

Wellington

Students and Parents,

Welcome to Wellington! I am the 9th Grade Dean, Kara Trent, and I would like to help you build your schedule for freshman year. Here is the link to our course brochure for class offerings and descriptions: [Wellington Upper School Programs 22-23](#)

All our 9th grade students will begin their Upper School careers with the following courses:

Course descriptions can be found in the course brochure linked above.

World History (yearlong)

English 9 (yearlong)

Foundations of Physical and Biological Science 1 (yearlong)

Writing 9 (trimester), Studio Thinking (trimester), Physical Education (trimester)

Mathematics (yearlong)

World Language (yearlong)

Performing Art (yearlong or 3 trimesters)

Free Period (yearlong, required for every student)

LEAP Day Courses (Automatically enrolled)

Advisory

Freshmen Survey (9)

Upper School Advisory

Every student is placed in an advisory group and partnered with a faculty advisor. This individual works with the students and their families to aid in a wide range of areas such as academic advising, social-emotional growth, and becoming a part of the Wellington community. To facilitate advisory placements, please help us get to know you and share your thoughts about the characteristics you are looking for in an advisor via this

[Advisory Placement Survey](#).

Also, if you have not yet completed your upper school scheduling information, please complete the following information in this [Academic Scheduling Survey](#).

- 1) Please let us know your current Mathematics course taken in 8th grade and expected course to take in 9th grade. We will confirm these requests over summer with placement testing.
- 2) Please let us know your World Language selection. Students may choose to begin their language journey with Spanish or French Principles. If students have

previous experience, they may enroll in Spanish, French, or Latin Intermediate A. We will confirm these requests over the summer with placement testing.

- 3) All 9th grade students participate in a Performing Art. Students may choose a yearlong course in Band, Strings, or Choir, or students may select three trimesters (1 year) of Theatre Arts offerings. Please note that Band and Strings require previous experience. Reference the course brochure for the Theatre course titles and descriptions, as well as which trimester each course is offered. Please be aware that Theatre trimester courses are offered in a variety of periods and may not fit in their schedule depending on math and language placement. Other course choices and adjustment opportunities will be available.

If you have any questions during the scheduling process, please contact the Upper School Office or email trent@wellington.org.

Thank you and we can't wait for you to join our community!

Sincerely,

Kara Trent, 9th Grade Dean & Spanish Faculty

Sullivan, Academic Dean

Rishi Raghunathan, Head of Upper School