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December 2022

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Note from the Principal's Office...

Parents and/or Guardians,

As we close out the first semester, we have had some great opportunities to connect and engage with students! Getting HS athletics up and running again, closing out our semester with band and orchestra concerts, and continuing to build out our club opportunities for students has been so inspiring and engaging. This fall has been one of many firsts, learning opportunities, and return to traditional school routines!

These last few weeks of the semester we are reiterating the importance of getting missing work turned in, communicating with teachers if students are feeling lost or behind, and finishing the first semester well. Through our Advisory classes we have collaboratively normed our expectations for each other, we have some incredible restorative conversations when relationships are needing repair, and we have continued the conversations about what makes Wellington Middle-High School a great community and how we can hold each other accountable.

As we continue to build out our community partnerships, we are excited for the opportunity to partner with the Community Services Center of Wellington with a night to raise funds and awareness around food insecurity and mental health needs in our community. "Wellington, A Community that Cares" will be on December 12 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, and it will include a craft fair, WMHS thrift store, ceramic bowls, face painting, cookie decorating, food, and other items available for purchase.

Early in the second semester, we will start scheduling for classes, making decisions for programming the building, and refining our expectations for the upcoming school year. If you have an 8th grader, this also means thinking about high school for your student. During January and February, we will have resources and opportunities to learn more about the curriculum offerings and the exciting opportunities students will have as 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. Please be on the lookout for registration sheets and information about our curriculum guide coming home with your students in late January/early February.



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Note from the Principal's Office...

With the weather continuing to change daily, our winter events ramping back up, and extracurricular activities in full swing, please remember that our doors open for students at 8:15 am each morning. If students arrive early at school, and do not have a structured activity planned, then they are able to work on homework in the Commons from 8:15 – 9:00 am. Students may stay after school to work on homework in the Commons until 4:30 pm, unless they have a pre-arranged meeting or club on site with a teacher or club sponsor. We ask that any students staying to cheer on our athletic teams will need to go straight to the event after school, or head home if they are wanting to go to a varsity competition later in the evening.

Lastly, we have collected a few items in our lost and found that we will hold until after break. If your student(s) is missing a water bottle, coat, and/or sweatshirt please have them check our lost and found in the new year. Lost and found items can be found in student learning pods, our Commons, and in our athletic locker hallway. We will be donating all unclaimed items left behind from first semester at the end of January.

Thank you for your support, feedback, and understanding as we continue to develop rhythms and routines at Wellington Middle-High School this year. We have been learning quite a bit about each other, our passions, and the content within our classrooms. As we move into the second semester, please continue to let us know what questions you have, how you would like to connect with us, and if you are interested in being a part of the planning for our next chapter as a learning community.

Sincerely,

Kelby

Opportunities

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Counseling Corner

First semester is ending soon! This is a great time to sit down with your student and review their second semester schedule. You can find the second semester schedule on StudentVUE under the class schedule tab and then select quarter 3. December is the best time to advocate for changing semester long classes since there won't be any disruptions for your student caused by a change. Encourage students to reach out to their counselors now to explore any possible changes they would like to make. Semester-long elective course changes will be made on a space-available basis. There will be no schedule changes made after January 10th.

Poudre School District and Wellington Middle High School are committed to supporting all students make academic plans, explore career opportunities, and graduate with options. The Individual Academic and Career Path (ICAP) is a Colorado state requirement for all high school students to complete before graduation. Xello is an online platform used by all PSD to give students an opportunity to explore careers, complete assessments, look for jobs/internships, and build their ICAP portfolio. This year and the years to come, Wellington MHS is providing all students access to Xello so they can begin to explore the ICAP process, complete lessons, and begin to find career pathways of interest.

Each student has their own Xello account and parents can monitor their students' lesson completion and ICAP portfolio. Throughout the year, all of our middle and high school students will be working on their ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan). ICAP is a multi-year process that helps students and families to explore options for postsecondary and workforce readiness. If you would like to talk about future planning with your student and want some tips on where to begin, here are some career conversation starters from the American School Counselor Association. Poudre School District uses Xello as our platform for college and career exploration. Click here for more information on Xello and how families can log in to view their student's account.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we support your student, both with their present goals and with building out their future plans.

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

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Volunteer opportunities

Winter Food Drive Support 12/9 & 12/12 – Please consider helping the Wellington Eagles support our community! You must be a registered volunteer with PSD for these events.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFAC2FA4FCC52-winter>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFAC2FA4FCC52-clothing>

Cookies WMHS is in need of undecorated ginger and sugar cookies for the Winter Festival. If you are able to donate we would greatly appreciate homemade or store bought cookies. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFAC2FA4FCC52-cookies>



Clothing Drive The is in need of volunteers to help sort clothing for the WMHS Thrift Shop. Your time is greatly appreciated!!! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

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WMHS Vision & Hearing Volunteers Needed 2/10/23

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AAFAC2FA4FCC52-vision>

We are seeking caring individuals to help with important hearing and vision screenings. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Questions? Please contact the health office at your school site or email nurses@psdschools.org.

If interested in Vision & Hearing Screenings, please follow the instructions below:

1. Login to your Volunteer Portal through this link:

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Volunteer/Login/NjA0MzpWb2x1bnRIZXI6ZW4tVVM=>

2. When logged in, click on Events within the Navigation Menu

3. Review the details of the Event you wish to sign up for and click “Sign-Up”.

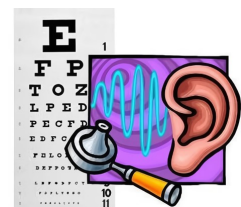
WMHS is looking for volunteers!

You must be a registered volunteer in PSD, you can register here at this link: [Volunteers | Poudre School District \(psdschools.org\)](#)

If you are already a registered volunteer please use the Raptor portal through this link to sign up! [Raptor Portal Login \(raptortech.com\)](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Cassie Clark
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The Community Services Center (CSC) will address
food insecurity and mental health needs for the
Wellington region.



At Wellington Middle-High school
December 12, 5:00-7:00 pm
Use the QR code to RSVP!

The sale will include a craft
fair, the WMHS Thrift Shop,
ceramic bowls, face painting,
cookie decorating, food, and
other items made from WMHS
students.

WMHS students and the CSC
team will present on the mission
of the CSC, how the community
can be involved, and more!

WMHS Families can pick up food
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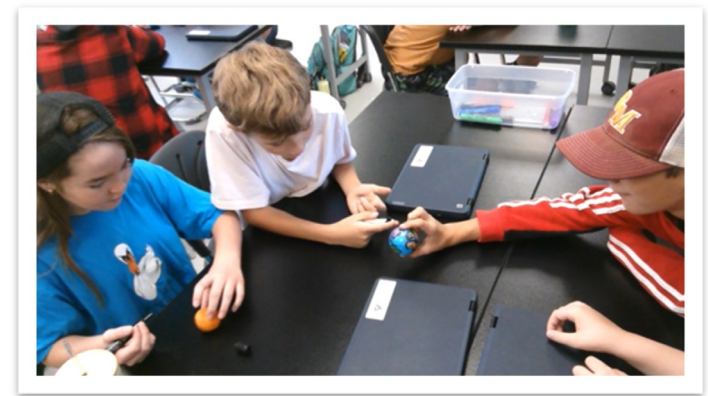
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School-Sponsored Organizations

6-8 School-Sponsored Organizations

AFL (Footy) Club - This club's purpose is to build interest and skills in Australian football. Kids will become fans of and be able to proficiently play the sport.

- When: Wednesday, 6th Grade Lunch & 7/8th Grade Lunch
- Where: Commons
- Staff Sponsor: Todd Genson (tgenson@psdschools.org)

Dance Fever - This club's is to build the community of people who love to dance in Wellington and learn different styles of dance.

- When: Friday, 4:15 - 5:15
- Where: Performing Arts, A106 · Staff Sponsor: Jenna Riep (jriep@psdschools.org)

GSA (Middle School) - the purpose of the GSA is to create an atmosphere where students of all gender identities and sexualities feel safe, respected, and valued. It is a place for LGBTQIA+ students and allies to socialize, have fun, and come up with ideas for promoting a school culture of mutual respect, inclusion, and acceptance.

- When: Thursday, 4:05 pm - 4:45 pm
- Where: D116 · Staff Sponsor: Marti Burnham (mburnham@psdschools.org)

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

- When: Wednesday, During 7/8 Lunch (11:05-11:45)
- Where: D219
- Staff Sponsor: Laura Nestler (lnestler@psdschools.org)



School-Sponsored Organizations, continued...

National Junior Art Honor Society - The National Art Education Association serves to and includes peer recognition, leadership opportunities, college and career prep, recognition of art programs, art service opportunities, and awards and college scholarship opportunities.

- When: Last Tuesday or Wednesday of the month, 6th & 7/8th Grade Lunch
- Where: D107
- Staff Sponsor: Katie Murphy (kmills@psdschools.org)

Student Council (Middle School) - The purpose of student council is to create culture both within the school and through the community and put on events for middle school students.

- When: Friday, 8:00 am
- Where: The Nest
- Staff Sponsor: Kaitlynn Schmurr (kschmurr@psdschools.org)

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

- ***Stay tuned for meet times and contact information once the application is approved for the 2022-2023 school year. This organization will not be meeting until approval for the school year has happened.***

9-10 School-Sponsored Organizations

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- When: Wednesday, High School Lunch
- Where: Commons
- Staff Sponsor: Todd Genson (tgenson@psdschools.org)

Book Club - This club's purpose is to give a space for readers to connect with one another over books. This will be a space that allows students to select books that they enjoy and provide motivation to finish them.

- When: Friday, High School Lunch
- Where: Library or F200 Learning Pod
- Staff Sponsor: Christine Jasmann (cjasmann@psdschools.org)

School-Sponsored Organizations, continued...

GSA (High School) - the purpose of the GSA is to create an atmosphere where students of all gender identities and sexualities feel safe, respected, and valued. It is a place for LGBTQIA+ students and allies to socialize, have fun, and come up with ideas for promoting a school culture of mutual respect, inclusion, and acceptance.

- When: Wednesday during HS lunch, 12:30-1:15 pm
- Where: D101
- Staff Sponsor: Jenna Riep (jriep@psdschools.org)

Mock Trial Team - the purpose of Mock Trial is to develop an understanding of civil & criminal trial process, while also competing in the Colorado Bar Association Tournament.

- When: Wednesday or Thursday after school (schedule will be set in early October)
- Where: F102 ·
- Staff Sponsor: Chris Lehrer (clehrer@psdschools.org)

National Art Honor Society - the National Art Education Association has been around for over 40 years and it's purpose includes peer recognition, leadership opportunities, college and career prep, recognition of art program, art service opportunities, and awards and college scholarship opportunities. Being an honor society, students need to adhere to standards/bylaws including but not limited to: maintaining a 3.0 in all art classes and may not have more than one grade <1 in all classes at any given time.

- When: Last Tuesday or Wednesday of the month during HS lunch (depending on the block schedule)
- Where: D107 ·
- Staff Sponsor: Katie Murphy (kmills@psdschools.org)

Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) Peers - The Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) Peers Program is a peer-led sexual violent prevention education program that has been approved by Poudre School District for more than 20 years. This peer education program utilizes the enthusiasm, talent, and credibility of high school student leaders to inform youth about sexual violence, consent education, and being an upstander.

- When: 8th period even days and during High School Lunch as needed
- Where: Student Council Classroom and/or the Counseling Office
- Staff Sponsor: Katie Delahunt (kdelahunt@psdschools.org)

School-Sponsored Organizations, continued...

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WMHS Literary Magazine - the purpose of Literary Magazine is to produce and publish a collection of high school student artwork, photography, prose, poetry, and other fit-to-print creative works. Student staff members learn how to promote the book as they encourage their peers to submit; they learn how to advertise to sell copies of the book; they learn how to establish criteria for publication and editing skills to polish submissions; and they learn design, layout, and formatting with digital tools as they choose the book's theme and create pages.

- When: Monday & Wednesday during 9th/10th grade lunch
- Where: F101 ·
- Staff Sponsor: Jen Mitchell (jemitchell@psdschools.org)

6-10 School-Sponsored Organizations

Rodeo Club (Combined Middle and High School) - the purpose of Rodeo Club is to connect with students who enjoy all things rodeo and teach those who want to get into it.

- When: Wednesday, after school
- Where: G226A ·
- Staff Sponsor: Jessie Pollacek (jpollacek@psdschools.org)

For more information about student initiated or school sponsored clubs, please contact Marc Buffington, Dean of Students & Activities Director at marcb@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](#).

