

# Wolverine WATCH

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

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## GO WOLVERINES!!! #WHSLEGACY

### 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 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.

### Class of 2021 April Newsletter

#### ► **May 21, 2021**

- Obligations must be cleared
- E2020 Courses must be completed
- FLVS Courses must be completed
- Community Service Hours waived for graduation purposes only. Still required for Bright Futures and other college requirements.

#### ► **May 28, 2021 - Seniors' Last Day**

- Final Exams will be waived this year
- If you haven't done so already, seniors are to take their Chromebooks and the charger to the Media Center after their last class of the day.

#### ► **May 24 - 28, 2021**

- Brick and Mortar students may begin turning in their Chromebooks and chargers to the Media Center on the week of May 24-28.
- Virtual students may begin returning Chromebooks and chargers that same week between the hours of 3pm - 5pm.

### SENIOR CHECKOUT - DRIVE THRU (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

**June 1st**.....Brick and Mortar Students' Checkout

**June 2-3**.....Virtual Students' Checkout *Makeup day will be June 4th*

- Check-in** (by appt.) and return parking pass
- Station One: Obligations**
  - Bring your student id so we can scan it
  - Cash/Check to pay any fees accrued

### SENIOR AWARDS - BY INVITATION

- Seniors receiving awards will be recognized in person on Sunday, June 6, 2021, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- The Awards ceremony will be held at the football stadium.

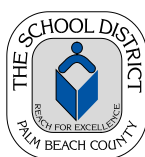
### GRADUATION

- Graduation will be held on June 7, 2021, 1:00 PM, at the South Florida Fairgrounds.
- Graduating seniors will receive two (2) tickets for the Graduation Ceremony
  - Families in need of additional tickets will apply through a lottery system for a maximum of 2 additional tickets. Seating is in pods of 2. If you wish to enter the lottery, please click on this link: **Graduation Extra Tickets Lottery**. Lottery will close on Friday, May 7th at 11:59pm. Your graduate will be notified via email on Monday, May 10th if they were selected to receive extra tickets. Extra tickets will be given to selected students at senior checkout.
- Graduates and Guests will be required to wear masks and follow social distance guidelines.
- Please see the **Graduation Video** from the District for additional information.
- All seniors will be required to attend a VIRTUAL Graduation Rehearsal with Ms. Hayden in order to walk at graduation. Dates to be determined.

- Station Two: Senior School and District Survey**
  - QR Code linked to surveys
- Station Three: Transcripts**
  - Public Schools in Florida--**Google Form**
  - Private Schools and Schools outside of Florida will utilize: **Parchment**
- Station Four: Cap and Gown Pick-Up and Tickets**
  - Each senior being recognized will be allowed two guests
    - Electronic Tickets
    - Covid Student Waiver**
  - Masks must be worn.
  - Social distancing will be enforced.

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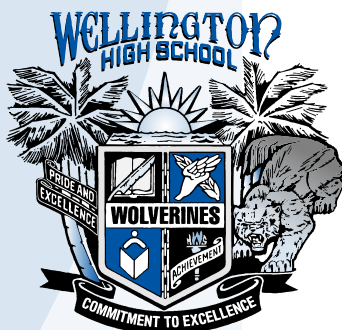
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## 2021 Summer Reading List

Students must read the required grade level novel during the summer months so that they are prepared for the evaluation in August.

### ENGLISH I REGULAR/ AICE GENERAL PAPER, GRADE 9/ AICE GENERAL PAPER, GRADE 10

#### Pick One:

1. *Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland
2. *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
3. *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
4. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
5. *57 Bus* by Dashka Slater
6. *\*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
7. *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers

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### ENGLISH II REGULAR/AICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION, GRADE 10

#### Pick One:

1. *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
2. *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman

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### ENGLISH III R

*The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

### AICE LITERATURE IN ENGLISH AS LEVEL, GRADES 11 & 12

*Atonement* by Ian McEwan

### AICE/AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION A LEVEL (GRADE 12)

*Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller

### AICE CLASSICAL STUDIES I

*Lust, Chaos, War, and Fate* by Jason Boyett

### AICE CLASSICAL STUDIES II/A LEVEL

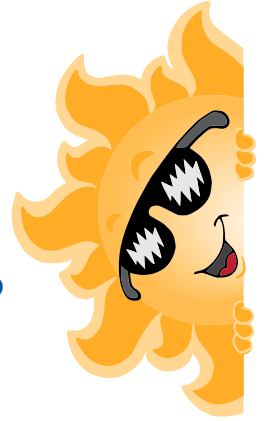
*Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller (optional reading)

### AICE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES A LEVEL

*Super Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J.

Dubner (Recommended)

**\* available on student portal (Mackinvia)**



### AICE GENERAL PAPER GRADES 11 & 12

*A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah

### AICE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION, GRADE 11 & 12

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

### ENGLISH IV AND ENGLISH IV H GRADE 12

#### Pick One:

1. *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
2. *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
3. *\*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

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## WHS Band

Our "Mighty Wolverine Sound" Band members have been persevering this year through incredible challenges, and we look forward to performing again for our community soon! We encourage our supporters to follow us on social media: on Facebook, "Wolverine Band Booster Association;" on Instagram @whsmws; and on Twitter @MWolverineSound.

This year, we provided 4 Pep Bands for the Wolverines Varsity Football games in October and November in the Wellington HS Stadium. Our Jazz Bands, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Band have created and released virtual performances on our Instagram page (@whsmws) throughout the year, thanks to our wonderful Band Tech Crew members = Ashley Pratz, Zachary Palmateer, Hunter Ramos, Asher Smith, and Tobias Smith.

We are so proud of our 2 musicians who were selected via audition for the 2021 Florida All-State Bands. Senior Ashley Pratz and freshman Tobias Smith have earned membership in these ensembles for several consecutive years, which are the highest honors any Florida band student can achieve.

On February 26, 22 band members participated in the District Virtual Solo Ensemble Assessments. The following members earned Superior ratings on their performance and qualified for the State MPA: Casey Crompton, Danette Fisher, Lauren Iovelli, Brianna Keller, Sydney Markey, Makaylah McCray, Sierra Pagan, Ashley Pratz, Ezra Seelaus, Casey Siner, Tobias Smith, and our Percussion Ensemble.

On March 26, these outstanding students participated in the State Virtual Solo Ensemble Assessments. All received commendations from the collegiate-level adjudicators. Congratulations to the following who earned Superior ratings at the State level: Casey Crompton, Danette Fisher, Brianna Keller, Sydney Markey, Makaylah McCray, Sierra Pagan, Ashley Pratz, Ezra Seelaus, Tobias Smith, and the Percussion Ensemble.

Congratulations also go to 3 of our members for their selection to the inaugural FAU Honor Band! Makaylah McCray, Hailey McGann, and Tobias Smith will be featured on YouTube in a virtual honor band performance of "Imagined Adventures: March of the West River."

To help support the Wellington High School Band, the Wolverine Band Boosters Association has a Corporate Sponsorship Program. Sponsorship recognition rewards are available for donations as low as \$500 and include your Sponsorship Banner display on the school fences. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. For more information and a sponsorship form, please visit our web site, [www.whsband.com](http://www.whsband.com), or email [sponsorship@whsband.com](mailto:sponsorship@whsband.com).

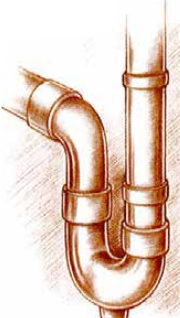
The WHS Band members and staff sincerely thank the entire Wellington community for its continued support this year, and we look forward to performing for you again in the future.



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TOOHEY, CONNOR ,10  
TOOHEY, RYAN DAVID,12  
TORREGROSA, MIGUEL E,12  
TOZZI, DANIEL T,10  
TRENTO, CHRISTIAN F,10  
TRYNISZEWSKI, EWA JULIA,09  
URDANETA, SEBASTIAN ,09  
VACCARI, DANIELLA KATERINA,10  
VALDEZ, CAMILA ,09  
VALDEZ, EILEEN ,12  
VELASQUEZ, SYDNEY MARIA,12  
VERSAILLES, ALEXANDRA J ,0,09  
VILLAMAR, GABRIEL ANDRE,11  
WALKER, ISABELLA ROSE,10  
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WINK, TYLER ANTHONY,09  
WINTON, HARRISON BLUE,11  
WIONCEK, KENNA G,11  
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WUMMER, MORGAN TAYLOR,12  
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CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

## News from the Fine Art's Visual Department

Wow! The year is almost over. It is exciting to see the growth that has taken place over the past year, as limiting as this school year was.

Ms. Brown's 2D Art 3 class is participating in a creative international project, collaborating virtually with a classroom in Napier, New Zealand. The curriculum is designed by Blue Planet Global Education and is used in conjunction with the each teacher's curriculum. The students will be creating an artistically illustrated cookbook to share our art, food, and culture with our partner classroom to use for their cooking class. The collaboration will end with an exhibition at the Armory Art Center to coincide with SDPBC International Studies Summer Seminar in June.

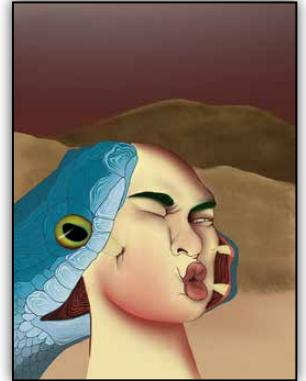
The K - 12 Annual Spring Art Dazzle Virtual Exhibition will be on display starting April 29 2021. The twelve students representing Wellington Art Department are: Emileen Hamze, Larissa Lelis, Maya Crawford, Bianca Faure, Jeremy Fudyma-Powers, Elisa Rodriguez, Victoria Garcia, Yael Bosquet, Kathryn Stepp, Enid Ianoski, Alana Bray, and Gabriela Rodriguez.

Women in the Visual Arts (WITVA) 25th Spring Celebration of High School Art award winners are Steffi Wilson and Azyra Hollingsworth. Wellington's entries into the Dali Museum's Student Surrealist Art Exhibition "Delusions, Desires, and Delicacies" May 15 - August 22, 2021 were Giovanni Dornevil, Valentina Cash, Azyra Hollingsworth, Alayna Pawlyk, Laurayna Pick, and Stephanie Cabrera.

Stephanie Cabrera, Alexandra Scott, and Yumin Jang art works were accepted into the Norton Museum of Art "Collage and Assemblage: Exploring the Creative Process" April 19 - June 13, 2021.

The seven student artist works that were entered into the Florida Art Education Association 2021 Virtual Student Art Assessment and Exhibition are: Valentina Cash, Jamarii Coleman, Marlena Hutchinson, Alayna Pawlyk, Alexandra Scott, Azaria Williams, and Steffi Wilson.

The 2D Art Brick & Mortar students participated in the International Butterfly Project sponsored by NEXT GENERATION of Holocaust Survivors and NOW for Holocaust Survivors initiative of MorseLife. The project's mission is a call through education, the arts, and memorial making. The project's inspiration is "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" poems and artwork created by children while in ghetto. Participants paint (glaze) ceramic butterflies that are permanently displayed as symbols of resilience and hope, with the goal of creating 1.5 million butterflies around the world "one for each child who perished in the Holocaust, and honoring the survivors.



Images Valentina Cash FAEA Art Assessment and Exhibition and Yumin Jang Norton Museum Exhibition.

## Theatre News

### "WHS THEATRE STUDENT WINS TOP HONORS AT STATE"

History was made this spring as a Wellington High Fine Arts Academy student was one of only four *Top Honors* recipients from District 10 in Florida's first ever virtual Thespian Festival. Junior **Sydney Houghton** won the distinction for her song "Screw Loose" from the musical *Crybaby* in the *Solo Musical Theatre* category.

Miss Houghton also won a Superior award for contrasting *Monologues*, as did sophomore **Allie Alder** for *Solo Musical Theatre*.

The Wolverine Theatre Co., the Theatre Department at Wellington High, is proud of its virtual accomplishments this year in the midst of Covid 19, but looks forward to its students being back onstage.



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## Dance Department

The WHS Dance Company participated in the Virtual Florida Dance Performance Assessment in February and received Excellent and Superior ratings in Technical Proficiency for the genres of ballet and modern dance. Dancers had to learn previously recorded ballet and modern combinations and then submit a recording of the material being performed. This was a great achievement considering many dancers were practicing virtually in their bedrooms due to being exposed to COVID and rehearsals were limited. Congratulations dancers!



## Advanced Placement Biology News 2020-21

Advanced Placement Biology students have been studying Molecular Genetics (DNA), evolution and Ecology this semester. The class has studied PCR and recombinant DNA technology which is being used to diagnose Covid 19 as well as make the mRNA vaccine. AP Biology students have performed many college level experiments using a virtual simulation platform called Labster. We conducted an evolution experiment using candy fish to analyze how a physical trait seen by a predator makes a particular fish type more likely to survive. Students have designed and run an experiment at home to test preference behavior in an animal of their choice and use statistics to calculate if their data is scientifically accurate. While we were not able to do the glow in the dark pGLO bacteria lab in person, we watched video of the experimental procedure and results and then analyzed the data as if we had smeared them on the plates ourselves! If experimentation in biological topics is interesting to you, please sign up for AP Biology for next year as this course is the perfect preparation for Pre-Vet, Pre-Med and biomedical research college majors!

## Equine/Pre-Vet Academy News

The Academy students had a veterinarian from Palm Beach Equine Hospital provide a live tour of the hospital and presented how biosecurity is performed in an animal hospital setting. She also discussed the advanced imaging technology available in the hospital as well as the surgical room and the medical procedures that are performed there. The juniors also had a presentation from Keiser University on the Pre Veterinary and Equine science programs they offer at their West Palm Beach Campus in addition to their equestrian team that students could join. She discussed the key planning process for high school students in choosing their college and major. She offered great advice to these students on how to plan for the next few years. The Vet Biology 2 students have been researching and presenting on animal diseases, including how Covid affects animals and the role that veterinarians play in this pandemic. The 9th grade Vet students have been studying animal parasites, dentistry and companion animal anatomy. Our Academy students are enjoying some unique and exciting topics in the program for sure!



## Wolverine Wrestlers

The Wolverine wrestlers completed another historic season this year earning a school record 8th consecutive district title, with a school record 12 individual champions, a team trip to the state dual championships, 7 individual qualifiers for the state tournament, and earned a team GPA of 3.257, which marks the 9th consecutive year the team has earned all-academic team honors from the FHSAA!



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## SWPBSC

Dear, Teachers and Staff!

The School Wide Positive Behavior Support Committee has some great news to announce!

We wanted to share the names of the following students who have been recognized for their positive behavior this year:

Cabrera, Kiana  
Daniel, Alexandra  
Desmedt, Lautaro  
Guerra, Tristan  
Haney, Joshua  
Leventhal, Jake  
Louis, Roberto  
Mercier, Germitch  
Nguyen, Travis  
Oran, Elijah  
Ortiz, Giovanni  
Pahl, Hannah  
Panetta, Daniel  
Pettinato, Geronimo  
Pichardo, Ximena  
Ramirez, Skylar  
Ramirez, Yamila  
Remington, Connor  
Rojas, Valeria  
Rosales, Victoria  
Rousso, Naomi  
Soto, Adrianna  
Taylor, Jazmynn  
Walker, Davis

These students were recognized for going above and beyond the general school-wide expectations or have done something extraordinary for their teachers and/or peers. If you have any of these students in your classes or see them around the school campus, please help us further spread the positive vibes and congratulate them for their exceptional conduct!

The SWPBS Committee would also like to continue to recognize all teachers and staff! We know how phenomenal you are and are very appreciative in your efforts to help us further identify positive people and moments on campus. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,  
WHS SWPBS Committee

## Debate Good News

The nationally recognized Wellington High School Speech & Debate Team continued its 2020-21 Virtual Tour with sustained success during the second semester.

Three first-year Wellington debaters advanced to finals at the Florida Forensic League Novice State championship in April. Emma Stanfield placed second overall in Dramatic Interpretation, Colin Gibson finished sixth in Extemporaneous Speaking, and KJ Benham placed sixth in Declamation.

At the 2021 Florida Forensic League State championship in early March, Jaiden Lagalo-Blinston placed third overall in Dramatic Interpretation. In addition, Lillian Paulitz advanced to semifinals in Humorous Interpretation, Lagalo-Blinston to semifinals in Program Oral Interpretation, and Director of Speech & Debate Paul Gaba was recognized as FFL Macaw Region Coach of the Year.

The state championship followed two national championship tournament qualifiers, which saw Wellington qualify numerous students. Ten Red Dawn Debaters will represent Wellington at the 2021 National Catholic Forensic League's virtual Grand National championship tournament Memorial Day Weekend. In Oral Interpretation, McKenna Wickers picket-fenced her five rounds of poetry and prose, placing first overall. Isabella Tombari and Harrison Winton will also compete in OI. Three Wellington debaters qualified in Extemporaneous Speaking - Samuel Johnson, Gonzalo Pardo Zambrano, and Colin Gibson. In Dramatic Performance, Paulitz and Lagalo-Blinston will compete, as will KJ Benham in Oratorical Declamation and Daniel Melton in Original Oratory.

In addition, four Red Dawn Debaters qualified for the 2021 National Speech and Debate Virtual National Tournament in June: Lagalo-Blinston in Dramatic Interpretation, Nicholas Raney in Foreign Extemporaneous, Emma Stanfield in Humorous Interpretation, and Paulitz in Humorous Interpretation. In addition, Kieran Abesamis is 1st Alternate in Lincoln Douglas Debate, and McKenna Wickers is 1st Alternate in Program Oral Interpretation. Gaba is Florida Oceanfront NSDA District Coach of the Year.

At the 46th annual UPenn Liberty Bell Classic over Valentine's Day Weekend, Lagalo-Blinston finished sixth in Program Oral Interpretation and advanced to quarterfinals in Dramatic Interpretation. In addition, Paulitz broke to semifinals in Humorous Interpretation, placing ninth overall.

Students interested in being part of the Red Dawn Debaters in 2021-22 are encouraged to sign up for the Honors Debate course. Please contact Director of Speech & Debate Paul Gaba at [paul.gaba@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:paul.gaba@palmbeachschools.org) with any questions.