

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLY TIMES

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8 December, 2024/Vol. 18

Week 17: Let's Finish Semester 1 Strong

★ Dear Grizzly Families and Staff, ★

As we approach the holiday season and the end of the semester, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support and dedication to the success of our Grizzlies. The past 16 weeks have been filled with incredible growth, memorable moments, and a strong commitment to our shared vision: "A Roadmap to Success: The Key to Growing Every Grizzly Every Day."

Highlights of the Week: 🎉

1. Student Achievements:

- Congratulations to our choir students for their outstanding performances at last week's Winter Concert. Their hard work and talent truly shined.
- 🎵 Shoutout to Our Amazing Choir Director! 🎵 Huge shoutout to Mr. Phillips for the incredible work you're doing with our choir program! Your dedication, creativity, and passion for music truly shine through, and it's clear how much of a positive impact you're making on our students. Thank you for going above and beyond to ensure our Grizzlies are hitting all the right notes—musically and personally. Keep up the fantastic work!

2. Staff Accomplishments:

- A big thank you to our teachers for ensuring students are prepared for end-of-semester assessments.
- Special recognition to our coaches (Simon, Lamar, Crawford, Christopoulos and Holloway) for organizing an engaging basketball and swimming games/meets for our students.

3. Community Engagement:

- Thank you to all the parents who participate in our Parent-Teacher Organization. Your input and collaboration make a difference.

Important Updates: 🚀

- Semester Exams: Semester exams begin this week. Please ensure your students get plenty of rest and come prepared.
- Winter Break: School will be closed from December 23 to January 6 for our students. Classes will resume on January 7.
- Dress Code Reminder: As the weather gets colder, please ensure your students are following our dress code policy. Hoodies should not be worn and all outerwear should be school-appropriate.

Looking Ahead: ☀️

When we return in January, we will kick off the new year with exciting initiatives focused on academic growth and student well-being. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter.

As always, thank you for being an integral part of our Grizzly community. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we will continue to make West Briar Middle School a place where every student thrives.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead and a joyous holiday season. ✨

~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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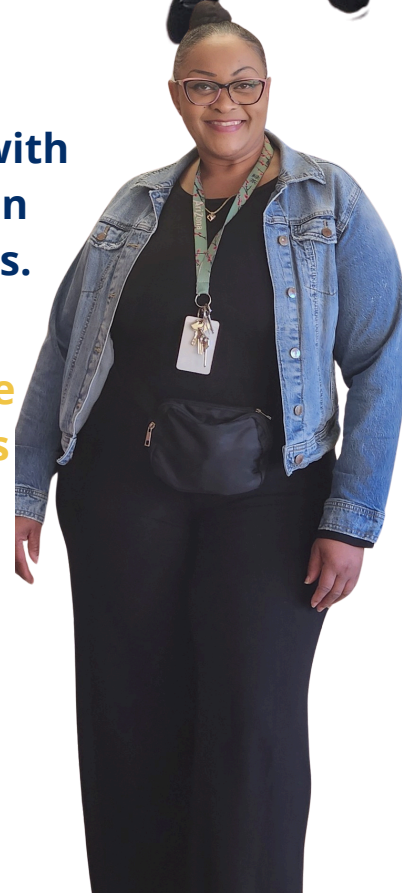
STUDENT AND STAFF OF THE MONTH

6th grade: Kylie Solis - She is highly respectful and courteous towards others. She does well in her schoolwork and is a funny student who enjoys making people laugh.

7th Grade: Nawid Walizai- Nawid has consistently shown great Grizzly citizenship through his academic performance and diligence as well as through his compassion through strength and maturity. Spend five minutes with him and you will witness the definition of great character.

8th Grade: Shawn Abolo- Student always turns in work and is helpful with her fellow students. She creates fun songs to help remember math rules.

Ms. Edwards- Always willing to go above and beyond and does whatever it takes to support staff and students. She wears a contagious smile and tackles her goals one at a time.



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🎵 Shoutout to Our Amazing Choir 🎵



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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9, 2024

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

December 10, 2024

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

December 11, 2024

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Math Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)

December 12, 2024

- Science Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)
- Girls Basketball vs Mandarin (6pm/7pm) - Home
- Boys Basketball vs Mandarin (6pm/7pm) - Away
- Orchestra Winter Concert 6:30pm

December 13, 2024

- School Store 11:30am
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm
- Art Winter Show 5:00pm

December 14, 2024

- Jiggle Bell Swim Meet @Lamar 10:00am
- Christmas Play - Intermediate 6:00pm

THREADS OF GOLD

🌟 Shoutout to our Featured Artists 🌟 Your creativity and passion inspire us all. Keep shining and sharing your incredible talent with the world. We're so proud of you! 💡🌟
#ArtistSpotlight #CreativeVibes

Shereen Zahra
6th grader



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Exciting news!

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The 2024-2025 Grizzly Swimming & Diving Team is selling Team T-Shirts that you can proudly wear with jeans on Spirit Days (Fridays)!

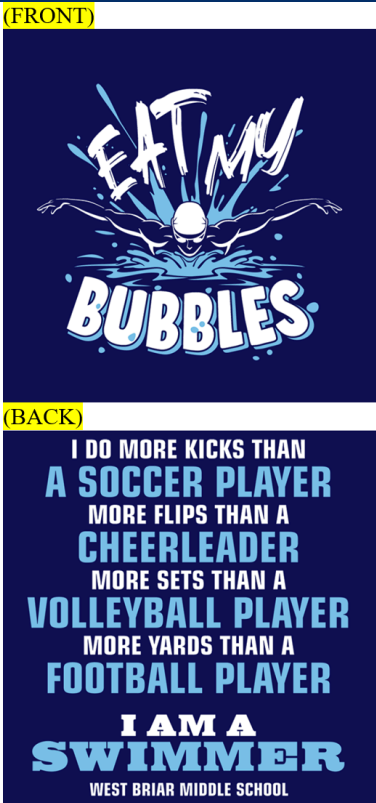
These stylish shirts, which comes in short-sleeve and long-sleeve, are a great way to support our talented swimmers and divers while showing your Grizzly pride. The initiative is spearheaded by one of our amazing Grizzly Swim Guardians.

Key Details:

- Order Window: Starts today through December 18
- Delivery Date: Expected by January 15
- Spirit Wear Fridays: Wear your shirt with jeans!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to show your Grizzly spirit. Get your orders in now and let's support our team together!

[Link to order](#)



DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	10	11	12	13	14
	16 UGLY SWEATER DAY 	17 GRINCH DAY WEAR GREEN 	18 Holiday Sock Hop Wear Your Favorite Holiday Socks 	19 Tree Topper Thursday Wear Your Favorite Holiday Hat or Headband 	20 T'was the Night Before Winter Break Wear Your Pajamas 	21
22		24	25	26	27	

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Special Shoutout

Ms. R. Thompson
Committed to Delivering
High Quality
Instruction Every Day!



Happy Birthday

Mr. Holloway - Dec. 12th
Ms. Alanis - Dec. 14th



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

IMPORTANT LINKS



- [UPDATED DRESS CODE LINK](#)
- [WEST BRIAR HANDBOOK](#)
- [HISD STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)
- [SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST](#)
- [HEALTH INVENTORY FORM](#)

[BELL SCHEDULE](#)
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[SCHOOL PAY](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Blanco, Diego Sebastian	12-09	6
Brown, Kaliyah Maloni	12-09	8
Johnson, Destiny Aniya	12-09	8
Lindo, Nizmarys Jerusalem	12-09	8
Lukata, Jeanne	12-09	8
Sun, Mackenzie Mia	12-09	8
Barahona Guevara, Brandon David	12-10	8
Barahona Guevara, Dareli Massiel	12-10	8
Castro Riascos, Harold Andres	12-10	8
Sanchez Guevara, Allison Beatriz	12-10	7
Riascos Carvajal, Ashley Leilany	12-11	7
Alana Chavez, Juan Andres	12-12	6
Rayapati, Keerthi	12-12	7
Gonzales-Lozano, Jeremiah	12-13	7
Guerra, Rocco Ricardo	12-13	8
Tapia, Sophie Mikaela	12-13	6
Dau, Aleer Duot	12-14	6
Hartley, Rosana Louise	12-14	7
Hoang, Jonathan Thien Kim	12-14	8
Quintero Gonzalez, Santiago Miguel	12-14	6