For the Parents, Staff, and Students of Wellington High School

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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.
- Cultural diversity can increase students' understanding of different peoples and cultures.
- Students 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 & 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.

BAND

The Wellington High School Bands have had an outstanding semester, with many group and individual achievements to recognize.

Our 'Mighty Wolverine Sound' Marching Band earned the school's 29th Superior rating at the Florida Bandmasters Association District Marching Assessment, held at Palm Beach Central HS on October 21st. The band earned all "A" grades and Superior ratings in every judged category. This achievement is remarkable considering the many weather challenges we experienced!

We also have a long list of individual musician achievements:

- Seniors Jordan Henry, Ezra Seelaus and Tobias Smith were selected for the Tri-State Honor Bands, which performed at Florida State University on December 3rd and featured the top band students from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.
- Ezra, Tobias, and junior Jacob Guest were selected by audition for the Palm Beach All-County Jazz Bands, earning placement ahead of several arts school students; they performed with the top jazz musicians of Palm Beach County on November 16, and all 3 were featured soloists with their respective bands.
- Ezra and Tobias have been selected again by audition for the 2024 Florida All-State Bands, competing against the best high school musicians in the state. Tobias will perform as 1st chair bass clarinet again with the 11-12 Symphonic Band, and Ezra returns for his second year as lead trumpet in the All-State High School Jazz Band.
- Sophomore Miriam Smith was selected for the University of Miami Honor Band, and will perform with top high school musicians from South Florida on January 27
- Ezra was selected via application and audition as the national YoungArts winner on Jazz Trumpet by the National Foundation for the Advancement of Artists; he earned a cash prize and the opportunity to be mentored by internationally recognized leaders in his field of study
- On December 5th, Wellington High School had 11 students selected for the All-County Bands.
 Congratulations to seniors Lion Alviar, Daniella Belleus, Isabella Sanchez, Ezra Seelaus, and Tobias
 Smith; juniors Natalie Estima, Pharline John, and Eleanor Wunsch; and sophomores Janaya Ackermann
 and Miriam Smith, and freshman Addison Garcia. These students will perform in concert with most
 outstanding band musicians of Palm Beach County on January 25th.

To support the WHS Band's annual expenses, the Wolverine Band Boosters Association has a Corporate Sponsorship Program. Donations of \$500 annually include a Sponsorship Banner display on the front school fences, and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. We thank our current corporate sponsors **Weasel Farms LLC**, **Pet Supplies Plus**,

Atlantic T's, and M&M Drywall Textures. For more information and a sponsorship form, please visit our web site, <u>www.whsband.com</u>, or email sponsorship@whsband.com.

The WHS Band members and staff sincerely thank the entire Wellington community for its continued support, and wish everyone a Happy New Year! Please look for our upcoming performances on our website, www.whsband.com.



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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. The following students have been nominated for a PBIS award so far this school year. Please make sure your child is following our Universal Guidelines every day they are on campus.

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WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Last year, we successfully chartered Wellington High School's first PTSA. We would like to welcome our parents, teachers, students, and staff to join us as members this year in support of our school.

"PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children." -National PTA

Use the QR code to join and follow our socials for important updates.

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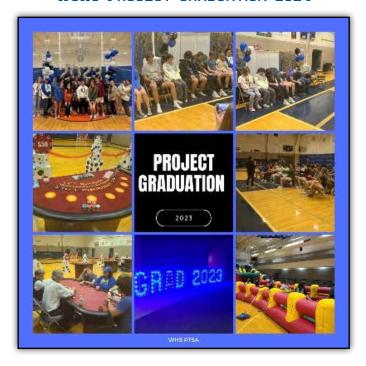
TO ALL IN THE WORLD

Written by: Isabella Sanchez-Vizcaino

I hope everyone in the world will follow this advice:

- 1. Embrace the symphony of life; let every note, both sweet and dissonant, shape the melody that defines your existence.
- 2. Seek the treasure of knowledge, for in its pursuit, you'll uncover the gems that adorn the crown of wisdom.
- 3. Be a gardener of relationships; cultivate them with care, water them with understanding, and let the sunshine of empathy nurture their growth.
- Dance with resilience in the face of adversity, for life's rhythm may change, but your graceful steps will guide you through any tempest.
- Unveil the canvas of your dreams, and paint with the vibrant hues of passion, creating a masterpiece that reflects the essence of your soul.
- Illuminate the world with your kindness, a beacon that disperses the shadows of doubt and brings warmth to the hearts of those around you.
- Embrace change as a constant companion, for in its ebb and flow, you'll discover the rivers of self-discovery leading to uncharted shores.
- 8. Craft your legacy not in the pursuit of perfection but in the genuine expression of your authentic self, flaws and all.
- 9. Silence can be a powerful symphony; listen intently, not only to the spoken words but also to the unspoken whispers of the heart.
- 10. Stand as a lighthouse in storms, guiding others with the unwavering light of your principles, and in doing so, find your own path illuminated.

WCHS PROJECT GRADUATION 2024



It's time to start fundraising for this year's Project Graduation!!

This is an event-taking place on Monday, May 20, 2024 from 10pm to 5am for the graduating Senior class of 2024! We are now accepting donations to help fund this event.

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HOSA

With the start of the club in 2021, Wellington High School's chapter of Future Health Professionals—more commonly recognized as the national organization HOSA—has been making a huge impact on the student body and community! Created with the intention of gathering students with similar

career ideals and paths, HOSA has been a guiding beam of light for students who want medical experience before their professions. During this year, members have participated in wound care labs as well as patient assessment labs, with the help of Instructor T. Collaborating with the Fire Academy Instructor is a big step for HOSA, as students get practical advice during their first aid activities and learn on how to improve for their future careers. Besides hands-on labs, HOSA students participate in small groups to interact with other students of similar interests and discuss activities to educate the rest of the club, as well as the student body. Our November's group field focus was Medical, and they planned out a diabetes awareness activity. This was done by handing out ribbons and educating students on the different types of diabetes and its prevalence in our society. The Medical Group also put together a baby supply drive to donate to our local hospital, Wellington Regional, and show some thanks to the community before Thanksgiving. Over 50 items were donated and given to new mothers in the maternity ward! Aside from those activities, HOSA did have its 3rd annual Pink Pumpkin Fundraiser! Pink Pumpkin is a tradition done to raise money during the month of October for breast cancer research, and is always a big hit at our school. Now for December, students are putting together a snowman sale to spread some holiday spirit, and fundraise to help those with HIV enjoy the holidays with their families as well! As you can see, our HOSA students work very hard on what they're passionate about, and they couldn't do it without the help of their club advisors Ms. Mendez and Instructor T! We hope you look forward to the activities they have planned for the next semester, as the two most notable ones are the blood drives happening January 24th and March 28th. During these we collaborate with the organization One Blood, and all donated blood goes to those in need at local hospitals so please donate if you're 16 years or older. For our other surprise activities, participate when you see them, and consider joining the club next year to make an impact on your school and community!











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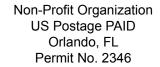
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CLASS OF 2024 NEWS



PROM

Saturday April 6, 2024 (7:00 PM - 11:00 PM)

This year's prom is at the National Polo Center in Wellington. Participants should keep the dress code for prom in mind. Dresses with extremely plunging necklines or backs or with excessively revealing cutouts are not permitted. Hats and canes are also prohibited.

The crowning of the prom king and gueen will take place around 9:00pm. Additional information will be announced soon!

GRAD BASH

April 19, 2024

Grad Bash will be at Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure in Orlando, FL. Grad Bash will include the Mix-In and Grad Bash event. Details will be posted to the Grade Level Support Google Classroom.

CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION AND SALES

Senior Checkout Thursday May 14, 2024

Graduation caps and gowns will be distributed during senior checkout. 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! Information about Senior Check-out will be announced closer to time. You may still order graduation caps and gowns online at: www.herffjonespalmbeach.com.

SENIOR OBLIGATIONS

May 1, 2024 (Deadline)

Prior to participating in any senior activity, all obligations must be cleared through Mrs. Diaz in the main office. Obligations for Prom and Grad Bash must be cleared before turning in paperwork, the deadlines vary based on the date of the event. The final deadline for clearing obligations is May 1, 2024.

SENIOR EXAMS and LAST DAY

Senior exams will be held on May 9 and May 10, 2024 Seniors Last Day May 8, 2024

GRADUATION REHEARSAL

Friday May 16, 2024 (3:30-5:30 PM)

Rehearsal will be held at Wellington High School in the Gym. Graduates who wish to participate in the graduation ceremony MUST attend rehearsal. Seniors should plan to be seated by 3:35 PM.

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday May 16, 2024 (7pm)

Students who are receiving awards will be notified and

invitations will be sent out. Awards will take place in gym.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

May 20, 2024 (8:00 AM)

Details will be announced once the information is available. Graduation is held at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center $\frac{a}{6}$ is located on Southern Boulevard, west of the turnpike. Ample parking is available.

Please note that no other activity or senior trip is sponsored or authorized by Wellington High School or the School

District of Palm Beach County.

Should you have additional questions regarding senior activities or the graduation ceremony, please email

Ms. Ford at gemma.ford@palmbeachschools.org.

Mrs. Diaz may be reached for questions concerning

obligations at 795-4901.