

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLY TIMES

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Week 19: 🌟 Wishing You a Happy New Year and a Bright Start to 2025! 🎉

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

🌟 Happy New Year! 🌟

As we step into 2025, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the dedication, enthusiasm, and resilience that make our Grizzly community so special. 🐾 Together, we've achieved so much, and I'm confident this year will bring even greater successes for our students and campus! 💪

🎓 Exciting Opportunities in the New Year

- 📅 Upcoming 8th-Grade Activities:
 - We're thrilled to celebrate our 8th-grade students with memorable activities planned throughout the semester, including the much-anticipated promotion ceremony. 🎉 Stay tuned for schedules and ways to get involved! 🌟
- ✅ Attendance Appeals:
 - Families with students who have missed school due to unforeseen circumstances will soon have the chance to file attendance appeals. Let's ensure all our students stay on track for success! Remember attendance matters! Attend school daily. 📖🌟
- 📅 Course Selections for 2025-2026:
 - It's time to look ahead! Students will soon begin choosing courses for the next school year, exploring their interests and planning their futures. 🎯 We'll host information sessions to guide families through this exciting process. Dates coming soon.

👕 Reminder About Dress Code

As we return to school, students are expected to be in full uniform and adhere to the campus dress code. 🏫👕 This includes wearing appropriate tops, bottoms, and footwear as outlined in our policies. Ensuring we maintain appropriate and unified appearance is part of fostering a positive learning environment. Parents, please help us by ensuring your student is dressed appropriately each day.

💛 Strengthening Our Partnership

Our vision of growing every Grizzly every day 🐻 thrives because of the strong collaboration between staff, parents, and students. Let's continue to create a safe, engaging, and supportive environment for all.

🌟 Thank you for your trust and commitment to our shared mission. Here's to a year filled with growth, joy, and success! 🌟

~ 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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🎵 *Shoutout to Our Amazing Dance Company* 🎵



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6, 2025

- Staff PD (No Students)

January 7, 2025

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

January 8, 2025

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

January 9, 2025

- Science Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm (No transportation)
- Girls Basketball vs Welch (6pm/7pm) - Home
- Boys Basketball vs Welch (6pm/7pm) - Away

January 10, 2025

- School Store 11:30am
- Girls Basketball Practice 4:00pm

January 11, 2025

- Theatre Presents A Salute to Broadway
- Girls Basketball Tournament



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

I want to inform you that Ms. Cooper has moved to another location and is no longer the point of contact for attendance notifications. In the interim, please direct all attendance-related emails to Ms. Lamar at llamar@houstonisd.org.

We are working diligently to fill the position and will keep you updated. Thank you for your understanding and support during this transition.



WHO DO I CONTACT? 📍

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🎉 Congratulations to Mr. Holloway! 🎉

We are thrilled to celebrate our 8th-grade English teacher, **Mr. Holloway**, on his incredible achievement! He recently earned his Master of Education Administration with a Principal Certification from Lamar University.

This accomplishment is a testament to Mr. Holloway's dedication to lifelong learning and his commitment to making a meaningful impact in education. Please join us in congratulating him on this milestone and wishing him continued success as he inspires students and colleagues alike.

Way to go, Mr. Holloway! 🎓👏🌟



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Upcoming School Choice Fair

Parents and families are invited to attend Saturday School Choice fairs to learn more about HISD schools and programs available across the district. Families will have an opportunity to apply at the fair with guidance from the School Choice Team.

All School Choice Fairs are face to face from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dates and locations are below:

- Jan. 11, 2025: Westside High School
14201 Briar Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77008
- Feb. 8, 2025: Lamar High School
3325 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77077

FREE!

We hope to see you there!
HISD School Choice Team!

FREE!

Community Choice Grant

\$1000 to Power a Project at West Briar Middle School!

The Houston ISD Foundation is excited to launch a new community-powered initiative! We believe that families play a vital role in shaping the future of their children's education, and now you have a chance to make a direct impact.

This grant can be utilized for anything the school chooses to prioritize, whether fulfilling a teacher's wish list, funding a field trip, or making specialized upgrades!

[Click to Learn More and Vote!](#)

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Cast your vote before **February 15th, 2025** for West Briar Middle School.

The top school in each award category will each receive \$1000 to use toward a special project or support initiative.

You can vote today and help make a difference for the teachers and students you care about.

The grant will award three schools based on distinct categories to ensure fair access to this opportunity:

Most Votes Overall – Awarded to the school with the highest number of individual voters.

Most Votes per Enrolled Student – Awarded to the school with the highest number of votes relative to its student enrollment, allowing smaller schools or communities to compete on equal footing.

LOVE Your School Award – Awarded to the school with the most descriptive and positive responses in

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Happy Birthday

Ms. Jenkins - 12/30

Ms. Reed-Richards - 1/3

Ms. Zidaru - 1/4

Ms. Ghosh - 1/10

Happy Birthday

Principal Blanchard

Ms. Tarafder

01/01

2025
Happy
New Year

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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

IMPORTANT LINKS



[BELL SCHEDULE](#)

[ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

[CAMPUS ASSESSMENT CALENDAR](#)

[SCHOOL PAY](#)

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Dickson, Brayden Brandon James	12-29	8
Maldonado Morales, Isidro	12-30	6
Sylla, Fatima	12-30	7
Cutz, Haley Gizelle	12-31	7
Jeanmarie, Ally Jaace	12-31	6
Richardson, Kennadi Elise	12-31	6
Bibi, Asma	01-01	7
Khanduri, Aadi	01-01	7
Sufayet, Mohammed	01-01	8
Tapia, Matthew Edward	01-01	8
Jackson, James Jamal	01-02	6
Ajayi, Oluwateniola Sarah	01-03	7
Arenas, Oscar Marcel	01-03	6
Bayat, Arash	01-03	6
Bello, Malik Ayomide	01-03	8
O'Brien, Dylan Rose	01-03	6



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Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Burnett, Ja'Mauri Thomas	01-04	7
Duran, Angel Ariel	01-04	7
Foster, Lydia Helen	01-04	6
Davis, Bailee Elise	01-05	6
Epps, Cameron Jacob	01-05	8
Scott, J'Davia Lenette	01-05	6
McCurdy, Cylynn Ja'ne	01-06	8
Debkov, Leonard Barbosa	01-07	8
Nunez, Paula Valentina	01-07	6
Bashaw, Lydia Fay	01-08	6
Balogun, Joshua Ayomide	01-09	8
Kadi, Noor Ed Deen	01-09	7
Brown, Knoelle Ere'Nice	01-10	6
Di Cristoforo, Ricardo Xavier	01-10	7
Garza, Ruby Juanita	01-11	8