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The 2024-2025 School Year is approaching!

Dear West Briar Middle School,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new principal of West Briar Middle School. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you, and I am excited about the possibilities this year holds for our school community.

Our theme for the year, "A Roadmap to Success: The Key to Growing Every Grizzly Every Day," reflects our commitment to continuous improvement and excellence.

Our goals for this year are focused on enhancing the overall school culture and providing more opportunities for both students and staff. Here's how we will achieve this:

Enhancing School Culture

We aim to create a vibrant and engaging environment where every student feels valued and motivated. This year, we will increase the number of activities and events that foster school spirit, collaboration, and a sense of belonging. Our goal is to make every Grizzly proud to be part of West Briar Middle School.



Crystal Blanchard
Principal

Leroneatra Williams
DeWayne McCurdy
Demerick Johnson
Kendra Stokes
Assistant Principals

Academic Growth

To support the academic growth of our students, we are introducing Genius Hour. This innovative approach allows students to explore their interests and passions, encouraging creativity and independent learning. During Genius Hour, students will have the freedom to choose their learning projects, which will help them develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This initiative is designed to provide personalized learning experiences that cater to the diverse needs of our students.

Positive Reinforcement

We believe in the power of positive reinforcement to shape a supportive and motivating school culture. This year, we will implement a system of incentives and rewards for both staff and students who meet the high expectations of our Grizzly community. Recognizing and celebrating achievements, whether academic, behavioral, or extracurricular, will be central to our efforts to cultivate a positive and encouraging atmosphere.

I am committed to doing what is best for our most prized possession, the students. Your support is crucial in this journey, and I am always open to feedback to ensure West Briar Middle School is a huge success. Together, we can make this year a great success for our students.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to the West Briar Middle School community. I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and am confident that, together, we can achieve great things. It is a great year to be a GRIZZLY!



- Principal Blanchard

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dress code

BACK TO SCHOOL

ACCESS THE WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL VIDEO BY CLICKING HERE

BACK TO SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

The faculty and staff of West Briar Middle School expect students to come to school each day dressed appropriately, according to dress code, in order to ensure the health and safety of everyone on campus at all times.

Scan for full

PTO UNIFORM SALES

All uniform tops should be purchased from the WBMS PTO

School Store, according to grade level. The West

Briar PTO will be set up in the Auditorium every morning during the first week of school. You can park in the staff lot on the side of our building and walk directly to the Auditorium to purchase or pick up your student's uniform.



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WWW. houstonisd. org/westbriar

Sign up for PTO at https://www.westbriarpto.com/form/m/277383. Stay informed about extracurricular activities and more by enrolling in their regular communications.

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ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL START OF THE SCHOOL DAY: 8:30AM END OF THE SCHOOL DAY: 4:00PM

On the first day of school, staff will greet students in the gym and cafeteria and accompany them to their classrooms. Students will receive paper copies of their schedules. For returning students who use the Power School app or website, their schedules will be available online starting the morning of August 12, 2024. Additionally, we will have teachers throughout the campus to assist students in locating their classes and navigating the building.

TRANSPORTATION

Students have been pre-registered for bus routes. On the first day of school, we will provide them with their specific bus route information. If your student needs to be registered or if you need details about their bus route, please contact our campus Transportation Administrator, Dean Johnson, at djohns41@houstonisd.org. Please allow a few days for processing before your student will be able to ride the bus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5, 2024

• Athletic Physicals - gym (4:00pm)

August 6, 2024

- Last Day to get 2 Free Dress Passes with PTO membership
- Back to School Bash (4:00pm 7:00pm

<u>August 8, 2024</u>

• School Store Uniform Sales/Pickup (4:00pm)

August 8, 2024

• School Store Uniform Sales/Pickup (11:00am)

<u>August 12, 2024</u>

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 12 - 16, 2024

• School Store Uniform Sales/Pickup (8:00am)



Monday, August 12th

Doors open as early as 7:30AM Instruction starts at 8:30AM School ends at 4:00PM

INSTRUCTION STARTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

All students must be in uniform.

We appreciate your patient and flexibility during the first two weeks of school as we welcome new students and families.

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The Start to Something Great:

Back to School Bash!!! We extend an invitation to all parents and staff to our upcoming Back to School Bash. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to get acquainted before the school year officially begins.



Staff Birthday Corner

July 11 - Ms. Warren
July 15 - Ms. Amaku

July 25 - Assistant Principal Dr. McCurdy
July 30 - Ms. R. Thompson
August 2 - Ms. Chateman
August 2 - Ms. Jackson
August 3 - Mr. Hanson
August 5 - Ms. Mallard
August 6 - Ms. Callier
August 10 - Ms. Yamada

Important Links

- West Briar Handbook
- HISD Student Handbook
- School Supply List
- Search Bus Stop by Address
- Bell Schedule
- Academic Calendar
- Campus Assessment Calendar



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PRINCIPAL - Ms. Blanchard - <u>Crystal.blanchard@Houstonisd.org</u>



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STD NAME **	Birthday	GRADE	
Blaylock, Davonta Dean	07-01	8	1
Caicedo, Brainer Giovani	07-01	7	
Hernandez Gutierrez, Eivyn Daniel	07-01	7	
Scott, Kyler Austin	07-01	7	
Aminu, Oluwasemilore Daniel	07-02	8	
Miller, Erin Jonae	07-02	6	
Allen, Elijah Ray	07-02	/	
Munoz, Sofia Isabella	07-02	/	
Wilson, Tevin Damond	07-02	6	
Shah, Anaya Pratikkumar	07-03	6	
Aderibigbe, Adebola Ayobami	07-04 07-04	8	
Fran, Anh Duong	07-04	7	
Cretu, Fatyhma Penelopa Tran, Nam Le	07-05	8	
audoa, William Maximus	07-03	8	
Polk, Taylor London	07-07	7	
Roper, Gabrianna Moshay	07-07	6	
Rao, Armita	07-07	8	
Vash, King Gregory	07-08	7	
Barron, Hector Jesus	07-08	8	
ouis, Dan Elmivensky	07-08	7	
Hamada, Sarah Yaser	07-08	6	
Cloud, Leah Serenity	07-09	8	
Martin, Josiah	07-09	6	
Glenn, Deanthony Jeremiah	07-10	8	
Solis, Kylie	07-10	6	
Spiers, Isabella Rose	07-11	8	
Balindo, Vianea Destiny	07-11	6	7/1/
Proomes, Raven Denise	07-11	6	
lernandez Sanchez, Alessandra	07-12	8	
wann, Ashlyn Jade-Caress	07-12	8	
ordan, Renee Gabriella Tokoni	07-12	7	
Ourrani, Noah Raschid	07-12	6	
oe, Sofia Chiamaka	07-12	6	
ohnson, Mi'Keil Da'Sean	07-13	8	

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Baudino, Mariana	08-09	8
Bustamante, Jose Luis	08-09	8
Colina Parraga, Amelie Sofia	08-09	8
Dawkins, Jerimiah Steven	08-09	8
Morris, Desrian Lee	08-09	8
Robinson, Reese D'Wone	08-09	6
Hall, Ja'Zyre Arail Lashay	08-10	8
Maguire, Brennan Brian	08-10	8
Pothula, Surya	08-10	8
Alemy, Mohammad Mutahed	08-12	7

