

# Welcome to Westglades



## Middle School

Although a bit puzzling, the transformation to middle school can be a very exciting and wonderful experience. You are leaving the elementary years and approaching one of the most dramatic periods of your life. You will grow in many ways: socially, emotionally, physically and even intellectually. You will face challenges in your ability to handle your feelings with peers and adults.

At Westglades Middle School, you will find many people who will help you meet these challenges. We hope that after you meet us and get to know us, you will feel comfortable about coming to middle school. We encourage you to ask a lot of questions as you embark on this adventure!

**Westglades Middle School**

**11000 Holmberg Rd.**

**Parkland, FL 33076**

**(754) 322-4800**

**[www.westgladesmiddle.com](http://www.westgladesmiddle.com)**

## Who's Who.....

Principal	Mr. Jack Vesey
Asst. Principal	Mrs. Winston-Davis
Asst. Principal	Mr. Ross Lopatin
Guidance Director	Mrs. Christine Wilson
Guidance Counselor – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Janet Hearn
Guidance Counselor – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Christine Wilson
Guidance Counselor – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Suzanne Desrosiers
ESE Specialist	Mrs. Dione Reed
Reading Specialist	Mrs. Susan Darville-Zuk
Media Specialist	Mrs. Diane Haneski
Office Manager	Mrs. Barbara Higgins
Registrar	Mrs. Vicki Barsh
Technology Coordinator	Mr. Ray Haneski

### **Phone Numbers You Need to Know...**

School's main phone number	(754) 322-4800
To report an absence	(754) 322-4802
ESE Department	(754) 322-4811
School's fax line	(754) 322-4835
To contact the Resource Officer	(754) 322-4800
To contact the Registrar	(754) 322-4830

## Important Facts....

- Westglades Middle School opened in August, 2002.
- School starts promptly at **9:15 am**.
- The school day ends at **3:45 pm**.
- On early release days dismissal time for Westglades is **1:45 pm**.
- There are approximately 93 teachers at Westglades Middle School.
- Our school's web page is [www.westgladesmiddle.com](http://www.westgladesmiddle.com).
- Our school colors are Royal Blue & Gold.
- Our school mascot is the "Wolf".
- You will need assigned clothes for P.E. classes.
- There are many clubs and academic organizations to join along with intramural and interscholastic sports:

**Basketball/Boys & Girls**  
**Soccer/Boys & Girls**  
**Flag Football**  
**Track/Boys & Girls**  
**Volleyball/Boys & Girls**  
**Cheerleading**  
**Drama**  
**Color Guard**  
**Best Buddies**  
**Environmental Club**

**FFEA**  
**Human Relations Club**  
**Math Club**  
**NJHS**  
**SADD**  
**Student Government**  
**Youth Crime Watch**  
**P.A.W.S. Club**  
**Computer Club**  
**First Priority**

## **The Guidance Department at Westglades Middle School .....**

Westglades Middle School's Guidance Department has a counselor for each grade level. Their office is located on the second floor of Building 2. The Registrar is available in the main office to assist all new students registering at Westglades. The role of the Guidance Department is to encourage students to achieve a positive self-image, to give support to all students, to provide individual and group counseling. In addition, the Guidance Department also conducts classroom guidance activities.

The Guidance Department is responsible for scheduling and class changes, conflict resolution, progress reports, grade concerns and parent/teacher conferences. They also handle transcripts, testing, special program placements and tutoring needs.

A "Guidance Request Form" should be completed by a student and submitted to their Guidance office if there is a concern that needs attention. These forms are available in each of the grade level Guidance offices or can be requested from any teacher.

Progress Interim Reports and Report Cards are issued to the students four times a year, every nine weeks. The first three report cards are sent home with the student and the final report card is mailed to the home, approximately two weeks after the final day of school. Progress Interims are sent home at mid-term of every marking period and must be signed and returned to the school. The middle school grading scale is as follows:

	A = 90-100
B+ = 87-89	B = 80-86
C+ = 77-79	C = 70-76
D+ = 67-69	D = 60-66
F = 59-0	

In addition you can monitor your student's grades, assignments and absences on the Pinnacle Internet Viewer located conveniently at [www.westgladesmiddle.com](http://www.westgladesmiddle.com)

**More Info .....**



## Media Center

Westglades' Media Center has an extensive collection of resource materials including reference books, magazines, newspapers, as well as fiction and non-fiction books. The students have access to computers that can be used for research.

The Media Specialist is on duty full time to assist all students. A pass from a teacher is required to enter the Media Center. Books may be checked out for two weeks. Reference materials and magazines can be checked out for overnight use. Students are responsible for lost or damaged books and materials.

## Lunch Happenings

Students at Westglades can either bring their own lunch or purchase lunch from the cafeteria for \$2.25. Each lunch period lasts thirty minutes. Students must sit in a designated area arranged by team and remain seated until dismissed by an administrator. No one is allowed to leave the cafeteria before their lunch period is over. Breakfast is also served and the cost is \$1.20.

## Transportation



**Walkers:** Students walking to school must remain on sidewalks and cross at designated crosswalks.

**Bike Riders:** Students riding bikes to school must also cross at a designated crosswalk. A helmet is required by Florida State law and all bikes should be individually locked up, with a personal lock in the bike rack.

**Parent drop off and pick up loop** is to the east side of the school (next to Stoneman Douglas). Drop off and pick up in the parent car loop can be a safety hazard for your child. Please pay close attention to Administrative direction when entering the pick-up area. Patience and cooperation are needed to ensure the safety of your child and every child in this area.



**Busing** will be provided by the Broward County Transportation Department for students living farther than 2 miles from Westglades Middle School. Bus transportation is also provided if dangerous roadways or safety hazards are determined by the Broward County Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation will contact students by mail in August prior to the start of the school year. Bus cards will be issued and must be returned to the student's bus driver prior to riding the school bus. Busing questions can be directed to North Area Transportation at 754-321-4000.

### **Safety at Westglades Middle School**



Although Westglades is probably bigger than the elementary school you attended last year, it won't take you long to know your way around and feel comfortable. Westglades Middle School strives to provide an environment that is drug-free and protects students' health, safety, and civil rights.

Surveillance cameras have been mounted throughout the school to ensure the safety of our students and faculty. In addition, Westglades has a Parkland police officer, Security Specialist and a Westglades Campus Monitor employed at the school. For your safety, reasonable suspicion may lead to personal backpack and locker searches. If any student or parent has a safety or discipline concern, please contact your grade level Assistant Principal or the Guidance Counselor.



## Top 15 Questions Most Asked By Students & Parents.....

1. **What time does the building open?** Sponsored activities begin as early as 7:30 am. However, the main office does not open until 8:45 am.
2. **If I need to make a telephone call, where is the telephone?** The main office.
3. **If I need to leave school early, where do I go to make arrangements?** Bring in written documentation to the main office.
4. **When I need to be absent, what do I do?** Call the Attendance Line @ (754) 322-4802, send in a written documentation.
5. **If I need to ask about a schedule change, where will I go?** Guidance Counselor
6. **If I feel sick, where do I go?** Main office
7. **If I am having trouble with one of my teachers, who can help me solve the problem?** Guidance Counselor, Grade Level Administrator or School Social Worker
8. **For what offense can I be suspended?** Fighting with another student, severe misbehavior, directed profanity towards a teacher, smoking, possession or use of drugs, etc... (refer to your Student Code of Conduct)
9. **How can I make an appointment to see a guidance counselor?** Fill out a "Guidance Request Form" and give it to the Guidance office.
10. **If I have to take special medication, how can arrangements be made?** A parent **must** have an authorized Medication Form completed by a physician and medication will be locked up in the main office. Parent **must** bring in medication.
11. **If I loose my lunch money, what can I do?** The cafeteria will allow a student to charge one lunch.
12. **Where shall I keep my gym clothes?** Lockers in the gym locker room.
13. **If I lost my books, my gym clothes, or any personal items, where will I look for them?** In the classrooms, the cafeteria and the "Lost and found" in the main office.
14. **If my favorite cousin comes to visit, can I bring him/her to school?** No. Due to safety and liability reasons, schools do not permit individuals to attend classes unless they are officially enrolled.
15. **What happens if my cell phone rings in class?** The phone will be taken away and a parent will need to pick it up 24 hours later in the main office.

*Your child will probably have many friends, but only you can be their parent.*

## **How Can A Parent Help Smooth their Child's Transition?**

- \* Help your child learn to accept and like themselves.
- \* Encourage your child to do their best.
- \* Show your child that you are interested.
- \* Check your child's homework and assignment book.
- \* Provide them with an appropriate place to study.
- \* Help your child find activities in which they exceed.
- \* Know your child's teachers.
- \* Have realistic goals and expectations for your child.
- \* Make encouraging, not discouraging remarks.
- \* Ask to see returned papers, tests, and report cards.
- \* Get to know your child's friends.
- \* Provide before and after school supervision.
- \* Encourage them to ask for help if needed.
- \* Encourage your child to participate in a club or sport to meet new friends.

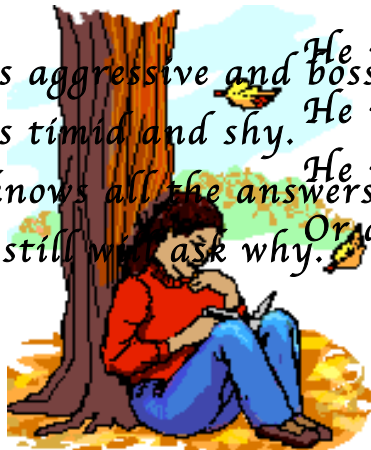




He is rude and nasty. *What is a Middle Schooler?*  
 He is polite as can be. *He is awkward and clumsy.*  
 He wants parental guidance. *He is graceful and poised.*  
 But he wants to be free. *He is ever changing.*  
*I knew what he was.*  
*But what should I say?*  
*But do not be annoyed.*

## What Is A Middle Schooler?

He is aggressive and bossy. *What is a Middle Schooler?*  
 He is timid and shy. *He is noise and confusion.*  
 He knows all the answers. *I was asked one day.*  
 But still we ask why. *He is the future unfolding.*  
*Or a cloud that will weep.*  
*So do not stand in his way.*



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**“Howling With Pride”**

