

Wellington

Guide to Common Wellington Terms

Advisor – For students in grades 5-12, the teacher most focused on an individual student and primary point of communication with the child’s parents.

All Things Wellington – Our annual curriculum night which highlights innovative classroom projects and philosophies. Typically held on a weeknight in late January.

BPAC – Blanchard Performing Arts Center. Used for plays, performances, and large meetings.

Blue Key – Volunteers who support our Admissions Office, often acting as tour guides and resources to prospective parents. Includes US students and parents from all divisions.

Boosters – The athletic support group comprised of parent volunteers.

Borrer Gym – Double gymnasium located near the BPAC.

Bugle – Electronic newsletter sent to parents, faculty, and staff every other week regarding the latest school news and information.

College Counseling Group – US students who sponsor a yearlong guest speaker series and a sample campus visit trip.

Commons – Middle School, Upper School, Jag, Alumni, Performing Arts, Croft – Gathering spaces throughout campus. Please refer to school map for locations.

Community Sing – Gathering and sing-along on the last afternoon before winter break.

Dives – MS elective courses.

Duke – The Jaguar mascot, often seen at games and school events. Also the name of the school yearbook.

Doerschlag Den – Adjacent to the Thomas Family Dining Room.

Edwards – Conference room. Located next to the nurse’s office.

Founders Day – Annual celebration of the school’s founding. Typically held on a Friday evening in the fall.

Gard Gym – Located off the Jaguar Commons near the choir room.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day – The school’s longest-running annual tradition, designed to include vital members of our community who may not be able to visit as often as they would like. Typically held on a Friday morning in May.

ISACS – Independent Schools Association of the Central States. Wellington’s accrediting body.

IHR, ISR – Independent Humanities Research, Independent Science Research. Yearlong courses in which US students conduct research with a field expert, guided by Wellington faculty.

The Jag – Our school magazine, usually published twice per year.

Jag Friday – Typically the first Friday of every month. Students can dress down.

Jaguars – or “Jags” – Wellington’s athletic teams.

Lifers – Conference room. Located in the US office.

LS – Lower school, preschool-grade 4.

Lunch Bunch – LS opportunity for parents to sit at their child’s lunch table.

Morning Meetings – Student body meetings held daily in the US and twice weekly in the MS.

MS – Middle school, grades 5-8.

NAIS – National Association of Independent Schools. A professional organization for Wellington and its employees.

OAIS – Ohio Association of Independent Schools.

OHSAA – Ohio High School Athletic Association. Oversees sports competition among Ohio public and private secondary schools.

Parent Connectors – Volunteers who get parents together, by grade level, for fun and informational events. Run by the WPA.

ROHR – Rick O'Hara Room. Large room near reception used for big muscle play, meetings, and events.

Ruscilli – Conference room. Located across from the LS music room.

Senior Adoption/Induction – Fall ceremony in which the seniors are introduced as the leaders of the school. Each senior is adopted by a LS class.

The Sokol Store – The school store which sells Wellington gear and snacks. Staffed by WPA volunteers. Located near the rotunda.

Specials – LS subjects taught by specialists in art, enrichment, French, guidance, PE, library, music, science, strings, and technology.

Student Engagement – The intersection of finding work very challenging and loving that work. A metric Wellington measures and enhances through innovative programs.

Town Meetings – Gathering of LS students and teachers to highlight and celebrate their work in the community. Not intended for parents.

US – Upper school, grades 9-12.

VAPA – Visual and Performing Arts Advocates. The parent volunteer group that supports students involved in theatre, band, strings, and choir.

Veracross – An access-restricted website used for communication between teachers and students/parents.

Well Life Series – Events which provide opportunities to learn and discuss innovative research related to education and parenting.

Well Said – Our school blog featuring thought leadership posts from teachers and administrators.

Wellington After School Activities (WASA) – An after school program for students in early childhood through grade 4. From 3:30–6 p.m. Provides supervised, age-appropriate activities on an ongoing basis or as needed. Fee-based.

Wellington Annual Fund (WAF) – Charitable contributions raised annually to support faculty, programs, financial aid, and more. Participation, at any gift level, from every Wellington parent is encouraged and serves as a vote of confidence in the mission of the school.

Wellington Engagement Index (WEI) – A proprietary tool developed by Wellington that allows school administrators to analyze the engagement of students in each of their educational experiences.

Willing Learner Metric (WLM) – Feedback given to students about their overall approach to learning and the mindset they bring to class. Voracious, Active, Willing, Disengaged, or Distracting.

Winter Fridays – LS (beginning in 2nd grade) and MS program to develop independence, resilience, and skills in the lifetime sports of skiing or snowboarding.

WISE – Wellington International Student Experience is an US program that creates opportunities for students to engage in long-term global projects and travel to an international destination at no additional cost.

WPA – Wellington Parents Association. All parents and guardians of Wellington students are members of the WPA.

WRI – Wellington Research Institute. Dedicated lab for students to engage in authentic research on Wellington's campus.

WYBL – Wellington Youth Basketball League.