

Beliefs

- Students' learning needs are the primary focus of all decisions impacting the work of the school because each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- A safe and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.
- Teachers, administrators, parents, students, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.
- Students learn in different ways and will be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning styles.
- cs Cultural diversity can increase students' understanding of different peoples and cultures.
- ostudents need to not only demonstrate their understanding of essential knowledge and skills but also to be actively involved in solving problems and producing quality work.
- A student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and staff.

Mission Statement

Wellington Community High School seeks to provide a safe environment conducive to promoting lifelong learners and productive citizens who contribute to the community as a whole.

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WHS Spring Guidance Update

PATHFINDERS NOMINEES 2021

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	LOGAN CASTELLANOS
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SCIENCE	MAKAYLA MC CRAY
SPORTS	VICTORIA GARCIA RAMIREZ
TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL/ AGRICULTURAL	ETHAN LEVINE

Students chosen as finalists will be invited to interview at Palm Beach Atlantic University on March 11, 2021. Due to Covid, virtual interviews are a possibility.

THANK YOU to the faculty members and counselors who assisted in the selection of these outstanding students!!!!

SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors are encouraged to check the Scholarship Section of Wellington High School website at https://welh.palmbeachschools.org/. Click "Students and Parents" to "Counselor's Corner" to "Scholarships." Scholarships can be found on the Palm Beach County School District website at: www.palmbeachschools.org. Scholarship information is also being posted to the 12th grade Support Center Google classroom.

High school students who have DACA, TPS, or came to the US before November 1, 2014 and otherwise meet the DACA eligibility criteria please contact ESOL Counselor Mrs. Gallardo for information at claudia.gallardo@palmbeachschools.org.

FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE

Parents and students planning on applying for financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The application opened on October 1st, 2020. The FAFSA can be completed online at www. fafsa.ed.gov. This application must be completed to receive most scholarships.

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Seniors are reminded to complete the Florida financial aid application for Bright Futures Scholarships. The application is available online at www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org A video on how to complete the Bright Futures scholarship is available on the 12th grade Support Center Google Classroom. As a reminder, the Bright Futures scholarship requires that students complete 100 hours of community service and take two years of the same World Language.

TRANSCRIPTS

If you would like your official high school transcript sent to a Florida public college or university, please go the Wellington High School "Counselor Corner" webpage and click on the "Transcript" link or visit this page: https://welh.palmbeachschools.org/students___parents/counselors_corner/transcripts

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Transcripts that need to be sent to private universities or colleges outside of Florida can be ordered via Parchment. There is a fee of \$4.95 per transcript that must be paid online. Please go to https://www.parchment.com/ to set up an account.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please do not forget to hand in your required **20 hours** of community service for graduation to your grade level secretary.

All Juniors will be given the SAT on Wednesday, March 3rd for FREE. Juniors do not need to register for the test.

SAT AND ACT CALENDAR

SAT Test Date Registration Deadline ACT Test Date Registration Deadline March 13, 2021 February 12, 2021 April 17, 2021 March 12, 2021 *May 8, 2021 April 8, 2021 *June 12, 2021 May 7, 2021 June 1, 2021 May 6, 2021 July 17, 2021 June 18, 2021

*SATURDAY TEST DATES AT WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The College Board and the ACT require that students sign up for the SAT and ACT on-line. The websites are: www.sat.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org.

PSAT

If your student took the PSAT in October of 2020 your student's Preliminary SAT®/National Merit® Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) scores are now available. They can jump-start their college planning process by <u>logging in to or creating</u> a College Board account.

Your student will be able to see their PSAT/NMSQT scores, get personalized feedback, and access free resources to plan for college.

Students will also be receiving a paper copy of their scores to bring home.

COLLEGE BOARD + KHAN ACADEMY

College Board and Khan Academy have partnered together to help students better prepare for the SAT. https://www.khanacademy.org/sat/. This website provides: interactive practice, practice tests, short quizzes, and interactive feedback.

Free ACT preparation materials can be found at http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html/.

Positive Behavior

We have implemented two positive behavior programs at Wellington Community High School: Wellington Way and Character Counts. Students are being recognized for the positive choices they are making while they are on campus. Please make sure your child is following our Universal Guidelines every day they are on campus. We would like to recognize the following students who received awards for their positive behavior:

Jeronimo Nolasco, Jesus Blom, Kevin Mercier, Germitch Daniel, Alexandra Ortiz, Giovanni Dunn, Jessica Panetta, Daniel Faure, Bianca Pettinato, Geronimo Fink, Jacob Ramirez, Skylar Garcia, Jorge Ramirez, Yamila Geffrard, Jayda Remington, Connor Gloden, Camron Roja, Valeria Haney, Joshua

Rosales, Victoria Walker, Davis







WHS Project Graduation

Under normal circumstances Project Graduation is a fun-filled graduation night event that promotes a safe, alcohol/drug free, all night long "lock in" celebration exclusively for Wellington High School graduates. It has been a long-standing tradition that brings our community together to honor the accomplishments of each graduate every year while keeping them off the roads and safe! Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic it is uncertain at this time what Project Graduation 2021 will look like, however the Project Graduation Committee is committed to celebrating the WHS Graduates in the safest and most fun manner possible! For more information please contact us at: wellingtonhsprojecgrad@gmail.com.

CAP AND GOWN DISTRIBUTION AND SALES

Graduation caps and gowns will be distributed during senior checkout. Students who have not yet purchased gowns may do so at the same time. Gowns may be purchased via cash, credit card, check/money order payable to Herff Jones. Graduates must wear the correct royal blue gown in order to participate in the graduation ceremony!

You may still order graduation caps and gowns online at: www. herffjonespalmbeach.com.

PROM

We are still awaiting word about Prom 2021. As soon as we have information, we will share that with you. If we are able to host prom, it will be in May.



Class of 2021

SENIOR OBLIGATIONS

Prior to participating in any senior activity, all obligations must be cleared through Ms. Mankamyer in the main office. The deadline for clearing obligations is **May 24, 2021**. * <u>NO CASH * Only check or money order *</u> - Call Mary Mankamyer at 561-795-4901 or Lori Gelopter 561-795-4808.

SENIOR EXAMS AND LAST DAY

Once the District releases the last day of class for graduating seniors, the information will be sent out.

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

The District is closely monitoring conditions with the CoVid pandemic. The goal is to have an in person graduation, however, conditions may prevent that from occurring. Once decisions about graduation have been made, information about graduation rehearsal will be sent out to graduating seniors.

SENIOR CHECK-OUT

Once the seniors' last day is announced, information regarding Senior Check-Out will be distributed.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Once the seniors' last day is announced, information regarding Awards Ceremonies including dates and format will be sent out to the seniors.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

June 7, 2021 (12:00)

Although we do not know what graduation will look like this year, the Class of 2021 will graduate on June 7, 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

Should you have additional questions regarding senior activities or the graduation ceremony, please email Ms. Farris at marie-amalie.farris@palmbeachschools.org . Ms. Mankamyer may be reached for questions concerning obligations at 795-4901.

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Equine Pre-Vet Academy News

Congratulations to our top five students for the first semester in Veterinary Biology 2. Maya Crawford maintained the highest A average so far this year! Brenda Guajardo, Ryann Bierman, Alexander Newman and Samantha Schube also rounded out the top 5. These students have studied medical technology, medical diagnostic testing and viral diseases so far this year and have had guest speakers from the Pre-Vet program at Keiser University as well as a behind the scenes tour of the Palm Beach Equine Hospital.

The highest scoring freshman in the Vet Experimental Science course is Mason Laible. The others with the top 5 averages include Maya Ford, Spenser Burns, Ava Rodgers, Jaclyn Campagnuolo and Sophie Strickler. The freshman vet students have studied animal parasites, animal behavior and have begun topics in companion animal anatomy.

Debate

It was a very successful first semester of debate competition for the Wellington Speech & Debate Team! Every tournament has been held virtually, presenting the entire team with unique challenges unlike any prior year.

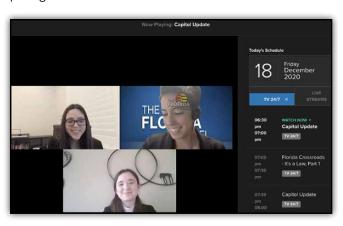
Nine members of the Red Dawn Debaters will represent Wellington at the 2021 Florida Forensic League state championship March 6-7. They are: Samuel Johnson in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking; Nicholas Raney in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking; Kieran Abesamis in Lincoln Douglas Debate; Daniel



Melton in Original Oratory; Lillian Paulitz in Humorous Interpretation; Jaiden Lagalo-Blinston in both Dramatic Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation; Emma Stanfield in Dramatic Interpretation; and the team of Rylee Bleakley and Megan Gonzales-Mugaburu in Public Forum Debate. In addition, Leslie Diaz is first alternate in Lincoln Douglas Debate. Also, Director of Speech & Debate Paul Gaba was named FFL Macaw Region Coach of the Year, and is one of seven coaches statewide to be recognized at the FFL Varsity State Championship, where the 2020-21 State COY will be named.

The state qualifier came a week after Lagalo-Blinston finished eighth in Dramatic Interpretation at the 66th Barkley Forum for High Schools, hosted by Emory University. She was also a semifinalist in DI at both the George Mason University Patriot Games Invitational and the Yale Invitational, and won the Cypress Bay Tradition Invitational with her partner, Matthew McGann, in Duo Interpretation.

In addition, two debaters – Carolina Aguilera-Garza and Sofia Lynch – submitted a legislative idea to state Rep. Matt Willhite as part of his 2020 "How an Idea Becomes a Law – Student Competition." They put together and submitted a 13-slide PowerPoint with tons of stats and facts on why women should



have access to free menstruation products across Florida. While their proposal was not the one selected by Rep. Willhite, the pair were interviewed for The Florida Channel's "Capitol Update" program about their idea.

Students interested in being part of the nationally recognized Red Dawn Debaters in 2021-22 are encouraged to sign up for the Honors Debate course. Please contact Gaba at paul. gaba@palmbeachschools.org with any questions.



News from the Fine Art Visual Department

We are excited to welcome our new faculty member to the Fine Arts Department. Denise Thompson-Bonnet is a professional dance, portrait, and fine art photographer. She has a master's degree from Florida Atlantic University, "I have always loved photography, and have been building my skills over many years". We are very fortunate to have Ms. Thompson share her experience and knowledge with our photography students.

Alexandra Scott placed third in the Boca Raton Bowl Art Contest, awards took place on the field game day in December. The Fall K - 12 Art Exhibit at the Fulton Holland District Office was on display December 2020. The six student artists representing Wellington High School are: Stephanie Cabrera, Jamarii Coleman, Giovanni Dornevil, Azyra Hollignsworh, Alayna Pawlyk, Azaria Williams. Two pieces from this exhibit from students Giovanni Dornevil and Azyra Hollingsworth were chosen to hang in the office of State Representative Willhite.

The award winners for Scholastic Art and Writing 2021 are Gold Key Steffi Wilson, Silver Key

Portfolio Valentina Cash, Silver Key Azyra Hollingsworth, Marlena Hutchinson, Steffi Wilson, Honorable Mentions Stephanie Cabrera, Jamarii Coleman, Giovanni Dornevil, Victoria Garcia, Alayna Pawlyk, Alexandra Scott, Haylie Wiles.

Gabriela Rodriguez's artwork was featured on the cover of Florida Art Education Association "Fresh Paint" winter edition.

> (Top) Alexandra Scott, Boca Bowl (Bottom) Steffi Wilson, Gold Key Road to Happiness





















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Wolverines Boys Basketball Team Thriving at Midway Point

In this day and age of high school sport the high schools teams, athletes, coaches, and schools, have to navigate through the new reality of having a season while dealing with the pandemic. Because of these challenges there has been less conditioning, less practice time, less fans, and less games. Despite all these changes our boys basketball team has found ways to overcome these challenges and they have exceeded expectations. At

just over the midpoint of our boys basketball season the boys basketball team stands at 8-0 and ranked #1 in the area.

Our boys basketball team has faced many challenging games so far in the season and have come out on top. The biggest week so far has been winning rivalry week, where our team faced both western schools, Royal Palm Beach and Palm Beach Central in one week winning both games. Emotions were high but our Wolverines settled in quickly and pulled out the victories to claim the title as Best in the West.

Our Wolverines have been led by three seniors in Chris Walker, an Arkansas-Little Rock signee, averaging 19ppg and 7 rpg, Jordan Johnson at 15ppg and 5 rpg, and Will VahHook with 13ppg and 5 apg. The team is also getting great play from junior Brenden Williams, senior Isaiah Perez, and senior Elijah Andrews.

Our Wolverines are preparing for the end of season run and the playoffs. The district tournament will be held at Forest Hill High School and should provide fans with a lot of excitement. Best of luck to our Wolverines!

