

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRIZZLY TIMES

SIGN UP FOR PTO



7 October, 2024/Vol. 10

Week 9: Embracing Change and Resetting for Success!

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

As we enter Week 9 of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support. This is a great time for us to reflect, reset, and welcome the changes that come with growth and learning.

The first several weeks have given us valuable insight into each student's needs, and we have been working diligently to ensure every student is placed in the right class to help them thrive.

At West Briar, we understand that change can sometimes feel overwhelming, but we view it as an opportunity to ensure that every Grizzly is on a path to success. Whether it's a change in schedule or adjusting academic support, our goal is to place your child in the best possible learning environment to meet their individual needs.

Thank you for your trust and patience as we continue to work hard behind the scenes to provide the best educational experience for all students. Together, we are committed to growing every Grizzly every day!

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. ~Principal Blanchard

Weekly Instructional Focus Area

T-Tess 2.1: Achieving Expectations

- The teacher sets academic expectations that challenge all students.
- The teacher persists with the lesson until there is evidence that most students master.
- The teacher addresses student mistakes and follows through to ensure student mastery.
- The teacher provides students opportunities to take initiative of their own learning.

T-Tess 2.2: Content Knowledge and Expertise

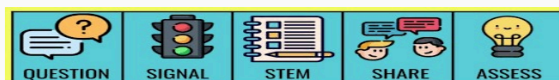
- The teachers conveys accurate content knowledge in multiple contexts.
- The teacher integrates learning objectives with other disciplines.
- The teacher anticipates possible student misunderstandings.
- The teacher provides opportunities for students to use different types of thinking.
- The teacher accurately reflects how the lesson fits within the structure of the state standards.

T-Tess 2.3: Communication

- Establishes classroom practices that provide opportunities for **most students to communicate effectively with the teacher and their peers**
- Recognizes student misunderstandings and responds with an array of teaching techniques.
- Provides explanations that are clear and uses verbal and written communication that is clear and correct
- Ask remember, understand and apply level questions that focus on the objective of the lesson and **provoke discussion**
- Use probing questions to clarify and elaborate learning

Strategy for the week

QSSSA



QSSSA is an engagement strategy that ensures total participation and the use of academic language in all classrooms. It is a strategy designed to get students to use new academic language during student-student interactions.

Question

An engaging, open-ended question that will spark conversation

Signal

Students are provided with a signal which shows the teacher which students are ready to share (wait for 100%)

Stem

Stems are provided for all learners, teaches students to speak in complete sentences

Share

Students turn and talk with a partner or with their groups their thoughts

Assess

Assess students either by warm or cold call, call for volunteers, or write out their response

When to Use

Use any time during a lesson to encourage accountable talk:

- As a warm-up activity to discuss previous lesson
- After five to seven minutes of oral or written input, to help student process what they have just heard or read
- During class discussions as a way for students to discuss ideas before sharing them with the class
- As a closing activity so that students can review what was learned in the lesson
- As a clarification tool for a complex problem or new guiding question posed by the teacher

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7 - 10, 2024

- Girls Basketball - Strength and Conditioning Program 4:00pm

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- Modern Ensemble Practice 7:00am
- Varsity Drum Line Practice 4:05pm - 4:45pm
- 6th grade GT testing

October 8, 2024

- 7th grade GT testing
- Jazz Practice 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Varsity Band Practice 4:05pm - 4:45pm - HISD Marching Fest (high school)
- Swimming Parent Meeting 4:45pm B209

October 9, 2024

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- 8th grade GT testing
- Varsity Band Practice 4:05pm - 4:45pm

October 10, 2024

- Jazz Practice 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Band All Regions Lessons 4:05pm - 4:45pm
- Girls Basketball Parent Meeting 4:30pm
- West Briar Volleyball (7th/8th) vs McReynolds @ McReynolds 6:00pm/7:00pm

October 11, 2024

- Dance Company Practice 7:00am
- School Store 11:30am

October 12, 2024

- Pride Dance Workshop
- Cross Country Meet 9:00am

NATIONAL PRINCIPAL MONTH

OCTOBER

October is National Principals Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the hard work and dedication of school principals across the country. As the principal of West Briar Middle School, I am honored to serve our students, staff, and families. Together, we are building a brighter future for every Grizzly, every day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and successful learning environment.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.houstonisd.org/westbriar

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Important Links

- [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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GRIZZLIES GET INVOLVED!



Join some of the wonderful communities we have here on campus!

- Art Club with Ms. Washington in Room A126
- Two Thursday's a month 4:10pm - 5:15pm
- Chess Club with Ms. Shaw Room in Room B200
- Tuesday's 4pm - 5pm
- Christian Club with Coach Lamar in Room E104
- Wednesday's 7:50am - 8:20am
- Creative Writing w/ Ms. Wells & Ms. Shaw in B200
- Every other Thursday 4pm-5pm
- Environmental Club w/ Ms. Wells & Dr. Maneen in Room D209 Every other Thursday 4:15pm - 5:00pm
- Fishing Club with Coach Lamar
- Saturday's

Check with club sponsors for more information!



Coach Holloway



Informational Session

Tuesday
10/08/2024

4:30 pm

Room
B209



If you are interested in learning more about tryouts and potentially joining the swim team, you and your guardians' attendance is required at the informational session. HISD Athlete Physical Form is required to tryout. Bring insurance card (\$35 cash for HISD Insurance) to the meeting.

Staff Birthday Corner

Ms. Johnson – 10/6/2024

Coach Giuseppetti – 10/6/2024

Ms. L. Thompson – 10/9/2024

Ms. Howerton – 10/11/2024

Special Shoutout

Ms. Stewart

**Always going the extra mile
for our campus..You are
appreciated**



A festive blue background decorated with white and blue balloons, colorful triangular bunting flags, and gold confetti. A large, stylized 'Happy Birthday' banner is at the top center. Another smaller 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' banner is on the right side, partially obscured by a blue balloon.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Brito Rios, Rita Sofia	10-06	8
Acosta Caicedo, Samanta	10-08	8
Peralta, Cesario Joseph Ruben Magallanes	10-08	6
Diaz, Izabella Aurora	10-09	7
Mathis, John-Benjamin Quddus	10-09	8
Stauffer, Wyatt James	10-10	6
Crane, Connor Franklin	10-11	8
Gobikrishna, Pranith	10-11	6
Hatchett, Jahloni Keit	10-11	7
Trinidad, Itzel Alexandra	10-11	8
Dukes, Ja'siah Asil	10-12	6
Jeray, Morgan Lee Champion	10-12	6
Mcbride, Heaven Angelique	10-12	6
Torres Figueroa, Valery Sofia	10-12	7