday: Science

Teachers

6th grade Math - Ms. Scott F101

8th grade Math - Ms. Epperson B202

6th grade ELAR - Ms. L. Thompson F206

6th - 8th grade ESL - Ms. Alanis D105

7th grade ELAR - Ms. R. Thompson D210

8th grade ELAR - Ms. Jordan

7th grade Science - Ms. Mallard D107

November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>17</p> <p>Gen Tex Week</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Motivational Monday - give a thank you card to someone</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Your FUTURE IS BRIGHT: Wear bright or neon colors</p>	<p>20</p> <p>College Spirit Day: Wear a college shirt and jeans</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Turn It Yellow: Wear yellow shirts with jeans</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6th grade Brainabouts assembly Hats off to college: Wear a hat with your uniform or spirit shirt and jeans</p>	<p>23</p>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Hannah, Trinity Rae	11-17	7
Schmidt, Aaden Gabriel-Phillip	11-17	8
Thomas, Jaleyah Raina	11-17	7
Fontecha Almanza, Nicolas	11-18	8
Rivas, Sofia Victoria	11-18	7
Simon, Marie Josepha Caelys Alexa	11-18	6
Williams, Jennifer Faith	11-18	7
Alvarez-Cuevas, Isabella Abigail	11-19	6
Arriola, Santiago Daniel	11-19	7
Fermin-Hahn, Adrian	11-19	8
Smith, Taraji Zakiyah Calvinay	11-19	6
Houllier Leal, Armando Daniel	11-20	8
Sivira Garcia, Nicole Maciel	11-20	6
Tentu, Girish	11-20	6
Castillo, Matias	11-21	8
Mendoza, Alexander Leonardo	11-21	6
Parks, Naomi LaTasia	11-21	6
Sabogal, Gianella	11-21	6
Aikens, Parker Morgan	11-22	6
Scott, Nathan	11-22	6
Castaneda, Romina	11-23	7
Daniel, Aaron Lamar	11-23	8
Gomez De La O, Henry Fernando	11-23	7