

The background of the top half of the page features two photographs of young girls. On the left, a girl with brown hair and glasses is looking down. On the right, a girl with dark hair is looking forward. The photos are set against a dark blue background with white triangular shapes.

**You
belong
here.**

The bottom half of the page has a dark blue background. On the right side, there is a close-up photograph of a blue object, which appears to be a book or a folder.

Wellington



We're so pleased your journey to find the right school for your child has brought you here.

I believe that a Wellington graduate will stop the next pandemic.
I believe that a Wellington graduate will win a Nobel Peace Prize.
I believe that a Wellington graduate will have art installed in the Smithsonian. We believe that students can do big things and our graduates will shape the world.

At Wellington, you will find an approach to learning and discovery that is unique in education. It frees teachers to adjust lessons based on individual student capabilities, and in turn empowers students to think independently, develop their curiosity, and explore their passions.

If you are looking for something different in education – a place where your child will be known, challenged, inspired, and supported. I encourage you to explore the possibilities at Wellington.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dara Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

DARA JACKSON
Director of Admissions

Our Point of View



- **Be Curious**
- **Be Yourself**
- **Be Ambitious**
- **Be Empathetic**
- **Be Responsible**



**WE HELP STUDENTS
FIND THEIR PASSIONS
AND REALIZE THEIR
POTENTIAL FOR
TOMORROW'S
WORLD.**

STUDENTS PURPOSE THEIR OR S

Why? Because we think education can and should be better. More agile, personal, active, and potent.

Now more than ever, our approach to learning and discovery is preparing students to be curious, ambitious, empathetic, responsible, and true to themselves in an ever-changing world.





OUR APPROACH

We empower students to see a future filled with possibilities.

1

We have a clarity of mission and an agility in method that's unique in education.

2

We're a catalyst in the lives of our students, opening their minds and hearts to the world and their essential roles within it.

3

We're attuned to emerging themes, technologies, and opportunities that give our programs and experiences urgency, focus, and purpose.

Our approach is designed to flex based on each student's expanding capabilities, giving them the personal attention required to master the skills that matter while taking deep-dives into areas of passion.

4

We inspire students to want to know more and ignite their passions to be more.

5

We embrace learners where they are - emotionally, intellectually, socially - and create individual paths that merge with those of other students. Our students are both independent thinkers and part of a meaningful whole.

6

We encourage ambitious thinking because Wellington Jaguars do big things. Today, next month, and throughout their lives.





OUR ENVIRONMENT

Designed for student success.

180,000

Square feet of academic space

143 715

Faculty & Staff

Students

The Wellington difference extends far beyond the traditional classroom. Our campus, and the community that stretches far beyond it, gives students both autonomy and connectedness.



Closer Look

Catch a glimpse of life as a Wellington Jaguar on Instagram [@thewellingtonschool.](https://www.instagram.com/thewellingtonschool/)



Small-by-design classes

that enable teachers to embrace students where they are - emotionally, intellectually, and socially - online and in the classroom.



Flexible technology

for all ages that creates opportunities to connect one-on-one, with a class, and with the world.



Extensive arts and performance facilities,

including our newly renovated 400-seat Blanchard Performing Arts Center.



Modern artificial athletic field,

two gymnasiums with four full-size basketball courts, outdoor tennis courts, and a newly outfitted sports training space.



Sunny dining facilities with fresh foods.





STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Explore. Extend. Experiment.

The Wellington Student Profile

Through interactions with faculty, peers, and others in our community, your child will learn to relate, respect, and take risks in the course of learning.

**Resilient,
aware,
reflective,
confident**

We believe in self-advocacy and ownership. We have grit and resilience.

Know

Self

A love of lifelong learning happens when students feel safe to try new things, ask for help, and find their paths. Wellington students thrive in a multicultural and inclusive environment that engages their curiosity, encourages critical thinking, and inspires a mindset that's always looking ahead.

ledge

**Curious,
intrepid,
independent**

We're active learners, solving problems and challenging easy assumptions.

Humanity

**Ethical,
creative,
collaborative,
empathetic**

We're good listeners, globally minded, and committed to service.





DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

You belong here.



Wellington values diversity and celebrates individual voices in a learning community that is committed to being inclusive, equitable, and socially just. This can be seen in every aspect of school life, from our students and faculty to our curriculum and classroom discussions. With 80+ countries of origin represented by Wellington families past and present, and 40% of the student body identifying as students of color, we strive for each member of our community to have a deep sense of belonging.

Affinity Groups

Designed to support Wellington families, affinity groups provide community members spaces to deepen understanding and create belonging. Wellington currently has three affinity groups:

- Parents Raising Black Students Affinity Group (MOSAIC)
- Muslim Moms Affinity Group
- Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Affinity Group

Inclusive Learning

We thoughtfully develop programming and partnerships that challenge and engage students on issues surrounding inclusion, equity, and diversity. Our intent is to help students identify and cultivate the habits and attitudes that lead to success and to implement classroom practices that will prepare students to make the world a more just and fair place for everyone.

Faculty & Staff Hiring

We believe every person plays a role in making Wellington a diverse, equitable, and inclusive place to learn, teach, and work. Wellington seeks to attract culturally and academically diverse faculty and staff who thrive on being engaged participants in our vibrant, innovative educational community.


Access & Affordability

We never stop working to make a Wellington education accessible. Need-based financial aid is open to many income levels for students in all grades and merit scholarships are available for high potential students entering grades 5 through 9. Additionally, we offer a variety of payment options.

Academics





A young girl with blonde hair in two pigtails is focused on a tablet device. She is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt. The background is a blurred classroom environment. The entire image has a warm, sepia-toned overlay.

LOWER SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL THROUGH 4TH GRADE

The perfect foundation
for learning in all areas.

**Our lower
school is an
encouraging
environment
where we
identify the
best teaching
method for
each child,
so learning is
joyful, trusting,
and engaging.**

ESSENTIALS:

Globally minded curriculum with a focus on what it means to be a part of a community.

French, science, art, music, physical education, and technology instruction for all students.

Extension classes in math and language arts for students ready to tackle a challenge.

Swimming, skiing, and overnight camp experiences encourage healthy risks and build resiliency.



Closer Look

Explore the lower school student experience at each grade level in our Lower School Program Book at wellington.org/academics.



A young person with long, wavy hair is shown from the chest up, playing a ukulele and singing into a microphone. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and a necklace. The background is a warm, brownish-orange color with some geometric patterns.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

A caring community as kids
transition from childhood to young
adulthood.

**Students solve
problems of
increasing
complexity as
well as stretch
and grow both
academically
and socially as
they develop
greater
confidence in
their abilities.**

ESSENTIALS:

Curriculum designed to foster incremental independence and individual growth.

Dives - college-like seminar classes allow for deep explorations into areas of personal passion.

Travel experiences at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

Clubs and affinity groups celebrate diversity in all its forms and offer opportunities to try something new.

**Closer Look**

Explore the middle school student experience at each grade level in our Middle School Program Book at wellington.org/academics.





UPPER SCHOOL

9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Preparation for the demands of
college and beyond.

**A broad
curriculum
combined with
opportunities
for
independent
research
empower
students to
dive deeply
into their
passions.**

ESSENTIALS:

150+ college-like courses and seminar classes challenge and embolden students.

Independent research in science and humanities, Wonderlab, and entrepreneurship curriculum opens the door to lifelong possibilities.



College Counseling Program focuses on the right fit for every student.

Wellington International Student Experience (WISE) travel abroad program broadens students' global perspective and is included in tuition.



Closer Look

Discover 150+ courses in our Upper School Program Book at wellington.org/academics.



Arts





ARTS

The sights and sounds of potential.



Creative thinking is an essential skill for success throughout life, so we seek the artistic potential in every student beginning with our youngest learners. From creative play, music, and visual arts to more advanced creative pursuits like playwriting and design starting as early as 4th grade, Wellington students enjoy opportunities at every turn.



Closer Look

For a look inside the upper school art studio, keep an eye on Instagram [@wellyusarts](https://www.instagram.com/wellyusarts).



Visual Arts

Our visual arts curriculum is created with the developmental stages of every age in mind and integrates aesthetics, art history, studio art, art criticism, visual culture studies, and technology.



Music

We introduce music fundamentals in lower school music classes, then narrow the focus on strings, band, and choir at the middle and upper school levels.



Theater

Housed in the Blanchard Performing Arts Center (BPAC), a modern, 400-seat theater, our theatre department involves students beginning in Little Jags and offers more specialized involvement, including playwriting and theatrical design, for our upper school. We frequently partner with local professional theatre groups such as Columbus Children's Theatre.

Athletics





ATHLETICS

An essential component of the Wellington experience.



Physical fitness benefits mental fitness. Students of all ages learn valuable lessons in perseverance, discipline, collaboration, and leadership through participation in our decorated athletics program.



Closer Look

Ready to get in the game? Learn more about the sports we offer at wellington.org/athletics.



UPPER SCHOOL

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Boys and girls soccer	Boys and girls basketball	Girls lacrosse
Boys and girls golf	Boys and girls swimming & diving	Boys baseball
Boys and girls cross country	Sideline cheer	Boys tennis
Girls tennis	Bowling	Girls softball
		Boys and girls track & field

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th–8th)

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Boys and girls soccer	Boys and girls basketball	Girls lacrosse
Boys and girls golf	Boys and girls swimming	Boys baseball
Boys and girls cross country		Boys tennis
Girls tennis		Girls softball
		Boys and girls track & field

LOWER SCHOOL

Throughout the school year, we offer a variety of camps and clinics, including the Wellington Youth Basketball League. These opportunities reflect a variety of sports that are provided in our Middle and Upper School athletic programs.





**Where we
started.**





WHERE WE STARTED

A big idea for even the smallest learners.

For years, there simply wasn't a local alternative to the conventional private school experience. So a group of local entrepreneurs created one themselves.



Years later, Wellington Jaguars are doing big things on our campus and out in the world, just as our founders dreamed back in 1982. From Vanderbilt to Denison, The Ohio State University to Clemson, Case Western Reserve to Northwestern, each year our graduates go in fascinating, inspiring directions. And we couldn't be more proud.



Closer Look

Meet the Class of 2022 at wellington.org/seniors2022.



Keep up with all the ways Wellington alumni are shaping the world on Facebook and Instagram [@WellingtonAlumniAssoc](https://www.instagram.com/WellingtonAlumniAssoc)



Graduates from the Class of 2022 will represent Wellington at 37 different colleges or universities across 14 states, Washington D.C., and France.

10% 21

of graduates from the Class of 2022 committed to participate in athletics at their college or university.

members of the Class of 2022
attended Wellington beginning in prekindergarten, kindergarten, or 1st grade.

Admissions





**TAKE
THE
LEAP.**

**IT ALL
STARTS
HERE.**

We welcome applications for admission from students entering preschool through grade 12.

How to Apply

Complete the online application for all grade levels, including international students, and learn more about the process at wellington.org/apply.

Admissions Timeline

After September 15

Accepting applications for all grade levels

October 2

Financial aid application process for the next school year

February 1

Financial aid application deadline for first-round decisions

February 15

Admissions process deadline for first-round decisions

March 1

First-round admission decisions

March 15

Second-round admission decisions

April through August

Rolling admissions where space is available



Closer Look

We have events planned throughout the year just for you! Learn more and register for one of our tours at wellington.org/visit-us.

Contact our admissions team at admissions@wellington.org or 614.324.1564 to ask a question or schedule a conversation. We're excited to get to know you!

The value of investing in your child's education is immeasurable.

Affordability

We never stop working to make a Wellington education accessible for your family.

We offer several ways to pay for tuition as well as need-based tuition assistance for many income levels. Assistance is available for students entering prekindergarten through grade 12. Merit scholarships are also available for high-potential students entering grades 5–9.

Need-Based Tuition Assistance

Families seeking financial aid must file an application with School and Student Services (SSS) by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). For detailed instructions on how to complete your PFS, access the Wellington Financial Aid Questionnaire, and upload your tax documents, visit <https://www.wellington.org/tuition-assistance>.

Merit-Based Scholarship

Duke Scholarship (grades 5–8)

Gene and Ken Ackerman Scholarship (grade 9)

Tuition

Annual tuition includes many things such as supplies, books, participation in arts and clubs and most sports participation fees. A small sampling of what's included with annual tuition:

Freshly prepared daily lunch

Lower and middle school supplies

iPads for grades 1–3

Chromebooks for grades 4–6

International travel through the Wellington International Student Experience program in grade 11.

Overnight camp in grades 4 and 6.

For full tuition and fees for each grade level, visit [wellington.org/tuition](https://www.wellington.org/tuition).

To learn more, visit [wellington.org/merit-scholarships](https://www.wellington.org/merit-scholarships).





YOUR NEXT STEP

Call or email our admissions team to schedule a visit and a conversation. We're excited to get to know you!





Wellington

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