AUGUST IS HERE!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School supplies are being bought, uniforms ordered, and Back-to-School is nearing! Students and parents are enjoying what’s left of their summer vacations, but as August 23rd approaches, the questions begin to mount. This August newsletter offers a calendared glimpse of events to come to help ease the anxiety of returning to school.

Please note that most West Briar staff members are still enjoying the well-deserved break from the past school year. West Briar will not officially be fully staffed until teachers return on August 16th. We greatly appreciate your grace and flexibility as we disseminate important information, respond to emails/phone calls, and get our campus up and running to effectively welcome students back on August 23rd!

The order of this month’s newsletter is by event, so page by page– you can stay on top of all that is going on. If you are unable to make my Coffee Talk on Friday, August 6th, I will publish the slide show the following week. My goal is to keep our community abreast of all events and information through multiple avenues of communication. Therefore, expect emails to go out each week and new information to be posted on our campus webpage.

Go Grizzlies!

Note: Anything underlined in this newsletter is an active link.
Coffee Talk

WITH PRINCIPAL MISHLAN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
WBMS LIBRARY

Topic: Starting the 21-22 school year after COVID interruptions in learning.

GRIZZLY CAMPS!

Grizzly camp will be offered to ALL grade levels this school year! To adequately prepare students for the 2021-2022 school year, we are encourage ALL West Briar students to participate.

REGISTER USING LINK BY AUGUST 6TH!
(QR CODE & LINK WILL GO TO THE SAME SURVEY)

Camp Dates/Times*

6th Gr. Camp
Wed, Aug 11th: 8:30am - 1:00pm
Thu, Aug 12th: 8:30am - 12:30pm

7th & 8th Gr. Camp
Thu, Aug 12th: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

*Registering for camp allows us to adequately prepare for grouping and staffing. Drop off/pick-up times will be sent in the coming weeks.

PRE-ORDERED UNIFORM PICK-UP & UNIFORM PURCHASES DURING GRIZZLY CAMP*
SEE DRESS CODE- PG.5
Athletic Physicals
West Briar PE dept. will be offering physicals for all students wanting to play sports this coming school year.

Physicals will be offered during the West Briar Grizzly Camp - **August 12th** between the hours of **3:00PM - 5:00PM**.

The cost for a physical is **$25 (cash only)**.

Go to the link (above) to:
- Download the Athletics Physical Form
  - A hard copy can also be picked up from campus.
- Find instructions on how to Register Your Athlete at the RegisterMyAthlete website.
  - All Houston ISD athletes must have their medical information and physical document(s) entered on this site.

JOIN THE WEST BRIAR PTO!!

Does your student want to play a sport this year?

**WEST BRIAR ATHLETICS INFORMATION PAGE**

Worried about your student(s) getting back into the school routine?

Common Sense Media created helpful organizers to help ease the transition back to in-person learning.

**Free Back to School Organizers**

New to West Briar? They’ve got a page dedicated for your **Frequently Asked Questions**.
The West Briar website is being updated to offer a quick glimpse at recent events, make announcements, and share helpful student & Parent Links on the landing page. Stay in the know!

WEST BRIAR MS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Check out the Leadership Team page on the WBMS website. Alpha split also noted on this page.

MEET THE TWO, NEWEST WBMS DEANS:

Dr. Andrew Maddocks
- Houston native
- Former teacher (9 years)
- Spanish – Levels 1, 2, 3
- Dual Language Literature
- Theatre Art/Tech Theatre
- International Baccalaureate
- Attended AADA - NYC
- B.A. (English)
- M.A. (Teaching)
- Ed.D. (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies)
- Served as missionary in Mexico for two years
- Husband and Father
- Loves peanut butter

LINDA TREVINO
- Committed to making sure all students receive a quality education.
- Education is not a one size fits all model, but instead should include a strong support system for all students.
- Served all levels (K-12) for 18 years focusing on instruction in urban schools as a tutor, teacher leader, literacy specialist and Dean of Students.
- Greatest strengths as a leader are my abilities to assess problems, build new programs, and coach teachers to get results.

“I am a determined educator who is eager to work hard and make a positive difference for our students.”
Key Points for the 2021-2022 School Year:

- **Shirts/Tops** purchased from PTO School Store (info/link at left) & coordinated by grade level color with school logo.
  - Fridays only - can wear approved West Briar spirit shirt, school club/team shirts/tops.

- **Pants, skirts, skorts, or shorts** must be solid colored **khaki or jeans**.
  - Jeans *must* be solid color denim jeans. (no rips, holes, cuts, tears)

*If unable to purchase on Aug 12th, the PTO School Store will be open throughout the first week of school. More information will be sent out & posted online.*

Read the Houston ISD Ready - Set- Go Plan which outlines a safe return to in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

[HTTPS://WWW.HOUSTONISD.ORG/READYSETGO]
Taking time to reflect and acknowledge things you are grateful for can improve your mindset and shift your focus towards more positive thoughts. This is especially helpful during times of stress and uncertainty.

A **Moment of Gratitude** is an intentional moment to stop and focus on what you are most grateful for that day or moment. It doesn’t matter how big or small, finding things you are grateful allows you to highlight helpful aspects of life that support you in tough times.

**AUGUST CHALLENGE: THE GRATITUDE EXCHANGE...**

Gather everyone together and go around the room and share one thing about the person on your left (or just another person in the room) you are grateful for!