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## Principal's Message



### Spring 2019

It has gone by so fast, but here we are, nearing the end of another school year. It has been an amazing year so far. The staff and students have been incredible. The parent support of the school and students is second to none. Thank you for helping make West Ranch the wonderful school it is.

With all that said, there is still much to do before June 6<sup>th</sup>. We are preparing for a wonderful Open House and 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation scheduled for Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, where we welcome the parents and students of the West Ranch Class of 2023! This is also a great time for our current Wildcat parents to see all the great things your students are involved in and the activities accomplished in their classes.

Later in April we have CAASPP testing. The CAASPP is administered by computer to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## West Ranch High School Administration

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*West Ranch  
Congratulates the  
Graduating Class of  
2019*

## Principal's Message Continued

The CAASPP is administered by computer to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. There is a special schedule associated with this and it will be sent out via email, and it is also available to view via our website [www.WestRanchHighSchool.com](http://www.WestRanchHighSchool.com). During this special testing schedule, 9<sup>th</sup> graders will complete their state mandated Physical Fitness testing. More information will continue to come out as we get closer to those testing days.

Once again the state is asking us to test our 12<sup>th</sup> graders with the new Next Generation Science Standards exam. This will be done during their English class. If you have a senior that has taken these classes elsewhere, we will be pull them from another class to complete the exam. The test is approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours long. California is mandating that all seniors take this exam.

Then between May 6-17, we have AP testing. If your student is in an AP class, and has registered for the test, it will be administered on a specific day during this time. Seniors last day of class will be May 24. We will culminate the year with Graduation on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and Finals Week for the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

With all that talk of testing, I feel we need to mention some of the exciting activities we have planned for students and parents alike. The 2019 Prom will be held at the Petersen Automotive Museum on Saturday, April 27. Many of our performing groups will be having their Spring Concerts/Performances during the Spring months. We will kick off our Spring performing season with the musical "Anything Goes!" with performances February 27 – March 1.

Our spring sports are just getting started and we expect that many will be going on to playoffs. With 11 sports in action, this is the busiest time of the year for the Wildcats. Of course we will have several culminating activities for our graduating seniors as the end of the year draws near.

You can keep up with all of it by visiting our website at [www.WestRanchHighSchool.com](http://www.WestRanchHighSchool.com)

Thank you again for your support throughout the year.

Mark Crawford

Principal

# Counseling News

## Just a few reminders from the Counseling office:

- It is important for parents and students to keep an eye on their email as the Counseling office sends out important reminders. All student correspondence is sent to their school email.
- Be sure and visit our Counseling Website for college videos and information
- All students received a Naviance Task in the Fall and the Spring assignment will roll out soon. All instructional videos are located on the Counseling Website for students to access in order to easily complete their required Naviance Tasks.
- The following are the tasks for each grade level and year. It is fun and makes for a great discussion at home to talk about the assessment results and tools the students can access at home.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Complete Cluster Finder (Fall – in English Classes) & Complete 4-Year Plan (Assign in March: Complete at home but assigned in Science classes ).

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Complete Career Interest Profiler (Fall- In English Classes) & Update 4 Year Plan (Assign in Feb/ March via email Naviance Task).

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Complete Do What You Are (Fall-in US History Classes) & Complete College and Scholarship Search (Assign in Feb/March via email Naviance Task).

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Update College List (Fall) & Complete Senior Survey (Assign in English in May).



Be sure you check Naviance for scholarship opportunities!

# Counseling News

WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL		
2019 AP Exam schedule		
Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon
<b>Monday, May 6, 2019</b>	United States Government and Politics	Environmental Science
<b>Tuesday, May 7, 2019</b>	Spanish Language and Culture	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
<b>Wednesday, May 8, 2019</b>	English Literature and Composition	European History
<b>Thursday, May 9, 2019</b>	Chemistry	Psychology
	United States History	Computer Science Principles
<b>Friday, May 10, 2019</b>	<p>Studio Art – last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. ET) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly.</p> <p>Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital portfolios to coordinators before this date.</p>	

# Counseling News

## WEST RANCH HIGH

### 2019 AP Exam schedule

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Monday, May 13, 2019	Biology	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 14, 2019	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Art History Human Geography	
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	English Language and Composition		Macroeconomics
Thursday, May 16, 2019	World History	Statistics	
Friday, May 17, 2019	Music Theory	Computer Science A	

## West Ranch Activities Spring 2019

### March

- 8 Spring Rally
- 14 Blood Drive
- 20 Prom Packets Available
- 21 Open House

### April

- 1-5 Spring Break
- 11 8th Grade Rally
- 26 4th Quarter Progress Report
- 27 Prom @ Peterson Auto Museum

### May

- 1 Senior Barbeque/Powderpuff Game
- 3 Senior Send Off Rally
- 16-17 AP Testing
- 23 Senior Awards Night
- 27 Memorial Day
- 29 Senior Sunset
- 30 Grad Night

### June

- 4-6 Finals (Minimum Days)
- 5 Senior Breakfast & Meeting/Cap & Gown  
Distribution
- 6 Graduation at COC/ End of Semester



## Club News

### **The Paw Print**

*The Paw Print*, West Ranch's journalism publication, will be accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year beginning in April of this year. Applications will include a writing sample, an interview, and will be due on May 10, 2019. Please see Ms. Grothe in Room 212 for more information.

### **Academic Decathlon**

In February, West Ranch's Academic Decathlon team culminated their season at the Los Angeles County Academic Decathlon Award Ceremony in Montebello. West Ranch received 21 overall medals, 6 Bronze, 5 Silver, and 10 Gold medals!! This is the largest amounts of medals we have ever received. The team also finished in the top 20 schools of Los Angeles County, which is the strongest performing county in the state.

Congratulations to our incredibly talented students and their advisors, Shallu Makan, and Michael Kim.

# 2019 CAASPP Testing Schedule



West Ranch High School  
"Home of the Wildcats"

## STATE TESTING CAASPP April 2019

### April 11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) and April 12<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

12 <sup>th</sup> Graders will take the CAST (California Science Test) in their English Classes.
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11 <sup>th</sup> Grader will begin the ELA CAASPP in the 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Classes.
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### April 15<sup>th</sup> (Monday) and April 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

*Reverse Minimum Day Schedule for Testing
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Days 1-2 of ELA CAASPP Testing by Student Alpha
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### April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Monday) and April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)

*Reverse Minimum Day Schedule for Testing
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Days 3-4 of Math CAASPP Testing by Student Alpha
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### MAKE UP DAYS

Student will be called out of class to make up or finish test.

Make Dates – ELA April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> (If needed)

Math April 24<sup>th</sup> (Late Start Wednesday) and April 25<sup>th</sup>

APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> is end of grading period.

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## Library News



### West Ranch High School Library

Winter brought us an amazing volume of rain and umbrellas as students here at West Ranch Library grabbed every chair before school, brunch and lunch to stay dry and hangout at the library. The Library opens at 7:30 am and students can use the library until 4:00 pm. (Mon- Thurs) 3:30 on Fridays. Good news, WiSH foundation has raised monies for all the district libraries this school year. None of the school libraries in the Hart district have received an annual budget to purchase new materials for students since 2007. West Ranch Library used the WiSH funds to add eBook reference resources. In addition, West Ranch Library has been fundraising and with the help of parents, students and staff we continue to add new fiction, magazines and videos to our collection. Adding new materials supports the curriculum and help students find reliable and authoritative materials required for research across the curriculum. A BIG thank you to our generous supporters for helping to keep students reading for information and pleasure.

January 2019 begins the Level II: Library Orientation for all of the tenth grade social studies students. Students are introduced to the electronic library accessible to all students on campus via computer labs, classroom chrome books or the library computers. When researching at home; databases and eBooks can be accessed using the password link document on the library webpage. These authoritative resources are electronic libraries filled with articles from books, magazines, newspapers as well as primary source documents for student research. Check the library website for these powerful research tools at <http://www.westranchhighschool.com/library/databases.htm>

In addition to research for classes, students can take practice PSAT, AP, SAT, SAT subject tests, ACT or other tests on the Testing and Information Reference database. Students can find scholarship help or help finding the right college. Students who need help with their Infinite Campus, Active Directory or Google logins can find help at the library help desk. Parents that need assistance with resetting Infinite Campus, should go to <http://www.hartdistrict.org/index.php/campus/campus-parent-account-support>

Students who finished single semester courses (Health, Government, Economics & Oceanography) must return textbooks to the library ASAP. We check out the books to our second semester students. Please remember to cover textbooks. The textbook replacement prices range from \$70 to over \$100. Damage to textbooks will be assessed to pay for repair materials. Plastic bags help on rainy days and keep back packs out of the rain to avoid water damage. Reminder outstanding fines and textbook obligations need to be resolved prior to purchase of Prom tickets.

Often students need school supplies to complete a class project, West Ranch library offers a variety of materials (posters, index cards, pencils, non-latex gloves, highlighters, glue and more) at a nominal charge to assist students. All funds raised help purchase new library materials.

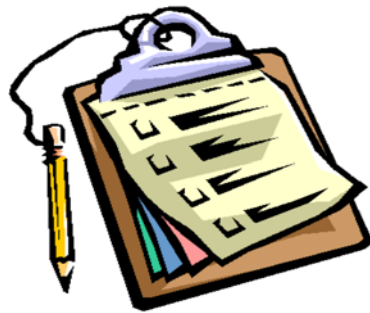
February 2019 brings the arrival of the Events for Teens at our City of Santa Clarita Public Library. Teen Book Club (2/12), Chocolate Olympics (2/19), Teen Anime Club (2/26) Check the library website for more ways to use your public library: <http://teens.santaclaritalibrary.com/>

Parents volunteer at the West Ranch Library during student lunch to assist at the help desk. A big thank you goes out to our Fall Semester volunteers: Mia Wright, Mace Zayyad, Aasma Amjad, Charla Provencia, Artie Hosche, Atiya Khan, Holland Eisenberg, Marsha Gilpin. Each fall parents volunteer to assist. Mrs. Erickson; one day a week or twice a month. If you are interested in being on the call list, just send an email to [lerickson@hartdistrict.org](mailto:lerickson@hartdistrict.org). Or if you want to occasionally substitute for a parent volunteer. Parents assist at the help desk with laptop check-outs and other tasks.

## Attendance Office

1. Parents/guardians are to call or write a note of excuse within 24 hours of absence. According to Education Code 48260, any student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for three or more days will be considered a truant. Parents/guardians should provide written medical, and or legal notices when possible.
2. Students who are continually tardy to class will face disciplinary actions from teacher or administration. Students who are 30 minutes late or more need to bring a note to the attendance office clarifying the tardy before going to class.
3. Students leaving campus for any reason without an off-campus pass or verified open period, must check out either through the Attendance Office or Health Office. Students are not permitted to go off campus for lunch, without a valid off-campus permit. Those students without off-campus lunch passes must be checked out by their parent/guardian during our lunch our in person.

*The intent of this policy is to call the attention of parents and students to the importance of class attendance and provide for greater student accountability for make-up work. It is not our intent to punish students who are ill or have family emergencies.*



## Registrar's Office

Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number or email address? If so, please contact the registrar's office to update your contact information. It is imperative that we have up-to-date contact information on file.

## Health Office Procedures

When children become ill at school, they will receive every care and consideration and parents will be contacted. With so many students and little space in the health office, we ask for your full cooperation in picking up a sick child in a reasonable amount of time. We do not have the accommodations for a child to sit in the health office for an extended period of time, and generally they need to *return to class after approximately 15 minutes*.

If, however, they are deemed quite ill, they need to be picked up as soon as possible. If parents cannot pick up the child, they will need to make arrangements with a relative or friend and convey this information to the health technician. It is our goal to maintain the health and safety of every child.

Children should be kept at home if they have the following:

- Temperature of 100 degrees and over and/or a fever the previous day
- Diarrhea
- Green nasal discharge
- Eye infections
- Illness during the night
- A rash associated with children's diseases or of unexplained origin

**-Your cooperation is very much appreciated in keeping our students healthy-**

## Medication-Prescribed and over the counter

All medications require a District medication form to be completed by Parent and Doctor. This form is available in the Health office. When completed, the form must be returned to the Health office. Any student found with medication at school, who does not have the appropriate forms filed in the Health office, will have the medication confiscated, and the medication will be released only to a parent.

## Physical Education Excuse Notes

A parent may write a note excusing a student from PE for one to three consecutive healing days maximum. If a student is not able to participate in PE in excess of three consecutive healing days, a note from a physician stating the duration of the PE excuse note is mandatory. If a student can participate in MODIFIED PE, (e.g. walking versus running, no upper body, etc), a note from a physician is mandatory and must state the nature and duration of the modification.

## Medical Equipment

If your student requires the use of crutches or a wheelchair; or other medical equipment at school, a **Doctor's note must be provided** to the Health Office stating the reason and duration of use.