Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

This year is an exciting one on numerous fronts. While we are coming together as a middle-high school, and re-establishing norms and routines rooted in our deep history, we also look ahead to new and exciting opportunities as we build culture in a beautiful facility. In this Eagle Flyer you can find more information for the month of August regarding our daily schedule, athletics, meals this year, student drop off and pick up, resources that will help you navigate the new year, and contact information for our front office staff. We look forward to engaging our learners through igniting curiosity, nurturing resiliency, and inspiring life-long learning.

As we engage in the present, while also looking to the future, we will continue to reflect, collaborate, and strive to support your students to grow academically and socially. Like beginning anything new, the year before us will surely be filled with periods of excitement, anxiety, wonder, joy, and growth. Because of WMHS’s caring and motivated community and staff, the 2022-23 school year will be another one full of learning and fun! As you support your student(s) this year, please reference our student handbook if you have any questions about expectations and policies we will be leaning into.
Note from the Principal’s Office, continued....

As we do our best to communicate all that is going on during our school day, please make sure your phone numbers, email addresses, and physical address is up to date in ParentVue or reach out to Peggy Hunter (phunter@psdschools.org). Also, please know that the timeliest information will be delivered via emails & phone calls, newsletters will summarize big picture events in the coming month(s), and relevant information from emails, phone calls, and newsletters will be included in social media and on our website as well.

While we learn to live out our new building, lockers will not be checked out to all students for daily use. Students will carry their backpacks to class, and the WMHS staff will work with students to ensure that backpacks have the essentials for the day and are not too heavy. For students that would like to check out a locker for their daily supplies please have them connect with their Advisory, Freshman Seminar, or Career & Academic Planning teacher.

Lastly, we would love to have you involved at Wellington Middle-High School. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to Cassie Clark (cclark@psdschools.org), and if you would like to be a part of the School Accountability Committee please look for and respond to the separate email in your inbox from September 2nd.

Sincerely,
Kelby Benedict, Principal
Safety & Security at Wellington Middle-High School

As we start the new school year, we want to share important safety and security information. Our intent is to increase awareness of the people, protocols and systems we have in place in and outside of Wellington Middle-High School (WMHS). It is important to us that we do everything we can to keep your children as safe as possible while they are with us, learning and growing.

We believe that student safety is all encompassing. So to that end, you will find information in this newsletter about our student programs, safety and security protocols, and traffic plans in and around WMHS.
Arrival and Dismissal

Please see the attached map for drop off and pick up of students, bus zones at WMHS, and student parking. Some key highlights:

- Student drop off and pick up should take place on the south side of WMHS (we have two queue points: one east of the flagpole and one west)
  - East drop off/pick up lane is accessed off CR9 & Saratoga St
  - West drop off/pick up lane is accessed off CR62E and Eagle Way (West of the school)
- Please pull all the way up to next car in front of you in the drop off/pick up lanes before allowing students to exit or enter the vehicle
  - For the east line please pull all the way around and back south toward CR62E
  - For the west line please pull all the way around and back toward the west end of our school
- Please have all students exit the right side of the vehicle onto a sidewalk
- Please yield to cars in through lane when exiting the drop off/pick up lane
- Buses will drop off students on the north side of WMHS
- Student parking will be on the south side of WMHS

Please take note that speed limits have changed on the roads surrounding WMHS, new safety precautions are being put in place by the town daily surrounding our campus, and the speed limit on campus and in parking lots is 10 mph.

Students that are walking and/or riding their bike to school from Three Silos should cross County Road 9 at Saratoga St where there is a crosswalk and where WMHS will staff a crossing attendant.

Students that are walking and/or riding their bike to school from Buffalo Creek should navigate to the intersection of CR9 and Washington Ave at the new four-way stop. There is now a crosswalk going east/west across CR9 and north/south across Washington Ave.
**Student Culture**

One of the first steps towards safety and security is student connections. These are connections to personal interests and goals, connections to one another, and connections to trusted adults at WMHS. In addition to our focus on relevance and access to grade-level standards for all students, we prioritize student connections through:

- Comprehensive Advisory classes for all students both middle and high school to build relationships with peers and adults, explore colleges & careers, and build out career & academic plans.
- Peer to peer mentoring through leadership classes.
- Anti-bullying programming through Advisory and WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) programming.

We also teach and encourage students, staff and families to “See Something, Say Something.” Safe2Tell Colorado provides an anonymous way for students, parents, school staff and community members to report concerns regarding their safety. **Report a safety concern on the Safe2Tell website here** or call **1-877-542-7233**. Students may also report concerns to any adult in school.
**Personnel and Roles at WMHS**

At WMHS we have staff and teams that are solely responsible for student safety and planning for crisis situations and emergencies, while also working in conjunction with other front office staff, teachers, and coaches. While some of these individuals may have multiple roles in our building, student safety is always at the forefront of their mind.

- **Student Safety Team**: composed of members from our administrative team; our full-time sheriff’s deputy/school resource officer; staff with backgrounds in social work, mental health, and counseling; former combat veterans; staff with law enforcement experience.
  - Weekly meetings to talk through situations requiring proactive and reactive responses
  - Responds to WMHS crises and emergencies
  - Table-top conversations and emergency preparedness
  - Plan for and facilitate Lockdown Drills

- **Full-time School Resource Officer (SRO)**
  - Their office is near the school’s front entrance.
  - The Larimer County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) has an office on Main Street, with five additional deputies who live in and respond to calls in Wellington.
  - LCSO trains annually as an agency on active shooter responses.
  - As of 2022–23 school year, they will no longer do traffic duty at Eyestone and Rice elementaries so they can stay on WMHS’ campus more often.
  - LCSO has expressed to PSD that the agency is comfortable with one SRO and will re-evaluate staffing on a quarterly basis with the district, as outlined in the agency’s contract with PSD.

- **Full-time Campus Security Officer (CSO)**
  - Trains/prepares for emergencies with the SRO.
  - Either the CSO or another LCSO deputy will cover for the WMHS SRO if they go to one of the elementary schools.

- **Mental health supports**
  - Four counselors
  - Mental health specialist (at school three days per week)
  - Behavior support paraprofessionals with social work backgrounds
  - PSD has a full-time threat assessment team dedicated to working with WMHS and community partners when a safety concern or threat is reported.
**Systems/building infrastructure**

- Single-point of entry during the school day
  - Outside doors closed, and locked, during the school day
  - Student safety team will get text alerts for designated open doors.
  - Security camera monitoring stations
- Classroom emergency call buttons for staff to alert the front office in the event of an emergency.
- Internal and external video cameras monitoring the campus.
- Increased line of sight throughout the building to see and assess crisis situations.
- Spaces specifically fortified and identified for lockdown scenarios.
- Active monitoring of individuals on campus:
  - In 2022, PSD started using the nationally recognized Raptor system in all schools to check in/background check all visitors and volunteers.
  - Parking Permit Program for students and staff (accountability for vehicles on campus)

This year we are going to have monthly parent and/or guardian “Listen and Learn” sessions. These will be times designated for WMHS to first listen to our community, and then learn together around specific topics throughout the year. Our first one will be held the same night as back to school night (August 24th), and the topic will be on safety and security at WMHS. Please stay tuned for more specific times and details for this event coming in the next week. As always, please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions and/or concerns you have regarding student safety and security at WMHS.
### WMHS Bell Schedule

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#### Important Dates

- **Aug 12**: Transition Day (Only 9th & 10th Grade)
- **Aug 15**: Transition Day (Only 7th & 8th Grade)
- **Aug 16**: Transition Day (Only 6th Grade)
  - Last Day of School - All Classes meet (Transition Day Sch)
  - School not in session - staff on duty
  - School not in session - staff exchange day
  - School not in session
  - Holiday - PSD Closed
School Lunches

2022-23 school year: Families must apply to receive free meals!

For the upcoming 2022-23 school year, students will no longer receive free meals unless they have been approved for the Free and Reduced Meals program. This is a change from this year (the 2021-22 school year) with free meals being offered to all PSD students. The program that helped make that possible (related to the pandemic) is ending. For the 2022-23 school year, families must apply and be approved for the Free and Reduced Meals program to receive benefits. Applications for the 2022-23 school year are now being accepted.

More information about the Free and Reduced Meals program >>
https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/school-meals/menu

Counseling Corner

As our school year gets underway, we are looking forward to continuing to connect with and support your students. Our add-drop period concluded last Friday, and we are now working on finetuning our systems for students to make appointments with us. In the meantime, you and/or your student are always welcome to email us to set up an appointment, and students are also able to ask their teacher to meet with us. In non-urgent situations, we ask that students check in with their teacher prior to coming down to the counseling office so that they are not marked absent. We are also excited to introduce our school counseling intern from Colorado State University who will be with us three days a week for the rest of the school year.

As always, please feel to reach out to your student’s counselor with any questions or concerns.

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Counseling Intern - Sabrina Eggerson

Hi! I’m Sabrina Eggerson and I am currently a student in the Counseling and Career Development program at CSU. I am so thrilled about my internship at Wellington Middle-High School for the 2022-2023 school year and to meet all the wonderful students and staff! I’m originally from North Carolina, where I studied Middle Grades Education and English and went on to 6th grade for three years prior to beginning my masters. I am a huge Carolina Hurricanes fan and my favorite things to do are read and attend concerts!
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HOW WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS
We support students with emotional regulation, healthy coping skills, time management, class schedules, career exploration, conflict resolution, thoughts of self-harm, referrals for long term support and so much more!

HOW WE MEET WITH STUDENTS
Students can come see us in the Counseling wing of the front office, anytime during the day. If it is during class, students should check with a teacher to make sure it’s okay.
Community Outreach Opportunities

I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself as the new McKinney Vento Family Advocate for all 3 Wellington schools and to give you a quick overview of what McKinney Vento is and how we help students and families in our community.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures that students experiencing homelessness have full and equal access to appropriate public education and that they experience success in school. Students who qualify for protections if they lack a fixed, regular, or adequate residence, where:

- Fixed - a residence that is stationary, permanent, and not subject to change
- Regular - a residence that is used on a regular nighttime basis
- Adequate - residence that is sufficient in meeting both physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments

If your family lives

- in a shelter
- in a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- in a car, park, abandoned building, or bus station
- doubled-up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students can receive a range of support from PSD including free school supplies, breakfast and lunch, and gift cards for clothing, hygiene items, transportation, and laundry.

If you have questions, or would like to see if your family qualifies, my direct line is 970-472-2727 or you can email me at dluze@psdschools.org

Thanks!
Dawn Luze-McKinney Vento Family Advocate for Wellington Schools.

Food Donations for Acceleration Classes

We are so excited to offer acceleration classes to our students this year. This is an opportunity for students to ensure they are achieving grade level standards through targeted intervention. Many of these classes are in the afternoon and to supercharge their learning we would love to have snacks on hand. If you can donate any prepackaged, healthy snacks (trail mix, granola bars, dry fruits, etc.) for our acceleration classes it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for helping our Wellington Family.
PSD MiFi Hotspots Provide Internet Connectivity for Students and Families

Poudre School District received funding again this year through the T-Mobile Project 10Million and the FCC’s Emergency Connectivity Fund to support providing internet connectivity to students who currently lack reliable internet access.

HOW TO PROVIDE A MIFI TO A STUDENT

ANY staff member can fill out a PSD Student MiFi Eligibility and Tracking Form [https://forms.office.com/r/pq0TcU4XmF]

• The staff member filling out the form will be emailed the response by checking Send me an email receipt of my responses; please forward or work with designated school staff to check out in Insignia

• Please work with the student and/or family to test the MiFi and support them on how to use it, including how to charge the MiFi

Families can also reference the MiFi Mobile Hotspots section on the Community Tech Portal

ADDITIONAL INVENTORY

• If you need additional MiFi’s, contact your District Technical Support Specialist assigned to your building

• You may also submit a ticket in SCO (help.psdschools.org) | IT -> Network & Internet -> MiFi Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspot -> Additional MiFi Inventory Request

T-MOBILE DOESN'T HAVE SERVICE IN A STUDENT’S HOME LOCATION

• If a student’s home is in an area where T-Mobile doesn’t have service there are options

• Please fill out the PSD Student MiFi Eligibility and Tracking Form and contact your District Technical Support Specialist to receive a Verizon MiFi to try or discuss other options

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• IT is partnering with other departments and the community to provide reliable internet solutions for students and families

• Internet Access resources are outlined on the district website

• There are additional resources on the IT Tech HUB (it.psdschools.org) and Community Tech Portal (techportal.psdschools.org) including translated guides; search "MIFI"

Information Technology Department

Poudre School District | 2413 LaPorte Avenue | Fort Collins Colorado 80521

Submit a ticket using Support Center Online (help.psdschools.org) for all your IT issues and requests

Go to IT Tech HUB (it.psdschools.org) for staff IT Information, Documentation and Guides

Got to PSD Community Tech Portal (techportal.psdschools.org) for Family and Student Resources and Guides

Support Center Line 970-490-3456 and press “2”

Applications Support Line 970-490-3456 and press "1"
Middle and high school athletics are well underway. It was so exciting to host Friday Night Lights after a 59-year hiatus. As we continue to build out our sporting events please see below for links to get your spirit gear, purchase tickets ahead of time, volunteer for events, stream high school athletics, and reference our clear bag policies for events.

Get your Eagles Spirit Gear here:

https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/colorado/wellington/wellington-middle-high-school

Get your tickets ahead of time before our athletic events!

https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/c6730c59-c60d-41eb-ba2d-371c9f57a063

Stream Wellington High School athletic events here:

https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/wellington-high-school-wellington-co

Volunteer for athletic events:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEl1b7rs3_FaafVdLWx0dcCCqtoUGr-PvmdKSYybphlZKOQ/viewform
Get Connected at Wellington Middle-High School

Clubs and Activities

Student-Initiated Organizations

Students, are you interested in getting a club going at Wellington Middle-High School? All student-initiated clubs must first start with an application each year. If you need to reapply for a club from last year, or would like to start a new club, please fill out the student-initiated club application here or reach out to Mr. Buffington (marcb@psdschools.org). Whether it is a school sponsored club, or student-initiated clubs, they will not be able to meet until the application is approved through Poudre School District for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students please help us populate our list of student-initiated clubs for the 2022-2023 school year by filling out this application!

Middle School Student-Initiated Organization

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Middle School) - the purpose of Fellowship of Christian Athletes is Christian fellowship

When: Wednesday morning, before school
Where: G204
Student Contact: Tobin Phillips (tobiniscool08@outlook.com)
Staff Monitor: Tanya Cienfuegos-Baca
Clubs and Activities, continued…

School-Sponsored Organizations

Middle School: School-Sponsored Organizations

The following 6-8 school-sponsored organizations are not yet running. Stay tuned for meet times and contact information once the application is approved for the 2022-2023 school year. These organizations will not be meeting until approval for the school year has happened.

Hispanic Club - the purpose of Hispanic Club is to support diversity at Wellington Middle-High School by building community and celebrating cultures. Learning about each other’s cultures is a mutually beneficial experience for all students. In addition, Hispanic club exists to amplify valued voices in the community.

Math Olympiad - the purpose of Math Olympiad is to inspire students to engage and learn math while engaging in social interactions with peers.

Spectrum (GSA) - the purpose of spectrum is to provide a welcoming space for students of all identities, engaging in advocacy projects to create a more inclusive environment for all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Student Voice - the purpose of Student Voice is to engage student perspectives in guiding systematic and cultural change within Wellington Middle-High School.

High School: School-Sponsored Organizations

Mock Trial (High School) - the purpose of Mock Trial is to develop an understanding of the civil and criminal trial process, while also competing in the Colorado Bar Association Tournament

When: After School, Wednesday or Thursday (more information to come after initial kickoff meeting on Sept 2nd)

Where: F102 Staff Sponsor: Chris Lehrer, clehrer@psdschools.org

For more information about student initiated or school sponsored clubs, please contact Marc Buffington, Dean of Students & Activities Director at marc@psdschools.org.

Policies governing Poudre School District (PSD) activities and organizations can be found here and to learn more about clubs within PSD please click here.
Upcoming Events....

School Calendar
We are currently transitioning from our Google Calendar on our website, to our rSchools Calendar. Please reference this calendar for all events at Wellington Middle-High School and stayed tuned for it's addition to our homepage.

School Picture Re-takes
If you were unable to make it to student check-in to get a picture in August, or you would like a school picture re-take please plan on coming the morning of September 28th. Lifetouch will be onsite to do picture re-takes, and order forms will be sent out the week before September 28th. Students only needing a new ID printed do not need to do a picture re-take, they will be able to come to the counseling office in mid-September to get that printed with the picture WMHS has on hand.

HS Homecoming
We are excited to bring back high school homecoming to the town of Wellington once again. The Homecoming Dance is only for 9th and 10th graders, however, there will be events during the week that will incorporate all students. Please see below for information and a schedule of events for this exciting week!

Homecoming Dance Theme: Red Carpet & Royal Match

Homecoming Spirit Week and Events:

Monday, October 3rd:
Theme: Sports Day
Event: Field Day with Elementary School

Tuesday, October 4th:
Theme: Pajama Day
Event: Bonfire (6:30-8:30)

Wednesday, October 5th:
Theme: Adam Sandler Day
Events: Sophomore Sunrise and Donuts (7:00 am), Afterschool: 6:00 pm yard games and color war

Thursday, October 6th:
Theme: Anything but a Backpack
Event: Powderpuff Under the Lights

Friday, October 7th:
Theme: School Pride:
Event: Football Game vs Prospect Ridge @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 8th:
HS Homecoming Dance: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Hello from Ms. Herzog…

My name is Marissa Herzog and I am so excited to be here at WMHS! I currently am working on kick-starting the College and Career Center, am the Gifted/Talented site coordinator, and help manage concurrent enrollment. We hope to make important announcements regarding college fairs, career experience opportunities, etc. here in the newsletter so that you in addition to your student have access to upcoming opportunities.

We are so excited to work with your students within their time at WMHS to explore careers, colleges, and start thinking ahead! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Duathlon

It’s time to RUN-BIKE-RUN at WMHS!

We invite you, your student, and any siblings to participate in our 10th Annual Eagle-Fit Duathlon.

When: Thursday, September 29th 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Race starts at approximately 5:30 pm.

Where: Wellington Middle High School, meet at the football field.

Course: .5 mile run, 2.0 mile bike, .5 mile run around the track and bike course on the northwest side of WMHS.

Details: Wellington Middle High School and UC Healthy Kids Club are hosting the Tenth Annual Eagle Fit Duathlon, a .5-mile run, 2.0-mile bike ride followed by another .5 mile run around the WMHS track and school. The Eagle Fit Duathlon is our kick-off for a healthy and fit year! Participants must provide their own bike, a bike helmet, and a water bottle and have a completed registration form. Registration forms will be available through your student’s advisory teacher or at the event. A limited number of loaner bikes and helmets can be pre-reserved - please contact Mr. Peisner. Event parking is available in our front lot located on the SE side of the school. This event is FREE! Join us for pizza ($1/slice) following the duathlon.
Wellington

Eagles Club

We are excited to partner with Wellington Middle-High School for another year of Eagles Club! This afterschool program, offered to both middle and high school students, will provide activities in workforce readiness, leadership development, homework help, and more!

Where:
Wellington Middle-High School
2856 Cleveland Avenue
Wellington, CO 80549
(west of I-25, at County Road 9 and 62E)

When:
Monday - Thursday | Afterschool - 6:30 p.m.
*Members can attend the Sage Homes Club on Fridays. Transportation provided upon request.

Cost:
FREE to attend!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!
or visit www.BeGreatLarimer.org/wellington-middle-school.

Please contact Bethaney Bells, Program Director, or Megan Hale, Senior Club Director at 970-393-1412 or 970-568-3854 for more information.
37th ANNUAL
NORTHERN COLORADO
OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGE FAIR
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
6:00pm-7:30pm
Location: Poudre High School
201 S. Impala Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80521
970-488-6000

High school student’s 9th-12th graders from all schools in Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming are invited!
Tell all your friends!
No RSVP needed for students and parents.

This is an opportunity to meet approximately 175-200 Colleges, Universities & Military Academies. We adhere to NACAC College Fair guidelines: Exhibitors must be a two or four-year college, university, or other post-secondary institution, that is not-for-profit, degree-granting, and accredited.

Colleges will have barcodes for you to join their mailing list. You do not need to register to attend the college fair.
Contact: Marni Klamm mkklamm@psdschools.org 970-488-6026
IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION—PLEASE READ!

**Illness:** Friendly reminder, if your student is experiencing symptoms such as fever, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea your student must have a negative covid test to return to school. The health office has a supply of at-home covid tests if you need them. Please take a picture of the covid test with your student's name and date and email it to vdraxten@psdschools.org. If you choose not to test your student, they must isolate for 5 full days (24-hour periods) and return to school with a mask for days 6-10. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the health office at 970-472-2721.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR STUDENTS HOME IF THEY ARE EXPERIENCING ANY SYMPTOMS, TEST, AND SEND TEST RESULTS WITH YOUR STUDENTS NAME AND DATE TO VDRAXTEN@PSDSCHOOLS.ORG

Immunizations: Please send the health office your student's updated immunization record. Also, if your student entered 6th grade this year, they are required to receive a Tdap vaccine. If your student requires a nonmedical or medical exemption, please turn in the certificate as soon as possible. Please email up-to-date vaccine records and exemption certificates to shansen@psdschools.org. The first notice of vaccine non-compliance will be sent out on 9/17/22. The second notice of vaccine non-compliance will be sent out on 10/14/22. The exclusion date for vaccine non-compliance is 11/1/22. Any questions or concerns can be sent to shansen@psdschools.org or call 970-474-2721

-Health Office Staff (Sarah and Vanessa)