

# WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

# GRIZZLY TIMES



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## Week 3: Updates and Highlights

Dear West Briar Family,

As we head into Week 3 of the school year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued dedication and support in making this a successful start. Our theme, "A Roadmap to Success: The Key to Growing Every Grizzly Every Day," is truly coming to life as we see our students, teachers, and community working together to achieve great things.

### For Parents:

Thank you for ensuring your child is prepared and engaged in their learning. Your partnership is vital, and I appreciate your involvement in your child's education. This week, please remind your child of the importance of attendance and punctuality, as these are key factors in their academic success. Tardy policy will start this week and students will start to receive consequences for chronic tardiness.

As a reminder, Progress Report 1 ends this Friday. Please encourage your child to stay on top of their assignments and reach out to their teachers if they need any assistance. This is a great time to check grades in the Parent Portal and support your child in finishing the week strong.

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or our administrative team. We're here to support you and ensure your child has a positive and productive school year.

### For Staff:

I am continually impressed by the dedication and passion each of you brings to your roles. As we move forward, I encourage you to continue implementing our best practices and strategies to engage our students. Let's keep the momentum going by focusing on aligning our learning objectives with our Demonstrations of Learning (DOLs), ensuring that our students are clear on their goals and how they will be assessed.

Progress Report 1 grades are due at the end of this week. Please ensure that all grades are updated and reflect an accurate assessment of student progress. Your timely input is crucial in keeping our students and parents informed.

Please also continue to monitor student progress closely and provide feedback that will help them grow. Your efforts are making a difference, and I am grateful for everything you do each day.

### Highlights:

- **Safety and Wellness:** We continue to prioritize the safety and wellness of our students. Please remind students of our safety protocols, and staff, please remain vigilant in ensuring our campus remains secure.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Our extracurricular programs are off to a strong start! Encourage your child to participate and explore their interests. For more information, contact Kendra Stokes [kendra.stokes@houstonisd.org](mailto:kendra.stokes@houstonisd.org)
- **Communication:** Open communication is key to our success. Please keep the lines open, whether it's sharing concerns, ideas, or celebrations. Together, we can address any challenges and celebrate our successes.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our students and our school. Let's make Week 3 another amazing week for West Briar Middle School!

~Principal Blanchard

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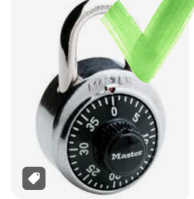
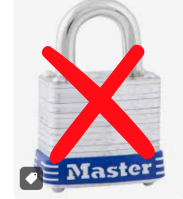


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## LOCKER/LOCKER REQUIREMENTS

We would like to inform you of the locker and lock requirements for the upcoming school year to ensure the security of students' personal belongings.

Each student is required to have two Master Combination Locks.



Students have been assigned a locker where they can securely store their cell phones and hoodies before the start of the school day. Students enrolled in Physical Education (PE) will need a second lock for their gym lockers to store their PE uniforms and equipment.

**For our student-athletes, an athletic locker will be provided to store athletic practice gear and personal items. These items can be stored before school, ensuring they are readily accessible during the athletic period.**

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe and organized environment for all our students.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **August 26, 2024**

- Last day to preorder fleece jacket with PTO

### **August 30, 2024**

- School store (11:30am - 1:00pm) - purchase your uniforms during lunch

**SIGN UP FOR PTO**



**FULL DRESS CODE**



## SCHOOL PAY

We are excited to announce that West Briar Middle School will soon be transitioning to a cashless system for all campus events and purchases. This means that all transactions, including event tickets, school items, and other payments, will be made using SchoolPay, our secure online payment platform.

To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you set up your SchoolPay account as soon as possible. This will allow you to easily manage and make payments for all school-related activities without the need for cash.

To get started, visit: [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our front office.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to streamline our processes and enhance convenience for everyone.

## Progress Report Grades End Friday, August 30, 2024

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](mailto:llamar@houstonisd.org)

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**Submit a SAF**  
Student Assistance Form  
[www.houstonisdsaf.com](http://www.houstonisdsaf.com)

**STEP 1**



SCAN ME

**STEP 2**



Teacher or Staff Member


CLICK

**STEP 3**

- Your Name
- Staff Email Address
- Student Name
- Student Campus & Grade Level
- STRONG Description of Situation / Need

COMPLETE

Does your student need help from a support staff member? Submit a SAF for support!



## Staff Celebration Corner

**Bridgette Ryans**  
"School Counselor"



Thanks for your commitment  
to ensuring all students are in  
the correct classes.

## Important Links

- [West Briar Handbook](#)
- [HISD Student Handbook](#)
- [School Supply List](#)
- [Search Bus Stop by Address](#)
- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Campus Assessment Calendar](#)
- [Health Inventory Form](#)
- [School Pay](#)



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# Happy Birthday

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Asari, Akshaya	08-26	7
Chism, Daniel Cortez	08-26	6
Sayed, Kate Larissa	08-26	6
Gill, Ariyana Nevaeh	08-27	6
Gonzalez, Leandro	08-27	8
Khurram, Aleena	08-27	6
Sampson, Malaiya Rose	08-27	6
Chau, Stella	08-28	8
Gonzalez, Benjamin Maximus	08-28	6
Nery Troconis, Abraham Andres	08-28	8
Evans, Joseph William	08-30	7



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Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Soares, Nathanael VuvuBessa	08-30	7
Abel, Emerson	08-31	8
Alana Chavez, Janer Jose	08-31	8
Kateule, Isaac Yohane Benjamin	08-31	7
Nguyen, Olivea	08-31	7
Diego, Kaya Alexis	09-01	7
Gomez-Calmo, Alexis	09-01	6
Harris, Malcolm Craig	09-01	7
Miranda, Malaysia	09-01	7
Paiman, Ayesha	09-01	6



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