



Upper School Information

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that in a few short months, your child will be a part of the upper school! We are excited about working with your student and look forward to beginning a strong relationship with them and with you. This email serves to cover a few important topics about the upcoming year. I'm sure you will have other questions; please don't hesitate to reach out and ask!

New Student Orientation

An orientation will be held for **students and parents** on **Monday, August 24th from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** in the Upper School Commons.

First Day of School

The first day of the 2020-2021 school year will be held on **Wednesday, August 26th**. On this day, students will participate in a variety of meetings (by advisory, by grade level, as a whole upper school) and will also spend some time in each class period. New students will also have a chance to choose and set up lockers on this day. Opening day details (Aug. 27th-28th) will follow from grade level deans.

School Supplies

There is no set list of items required for the upper school. We recommend that students purchase items which they feel best fits their learning styles (e.g. folders vs binders, etc.). There are items your child may want to keep on hand throughout the year, such as pencils, pens, paper, markers, tape, glue, highlighters, loose-leaf paper, staplers, paper clips, etc. Please know that the upper school does not keep supplies on hand for student projects; it will be important for students to provide their own materials. More specific information will be provided the first few days of school, if applicable.

Student Handbook

A copy of the student handbook will be available online through the Veracross portal. We recommend that all parents and students review the handbook prior to the first day of school. Updates are posted online each September.

Technology Requirements

Each student is required to have a laptop that the student can bring to school each day for use in the classroom. Wellington will provide basic support for connecting the computer to our network and accessing shared resources such as printers and file servers. At the New Student Orientation, Wellington will provide a free download of MS Office 365, which can be used as long as the student is enrolled at Wellington.

A laptop for use at Wellington must meet the following requirements:

- Support 802.11g or 802.11n wireless networking
- Have fully up-to-date antivirus software

Advisory Groups

We will also be placing all new students in advisory groups, and an email will go out mid-summer to let families know about advisory placement. In the upper school, each child stays with an advisor from grades 9-12.

Again, please don't hesitate to let us know if you have questions about this information or anything else about your child's upcoming upper school experience. The list of who to contact for upper school is shared at www.wellington.org/new-parent-resources. Thank you!