

# WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLY TIMES

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## 🌟 Week 28 Message – A Roadmap to Success! 📖

Dear West Briar Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we enter Week 28, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their continued hard work and dedication to our campus vision: A Roadmap to Success: The Key to Growing Every Grizzly Every Day. With just a few months left in the school year, it's crucial that we stay focused and finish strong!

### STAAR Testing Begins Soon!

Our first STAAR test is quickly approaching on April 10. Students, please make sure you are attending tutorials, completing assignments, and giving your best effort in class. Parents, your support in reinforcing study habits and ensuring students get enough rest before testing days is greatly appreciated!

### Student Expectations & Dress Code Reminder

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, we want to remind students of our campus expectations:

- ✓ Be on time and prepared for every class.
- ✓ Demonstrate respect toward peers, staff, and campus rules.
- ✓ Follow the dress code—hoodies must be removed inside the building, and all clothing must align with campus guidelines.
- ✓ Stay engaged in learning—make every moment in the classroom count!

### Attendance Appeal Letters

Attendance appeal letters have been sent out. Students who received a letter must return it to the front office once it is signed and they have completed their required hours. Please take care of this as soon as possible to ensure you remain in good standing.

We appreciate everyone's commitment to creating a positive and productive learning environment. Let's continue working together to make this a great semester.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Let's have a fantastic week!

Go Grizzlies!

 **Stay Updated with HISD Now!** 📢

~ Principal Blanchard

Stay informed with the latest updates from HISD by checking out HISD Now! This is your go-to source for the most up-to-date news and important information about our district.

[🔗 Read more here: HISD Now](#)

Stay connected and informed! 💙🐻



## 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](mailto:llamar@houstonisd.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 17, 2025

- English Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- Varsity Baseball vs Meyerland 4:45pm (Meyerland)

### March 18, 2025

- 9:00am Grizzly Tour
- Social Studies Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- JV Baseball vs St. Francis 4:30pm (Home)
- Boys and Girls Soccer vs Revere Butler 6:30pm

### March 19, 2025

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- Math Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- Varsity Baseball vs Rogers 5:00pm (Home)
- Softball Game vs Frank Black @ Black 5:00pm

### March 20, 2025

- Science Tutorials 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- Softball Game vs Lanier at MAGSA Field 5:00pm
- JV Baseball vs Attucks 5:15pm (Home)

### March 21, 2025

- School Store 11:30am
- JV Baseball vs Meyerland 4:45pm (Meyerland)

## 🏆 Grizzlies Baseball Triumphs! 🏆

Congratulations to our baseball team for an outstanding week of victories during the week of March 3rd! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork continue to make us proud. Keep up the great work, Grizzlies! 🏆🎉 #GrizzlyPride



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TWITTER  
[@WestBriarMS](https://twitter.com/WestBriarMS)

INSTAGRAM  
[@westbriarms](https://www.instagram.com/westbriarms)

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## Family Tech Talk - March 19th at 8pm

Join us for this free parent educational event for families. Family Tech Talk is an online seminar about internet safety for kids and will be hosted by an Internet safety expert from Trend Micro's Internet Safety for Kids and Families program.

To join the webinar at 8pm on Wednesday, March 19th, please click on the [zoom link](#).

## You're invited!

Join us for a free Family Tech Talk webinar and Q&A with an Internet safety expert



Wednesday, March 19th at 8:00 pm

## 20 Apps Parents Should Know About

	<b>Discord</b> allows users to talk to friends or strangers in real-time via voice, text, or video chat while playing video games.		<b>Reddit</b> is a chat app that allows users to post whatever they want without any identity verification.
	<b>TikTok</b> is used for creating and sharing short videos. By default, all accounts are set to public.		<b>Calculator%</b> is an app that looks like a calculator. This app secretly hides photos, videos, and more.
	<b>Snapchat</b> allows users to send photos and videos that disappear after they're received, but pics don't completely disappear from a device and users can take a screenshot before an image vanishes.		<b>Holla</b> is a video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in seconds.
	<b>ChatGPT</b> is an AI chatbot that can answer questions, write content, brainstorm ideas, and more.		<b>Tinder</b> is a matchmaking app that allows users to swipe through potential connections based on location and shared interests. The geo-location features and anonymous nature put kids at risk for catfishing, stalking, and more.
	<b>BeReal</b> gives users 2 minutes to share photos of their daily lives with no edits and no filters.		<b>MeetMe</b> is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity.
	<b>Houseparty</b> connects friends through live video chats, texts and group games. There's no screening and video is live, so there is a chance of kids being exposed to inappropriate content.		<b>Clubhouse</b> is an audio chat app, featuring chat rooms where users can drop in to listen to live conversation.
	<b>ASKfm</b> encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.		<b>Whisper</b> is an anonymous social network that encourages users to share secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.
	<b>Among Us</b> is a space-themed online multiplayer social game where players can message and chat with each other.		<b>Kik</b> allows anyone to contact and direct message your child.
	<b>Roblox</b> is an online gaming platform where users can play games designed by others or create and share their own. Be aware of in-app purchases, chat features, "candy" games and using "signs" to communicate if chat is blocked.		<b>Spotify</b> is a music streaming service that provides access to albums, songs, playlists, and podcasts. Risks include accessing pornographic audio, podcasts and imagery.
	<b>Bliendr</b> uses location technology to introduce users to new acquaintances in their vicinity.		<b>Zoomerang</b> allows you to create short videos, apply filters, special effects and music. It also uses location tracking.

## Prospective Grizzlies School Tours

Calling all Prospective Grizzlies! Come tour the WBMS campus and meet with campus representatives. Our final School Tour will be held:

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM**

Please invite your friends and neighbors who may be coming to WBMS for the 2025-26 school year so they have a chance to see our school and ask questions about what WBMS has to offer.



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**WBMS PTO  
PRINCIPAL Q&A**  
WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 26, 2025  
6:00 PM  
WBMS LIBRARY

OPEN TO ALL  
WBMS PARENTS &  
STAFF MEMBERS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

**WESTSIDE PRIDE**

**AUDITIONS**

REGISTRATION DUE: APRIL 1  
IN-PERSON AUDITIONS: APRIL 2-4, 2025 IN THE WESTSIDE MAIN GYM

JOIN THE 2X OVERALL  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

REGISTRATION

AUDITION PACKET

## YELLOW UNIFORM CLOSEOUT SALE!

7th grade yellow uniform shirts and sweatshirts are on sale now! Yellow tops can be worn for the 24-25 and 25-26 school year. Yellow tops are only available in limited sizes. All sales are final.

Gray uniform tops are not for sale.

**7TH GRADE  
YELLOW SALE**

Limited sizes available  
No refunds on yellow items-  
FINAL SALE  
Yellow uniforms allowed  
for 24-25 and 25-26

Yellow T-shirts: \$5  
Yellow Polo Shirts: \$8  
Yellow Sweatshirts: \$12

Yellow T-shirts: \$5  
Yellow Polo Shirts: \$8  
Yellow Sweatshirts: \$12

Click the "**Order Apparel Online**" button to shop the yellow uniform closeout sale.

## 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
Sanchez, Athena	03-09	7
Abi Saab, Bernard Nabil	03-10	8
George, Melanie Nevaeh	03-10	8
Efstratiou, Lyla Alexia	03-11	8
Rejilla Cardona, Marcos Manuel	03-11	7
Flores, Carloz Arturo	03-12	6
Boyleston, Maeve Heller	03-13	6
Suber, Dain Jordan	03-13	6
Bondarenko, Semen	03-14	7
Brown, Christian Kadeem	03-14	8
Mofor, Mbongeh Helsa	03-14	7
Okoli, Brian Akuchiabata	03-14	8
Rondon Estrella, Marcela	03-15	6
Sanchez-Guevara, Kelvin Andy	03-15	6
Jackson, Devin Michelle	03-16	7
Rincon Moreno, Dylan Santiago	03-16	6
Ruan, Joey Yihui	03-16	7
Spano, Honoree Ayame Ferracelli	03-16	6



Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Ahmed, Amer	03-17	7
Hooper, Kyndal Alexander	03-17	8
Lenford, Aysia Noel	03-17	7
Faizan, Maham	03-18	6
Sun, Samantha	03-18	6
Tun, Hayman	03-18	8
Noori, Elham	03-18	7
Dacosta, Andrew Lloyd	03-19	6
Williams, James Lyndell	03-19	6
Zamir, Maaz Atif	03-19	7
Duran, Oswaldo	03-20	6
Gamboa Riascos, Vayollen Dayani	03-20	8
Wei, Xiran	03-20	7
Pham, Audrey Linh	03-21	6
Hamedian, Ella	03-22	8
Naqvi, Jahanzaib Mustafa	03-22	7
Nguyen, Leela Nhu Ngoc	03-22	6