



# WOLVERINE WATCH

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.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Wellington High School! As we embark on this new journey together, I am filled with pride and optimism for what lies ahead. Our school continues to be a beacon of excellence, proudly continuing to hold the title of "A" school, with an outstanding 98% graduation rate. These achievements are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and the unwavering support from our community.

At Wellington High School, we believe in the power of unity and the strength that comes from being a close-knit community. We are united around a shared goal: to nurture and guide our children to be the best they can be. **This year, our focus remains on fostering a safe environment where every student can thrive, not only academically but also as well-rounded individuals.**

Our goal is to encourage students to engage in a variety of activities beyond the rigor of the classroom. We strive to provide opportunities for our students to immerse themselves in real-world experiences through classroom hands-on activities, field trips, clubs, sports, community service and other extracurricular activities. These experiences are crucial in developing essential life skills, fostering creativity, citizenship, and building lasting friendships.

I encourage all parents and guardians to actively support their children's involvement in these activities. Your encouragement and participation play a vital role in your child's growth and success. Let's work together to inspire our students to explore their interests, pursue their passions, and reach their full potential. The more engaged and invested our students are in positive face to face collaborative experiences, the better they will do overall.

As we move forward into this school year, let's remember the strength of our community and the shared commitment to our children's education and development. Together, we can continue to achieve great things and ensure that Wellington High School remains a place of excellence and opportunity for all.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Warm regards,

Cara Ann Gorham  
Principal, Wellington High School

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

### NEW STUDENT / PARENT ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, August 7**  
5:30 PM Entertainment,  
6:00 PM Program begins  
in the Theater

### STUDENTS' FIRST DAY

**Monday, August 12**  
7:30 AM – 2:50 PM

### OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, September 17**

**GO WOLVERINES!!! #WHSLEGACY**

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**SAC**

Wellington High School welcomes your involvement on our School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC is an essential line of communication between school staff, parents, students, and community liaisons. The SAC serves as a mechanism for participatory management and shared decision-making. The primary goal of SAC is to improve the education for all students. SAC members help establish educational priorities, assess school needs, and identify resources to meet those needs. SAC decisions are instrumental to the educational experience to students at WHS.

We encourage you to commit to attend SAC meetings on the third Tuesday of each month of the school year at 6:00pm in the Media Center. The first meeting will be held on August 15th. Check the school's website in the "Students and Parents" section or please contact Crystal Barletta for more information at [Crystal.Barletta@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Crystal.Barletta@palmbeachschools.org).

**SAC MEETINGS**

We are excited to announce our SAC dates below! Please join us so you can hear about the amazing things our students are doing and be involved!

- Tuesday, August 27th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 17th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 15th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 17th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 18th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

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## BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

By: Eric Moore, Ed.D. & Ms. Arlene Einhorn

Wellington Community High School is dedicated to providing quality education for our students and preparing them to meet the challenges of the future. We believe that your involvement in our school will help us realize that goal. We would like to invite you to become one of Wellington Community High School's Business Partners.

A business/education partnership involves the sharing of human and material resources for the purpose of enhancing student learning and promoting academic achievement. Partners dedicate their time and talent, and have an active role in making school programs successful.

We want the partnership to be mutually beneficial. Through your involvement, you will help prepare the future work force so you reap the benefits of having well-trained employees when today's students complete their academic studies as they enter the world to become productive members of society. In addition, Business Partners are viewed in a positive light in the community as supporters of education. If you would like to support Wellington Community High School and become a business partner please contact Eric Moore by email at [eric.moore@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:eric.moore@palmbeachschools.org) or Arlene Einhorn at [arlene.einhorn@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:arlene.einhorn@palmbeachschools.org). Thank you for your time and consideration in making Wellington Community High School a Business Partner.

## FEES AND FINES

Parents and students, please make sure you are frequently checking in SIS for any fees and fines that may be owed. Fines may be paid in the Main Office during lunch in cash or with a check made out to Wellington High School. If paying at School Cash Online, please take a screenshot of your receipt and show it to the secretaries in the office, as they will have to remove the fine from your SIS account manually.

Every student on campus is required to have an ID with the appropriate grade level lanyard visible around their necks at all times while on campus for safety and security reasons. If a student does not have their ID and lanyard, they are required to purchase another. The cost adds up! Parents, please talk with your student about the importance of having their ID. Remember... students may not participate in extracurricular activities when they have outstanding fees and fines. Thank you! If you have any questions about fees and fines, please reach out to [cindy.arkenbout@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:cindy.arkenbout@palmbeachschools.org).



## SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT

We have implemented two positive behavior programs at Wellington Community High School: Wellington Way and Character Counts. Students will be 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.



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**DEBATE GOOD NEWS**  
**WELCOME BACK 2024-2025**



The nationally recognized Wellington Speech & Debate Team's annual "Meet & Greet" for new students will take place at Wellington High School as part of New Student Orientation in August. This will allow incoming students and their parents to meet Director of Speech & Debate Paul Gaba and many of the Red Dawn Debaters' experienced members, and learn about speech, debate, and competitive acting events, as well as discover what the 2024-2025 championship season has in store for the program.

As the world has seen over the past few years, there is a dire need to communicate eloquently and persuasively, with solid logic and reputable sources to back viable arguments. These are among the skills students learn in a competitive high school speech and debate program. Taking debate as an honors-level class will help all students prepare for the rigors of AICE courses and life after high school. Competing also earns students Bright Futures hours that can be applied toward reducing students' future college expenses.

We look forward to meeting, greeting, and hopefully encouraging you to sign up for debate (if you have not done so already)! We anticipate roughly 160 students representing Wolverines Nation in the speech and debate community this year!

Please feel free to contact Coach Gaba at [paul.gaba@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:paul.gaba@palmbeachschools.org), via Instagram (RedDawnDebaters) or the team's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/wellingtondebate](http://www.facebook.com/wellingtondebate)) for more information.

**HOSA**

**CALLING ALL SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS INTERESTED IN THE MEDICAL FIELD!**

Are you looking for an opportunity to expand your knowledge about medicine and science? Do you want to engage in a variety of student-led activities? Would you like to learn while having fun and meeting people with similar interests? If you answered yes to any of these questions... then HOSA might be right for you! HOSA, also known as Future Health Professionals, is an excellent opportunity for anyone considering a career in the medical field. Whether you have your exact dream profession in mind or are still undecided, HOSA can help you discover your passion. To join HOSA, you must meet the following requirements: have a 3.2 GPA in science courses and a 3.0 GPA overall, have taken or are enrolled in an AICE or AP science course, and have no level 3 or 4 offenses. If you have questions or are interested in joining, please stop by Ms. Mendez's room, 2-128, to pick up an application. The deadline to apply is August 30th, and our first mandatory meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th after school if accepted. You can also check us out on Instagram @ [hosa\\_whs24](https://www.instagram.com/hosa_whs24) for more information and a sneak peek at our activities!

We are one of the most active clubs on campus, and we couldn't do it without the dedication of our wonderful members. Please help us make 2024-2025 the best school year yet by joining HOSA today!




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CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION  
REQUIREMENTS  
SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025**

Florida Certificate of Immunization, Form DH 680 is the only document that the schools are permitted to accept as proof of immunization.

**KINDERGARTEN – 12TH GRADE**

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP) – 5 doses
- Polio (OPV or IPV) – 3, 4 or 5 doses (the last one after age 4 for K)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella – 2 doses (usually given as 2 doses MMR)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B) – 3 doses

**KINDERGARTEN – 11TH GRADE**

- Varicella – 2 doses or provider verification of Chickenpox disease history on form DH 680

**12TH GRADE**

- Varicella – 1 dose or provider verification of Chickenpox disease history on form DH 680

**7TH – 12TH GRADES**

- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis booster (Tdap) – 1 dose

**PRE-K PROGRAMS (AGE APPROPRIATE DOSES AS INDICATED)**

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis – (DTaP)
- Polio (OPV or IPV)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
- Haemophilus Influenza type B (Hib)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- Varicella (VZV)

**LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES**

Children entering or attending Licensed Child Care Facilities and Family Day Care Homes shall have received as many of the following age-appropriate immunizations as are medically indicated in accordance with the current Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule:

- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)
- Polio (OPV or IPV)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella
- Varicella
- Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)
- Pneumococcal Conjugate (Pevnar) for children age 2 to 59 months
- Hepatitis B (Hep B) (Recommended)



# Parent Guide for Medications at School

The following is required before any medication can be taken by or administered to a child on school grounds:

**1**



A new **Authorization for Medication / Treatment Form** is required each school year and for any changes to the current order during the school year.

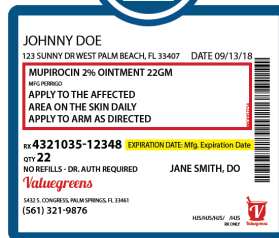


The form (available in the physician's office) must be completed by the **prescribing physician** for all medication.

The form must also have the **parent signature** completed in order for medication to be administered.



**2**



Prescribed medications must be in the **original container with a pharmacy label, not expired and matching the current physician's order**. When filling your prescription, request the pharmacy labels' expiration date state, **"See Manufacturer's Medication Expiration Date."**

Over-the-counter medications must also be in the **original unopened container, not expired and labeled with the child's name**.



Medication must be **delivered to the school by an adult**, not your child. A medication count and co-signature for the delivery and receipt of the medication will be required.

A **current photo** of the child is required for identification purposes and will be attached to the medication record. **The photo should be delivered with the physician's order and medication.**



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**School Health**

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## FROM YOUR SUPPORT CENTERS

### WELCOME TO GRADE LEVEL SUPPORT CENTERS FOR 9TH & 10TH GRADERS AND ALPHABETICAL SERVICE FOR OUR 11TH & 12TH GRADERS!!

The Student Support Center has served as the central hub for students to grow and develop academically and emotionally. Our mission statement is to cultivate a social and emotional learning environment that prepares students for post-secondary education by fostering qualities such as work ethic, integrity, responsibility, and respect for individuals from all backgrounds and creeds. We also prioritize providing a world-class education that enables students to reach their full academic potential by collaborating with stakeholders to create a conducive learning environment. Our students have exceeded expectations this year and demonstrated remarkable growth and resilience. Our dedicated staff continues to provide top-tier service, ensuring that our students meet and surpass our high standards. We are proud of their achievements and remain committed to supporting their journey towards success.

This year we had an excellent year assisting our Wellington community through student support centers and will continue with grade-specific support centers for 9th and 10th grades. The assistant principals, deans, and counselors at both grade levels will work tirelessly to ensure that all underclassmen are graduation ready as they enter each new year.

We will continue alpha breakdown in grades 11th & 12th to provide a 2-year seamless, knowledgeable advising process for all. Students and parents will walk through the 2-year post-secondary preparation process from beginning to end with a single counselor beginning the junior year. Additionally, Ms. Louis is our college & career counselor. She will work directly with all senior students and parents as they navigate the college, scholarship, and financial aid application processes, as well as offer virtual workshops and informational sessions throughout the fall.

We are excited about the enhancements and know that the needs of our students, parents, and faculty will be more readily met in the coming year. We want to celebrate the success of our grade-level student support centers and thank the students and parents for working with us as we identify the best way to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students.

### SENIOR YEAR

#### College Workshop:

- **Parent College Workshop:**  
August 29th at 6:00 pm  
College workshops will take place monthly to assist seniors with college applications. **For any questions, please contact Ms. Louis- Rosemyrtle. louis@palmbeachschools.org**



### SENIOR ADVICE

- Start College Applications early (Applications open August 1st)
- Begin drafting a resume, including academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities
- Take the SAT and/or ACT early
- Attend college fairs
- Participate in college information sessions
- Connect with your College & Career counselor
- Research financial aid and scholarship options
- If an application requires a counselor recommendation, please complete the "Counselor Recommendation Request Form." This form can be found on the "Counselor Corner" webpage on the Wellington High School website. Allow two weeks for the recommendation to be written. **Do not send a recommendation letter to the college if it is not required.**

**NOTE:** Florida's public universities **DO NOT** require letters of recommendation. Remember to follow the application directions closely and do not send information that is not requested. It will slow down the application process at the college campus. College applications for the upcoming freshmen class are usually available in July/August.

STUDENT SUPPORT GRADE LEVEL CONTACTS:		Ms. Cara A. Gorham Principal <a href="mailto:Cara.Hayden@palmbeachschools.org">Cara.Hayden@palmbeachschools.org</a>		NOTICE: If you have requested an FLVS course and need a counselor's approval, counselors will be monitoring FLVS requests regularly.
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### GRADE FORGIVENESS INFORMATION

Students may repeat any course taken in grades 9-12 for a grade forgiveness IF they earned a grade of "F" or "D" in a course. Note: High school courses taken in middle school may be forgiven if a grade of "C", "D", or "F" is earned.



Please contact your student's school counselor for more information.

- All students **must** turn in to their grade level support secretary 20 hours of community service documented with a non-profit organization by the **end of junior year.**
- The community service log sheet can be found on the school's website or in the student support centers.
- If you take voluntary public service during the day, you must complete 75 community service hours per semester; this is a for-credit course.
- Community Service Locations:

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## Florida Bright Futures Information







1. Submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#) no later than August 31 after high school graduation.
2. Graduate from a Florida high school with a standard high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Complete the 16 college-preparatory courses required for admission to a state university.
4. Achieve the required weighted GPA in the 16 college-preparatory courses per the chart below.
5. Achieve the required composite ACT<sup>®</sup> score, Overall Score on the Classic Learning Test (CLT), or combined SAT<sup>™</sup> score no later than August 31 of the student's graduation year (or through January 31 for mid-year graduates), per the chart below.
6. Complete the required number of volunteer service hours, paid work hours, or 100 total combined hours per the chart below.

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT <sup>®</sup> /CLT <sup>®</sup> /SAT <sup>™</sup> )	Volunteer Service Hours <sup>2</sup>	Paid Work Hours <sup>2</sup>
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing)	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)		2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340		
FMS	3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours
	3 - Social Science		2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210		
	2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)				

### Seniors may begin to apply for the Bright Futures Scholarship after October 1st, 2024.

Please visit <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/> for more information.

\*Students may also earn the Bright Futures scholarship via the AICE diploma and complete 100 hours of community service.



### DUAL ENROLLMENT AT PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE AND FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

- To participate in dual enrollment, students must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 and have "college-ready test scores" in English, math, and reading on the ACT, SAT, or PERT.
- Students must also fill out an admissions application and attend a mandatory advising session through PBSC. All students should plan to meet with their school counselor to discuss the above procedures.

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**IMPORTANT:** Students needing a parking pass or senior privilege must have 20 credits. Apply online or see page 9. <https://forms.gle/Ef7UoS8n7Qe6srVn6>



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**COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS**

**College Applications are Officially Open!!**

Students can begin to work on the CommonApp:  
<https://www.commonapp.org/>

- **Palm Beach State College Fall Dual Enrollment Deadline:**  
August 15, 2024 3:00 pm
- **Student College 101 Workshop:**  
August 22 During Both Lunches
- **Parent College 101 Workshop:**  
August 29th at 6:00 pm. Location: TBA

**DUAL ENROLLMENT**

- Step 1: [Apply to Palm Beach State College](#)
- Step 2: Placement Test
- Step 3: Enroll in Canvas Course
- Step 4: Choose Course
- Step 5: Submit Dual Enrollment Authorization FORM
- Step 6: Register for Classes once Approved

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Wellington High School's philosophy is that school attendance is essential to student learning. Absenteeism, excused or unexcused, regardless of the reason, negatively affects the continuity of the learning process.

A student is considered absent when he/she misses 50% or more of the class period. To excuse an absence, students must bring their excuse note to the **Grade Level Support Center** between 7:00 AM and 7:22 AM following the absence. **Faxes and phone calls will not** be accepted. **Grade Level Support Center** will not accept notes after 7:22 AM to avoid tardiness to class. There will be no exceptions. Students who do not have a 1st period must bring their excuse note to the **Grade Level Support Center** prior to the start of their first class following the absence.

The following information is to be included on notes from parents.

- Printed First and Last Name of the Student
- Student Identification Number
- Dates missed including specific periods
- Reason for absence (see note below)
- Telephone Number for Parent/Guardian
- Parent/Guardian Signature

**Per state law and district policy, students who accumulate more than 10% of absences per semester, will be required to pass the semester exam in order to receive credit for the course. Also, a student between the ages of 14 and 18 who accumulates 15 unexcused absences will have his/her driver's license suspended by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.**



**Demonstration of College Readiness**

Placement Test (Valid 2 years from test date)	Reading	Writing/ English	Math
<b>PERT</b> *Offered at PBSC	106	103	114 – MAT1033C 118-122 – MAC1105C 123 – MAC1105
<b>Next-Generation ACCUPLACER</b> *Offered at PBSC	245	245	242-300 (QAS) – MAT1033C 255 - 300 (QAS) – MAC1105
<b>SAT or PSAT/NMSQT (PSAT 10)</b>	24	25	24 - MAT1033C 24.5 - MAC1105
<b>Digital SAT or Digital PSAT/NMSQT (PSAT 10) since June 2023</b>	490 (Evidence-Based Reading/Writing)		480 - MAT1033C 490 - MAC1105
<b>ACT</b>	19	17	19 – MAT1033C 20 – MAC1105
<b>CLT</b>	38 (Sum of Verbal & Writing Sections)		16 – MAT1033C

**WHS WEB SITE**

Please take the time to check out our dynamic school web site:

<https://welh.palmbeachschools.org/>

This is an excellent way to keep students, parents, and staff updated on school events, policies, and news. Selected textbooks are also available on-line. Information can be found on sports, activities, clubs and news. Take advantage of our site and explore the areas to assist you in making the high school experience the best ever!



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**PRICING**

Yearly Pass: \$70.00  
Half Year Pass (2nd Semester ONLY): \$40.00  
*Half year pricing opens after winter break*  
Lost / Replacement Decal: \$10

	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Minimum Credit Requirements	10	15	20

To qualify and maintain a Wellington Community High School Parking permit all parking policies, procedures and rules must be adhered to throughout the year. Please read and understand ALL rules policies as they pertain to your privilege to park on campus.

**ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE...**

- MINIMUM 2.0000 GPA
- MINIMUM OF 10 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
- MAINTAIN 90% ATTENDANCE
- NO OBLIGATIONS

**In addition to the District Rules and regulations, the following rules violations may result in the loss of a student's parking privilege and/or disciplinary action. Please make sure that all rules are adhered to for continuance of parking on campus.**

1. Leaving Campus without **SIGNING OUT** is NOT permitted.
2. No Drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind are allowed on campus or stored in vehicles while on school grounds.
3. Unauthorized vehicles are not permitted on campus.
4. Handicap permits must be in the DRIVERS NAME and they must have parking application on file before parking on campus.
5. Any inappropriate articles (bumper sticker, flags, etc.) on vehicles are NOT permitted.
6. Boots cannot be removed from any car by unauthorized personnel.
7. **The parking decal/hang-tag must be on display and visible through the front windshield and the permit number easily viewed. ID's must also be visible when coming on campus.**

**Any of the following infractions may result in parking privileges either temporarily or permanently revoked. The cost of the parking permit WILL NOT be refunded.**

8. Violation of any traffic or criminal laws and/or School District school rules.
9. Discourteous, reckless, or defiant road behavior.
10. Exceeding speed limit by 5 MPH on campus.
11. Unsafe acts, (i.e. riding on car hoods, bumpers, radiators, fenders, spinning wheels, burning rubber, running boards, etc.) will result in suspension of parking privileges.
12. Students are not permitted to remain in parking lots or to sit in parked vehicles before school, during lunch or at the completion of the school day.
13. Students are to park in their designated parking lots only. Students are not permitted to park in staff parking lot, visitor lots or in NON- Designated parking areas.
14. Any student caught duplicating or falsifying a parking permit or transferring the permit to another person will lose their parking permit privileges.
15. Any audio device or instruments from within the motor vehicle cannot be louder than necessary for the convenient hearing by persons inside the vehicle in areas adjoining the school.
16. Students shall not use cell phones or other wireless devices while driving.
17. Operators of motor vehicles, and passengers must use seat belts or child restraining devices as required by law.
18. No student is allowed to ride in the back of a pick-up or flat-bed truck.
19. If an accident occurs on campus and is not reported immediately to the administration by the student(s) involved, the student(s) will lose their parking privileges for the duration of the school year and/or duration of their enrollment at the school.
20. **Enter the Student parking lot at the student entrance prior to 7:35AM. After 7:35AM, please use the main entrance.**

Any of the following infractions may result in the loss of campus parking privileges either temporarily or permanently. The cost of the parking permit WILL NOT be refunded.

**PARKING PASS INFORMATION**

Beginning on Thursday, July 9th, 2024, you will be able to apply for a parking permit. The application will be posted on the Wellington High School website and will be submitted via a Google form. We will be reviewing applications by grade levels following the schedule below.

**Seniors-** July 9th-11th  
**Juniors-** July 12th-16th  
**Sophomores-** July 17th-18th

**PRICE**

Yearly Pass: \$70.00  
Half Year Pass (2nd Semester ONLY):  
\$40.00

*(Half year pricing will  
open after winter break)*

Lost/Replacement Decal: \$10

*Must be paid by check and  
brought into the 11th grade office to  
Dr. Moore or Ms. Thomas*

**Please do NOT pay for the parking  
pass until you have been approved!**

Beginning July 9th, if you require any assistance pertaining to parking, please email:

eric.moore@palmbeachschools.org  
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If payment is made in advance of approval and the application is denied, please  
note, no refunds will be issued.**

## TESTING INFO



<b>SAT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
ONLINE TESTING	PAPER/PENCIL

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO BRING

- School ID required to test
- Physical printed copy of the test ticket on test day
- An Approved Calculator for the math section **ONLY (We will not provide)**
- Computer/Charger/Bluebook App (SAT); Pencils (ACT)
- Bottle of water, snacks and a sweater

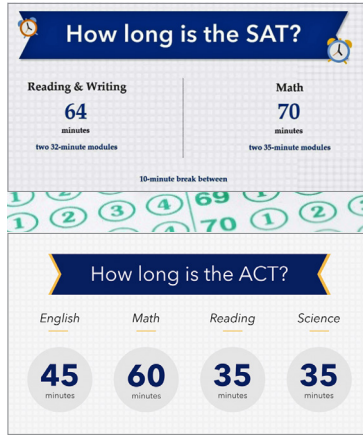
### UTILIZE THE BELOW LINKS TO REGISTER

#### SAT Registration:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>

#### ACT Registration:

[www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html](http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html)



## OBLIGATIONS, BOOKS, CHROMEBOOKS LOAN, TRUST RESPONSIBILITY

Wellington High School is committed to providing each student with necessary materials, textbooks and Chromebooks. Materials, textbooks and Chromebooks are on loan from the school and must be returned or replaced at the end of the term or school year. It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to replace an item if it is lost, misplaced, or stolen. In some cases, an obligation will be applied if an item is damaged. When a student has an obligation to the school, the student will not be permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activity (i.e. tryouts, athletics, clubs, honor societies, performances, prom, homecoming, etc.). In addition, seniors will not be permitted to participate in any senior activities or the graduation ceremony with an outstanding obligation.

If a student locates a book or item that had previously been reported lost and for which restitution was made, the school will issue a refund if the student produces a receipt for money paid. Refunds are issued by the bookkeeper. Obligations may be paid in the front office during lunch.

Scheduled Test Date	Status	Capacity
Saturday, August 24, 2024	Open	150
Saturday, October 5, 2024	Open	150
Saturday, November 2, 2024	Closed	
Saturday, December 7, 2024	Open	150
Saturday, March 8, 2025	Closed	
Saturday, May 3, 2025	Open	150
Saturday, June 7, 2025	Open	150



#### Test Date

- September 14, 2024
- October 26, 2024
- December 14, 2024
- February 8, 2025
- April 5, 2025
- June 14, 2025
- July 12, 2025\*

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## DRIVING PRIVILEGE

Students between the ages of 14 and 18 who have accumulated 15 unexcused absences within a period of 90 calendar days and failed to satisfy attendance requirements will be ineligible for the State of Florida driving privilege. Drivers' licenses will be suspended or not issued to students with 15 or more unexcused absences.

## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

### STUDENT VAPING: A HUGE IMPACT ON HEALTH OF OUR YOUTHS

"Vaping is a gateway for nicotine dependence for today's youth. Statistics show an increase in vaping in middle school aged children by 50 percent and high school aged children by 80 percent in 2018. The use of vaping brings on new and unknown risks. The risks include unknown diseases (not just cancer) of the lungs and heart as well as any other organs affected by exposure to nicotine, hard metals, and the possibility of other harmful chemicals."

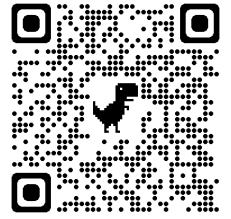
— Dr. David Shersher, thoracic, lung and esophageal surgeon, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper University Hospital

The following link is a great resource from the CDC:

[https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic\\_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm)



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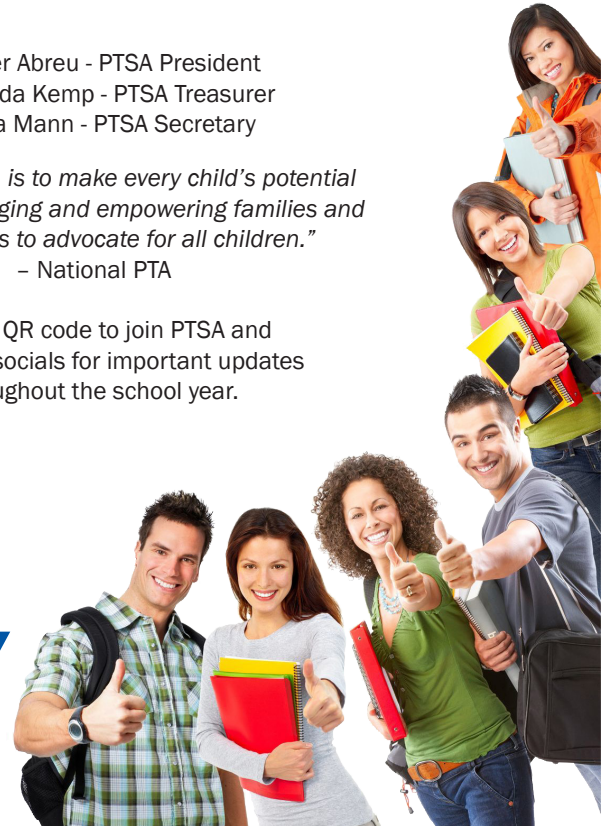
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*"PTSA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children."*

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## 2024 CAPACITY WATCH LIST

School Board Policy 5.01, Student Assignment, calls for preparation of an annual "Capacity Watch List". The Capacity Watch List identifies schools where enrollment is projected to reach or exceed 100 percent of capacity in the next five (5) years. The Capacity Watch List is available on our school's website by clicking the "District" menu and then the "Reports & Publications" link, or via the Student Enrollment & Demographics website at: [www.pbcschoolzones.info](http://www.pbcschoolzones.info) and then clicking "Enrollment Projections and Reports". **WHS** is projected to be at or above the 100% threshold within the next five years.



### PARENT ALERT

Please double check that your child has not blocked the school phone number from your home number. On a number of occasions where an emergency required us to make a quick parental contact, we were unable to provide this service to you.

## ESOL REGISTRATIONS

To register an ESOL student, please call the Grade Level Support Office at (561) 795-4915 starting August 5th to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

Para inscribir a un estudiante ESOL, favor de llamar a la Oficina de apoyo de nivel de grado al (561) 795-4915 a partir del 5 de agosto para hacer una cita. ¡Gracias!

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