

Wellington High School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- May 4 Music concert
- May 13 Marching practice 1:30 p.m.
- May 13 Class Night 7:00 p.m.
- May 10–12 Sr. finals
- May 17–20 Finals
All finals schedules can be found at www.wellington.cc
- May 3–12 Summer School Enrollment

From the Desk of the Principal

Wow, where did this school year go???? It seems impossible that the 2009-2010 school year is coming to an end so soon. The seniors will finish with classes on May 12 and graduation will take place on Sunday, May 16, 2010. May 20 will be the last day of school for all students. The last day for the teachers will be May 21.

The one hundred and fifteen seniors that will graduate on May 16 are an outstanding class. The senior class of 2010 has provided great leadership throughout the school year. They have excelled in the classroom, in sporting events, state assessments, homecoming activities, prom, project prom, music, drama, debate, FFA, community service, and leadership. Congratulations to our 2010 seniors for an outstanding four years of high school.

As we look forward to next school year, the budget concerns are very much a part of our planning. It looks as though there will be cuts made in our school district's budget. Although we do not know for sure the number of teachers available for the 2010-2011 school year, the staff at the high school has spent a considerable amount of time putting together a schedule of classes for next year.

The school board has asked the high school to look at the cost effectiveness of a seven period class schedule instead of the block schedule. We have shared with the BOE that the schedule the high school put into place last year allowed us to accomplish the same goal as a seven period day. We are awaiting a final decision from the BOE at the May

meeting on this matter. The counselors will have to wait upon that decision in order to continue the scheduling of students and teachers for next year's classes.

Steve Sturgis has resigned his position here, at the high school. I would like to personally thank him for all he has done for the high school during the past three years he has been on our staff. He will be missed by the students, staff, parents, and the community. Thanks, Steve for making a difference at Wellington High School.

Life is full of challenges and we will deal with the issues that currently face us here at the high school and within the entire school district. Together we will meet the challenges and grow as a result of our working together to do what is best for our students. As we come to an end to another school year, I wish to thank the students, staff, parents, and community for another great year.

Important Dates

Marching Practice (mandatory): May 13 @ 1:30 p.m. WHS Gymnasium
Class Night: May 13 @7:00 p.m. WHS Gymnasium (seniors in auxiliary gym by 6:30 - wear caps/gowns)
Graduation: May 16 @ 2:00 p.m. (seniors at tennis courts by 1:30 p.m.)

There will be no final report cards mailed to anyone who has access to Infinite Campus.

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ACT Final Deadline

The regular registration deadline for the final ACT test being offered this school year at WHS is May 7th. Forms for the test which will be administered on June 12th at WHS can be picked up in the WHS Guidance Office or you can enroll on-line at www.act.org

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A Crusader Alert will be issued to notify that final grades are posted and available for viewing. For those who do not have this access, report cards will be mailed approximately 1 week after the close of school.

SENIOR FEES ARE NOW PAST DUE: All senior fees paid after May 1 must be remitted in cash or money order. If you do not have these fees paid in full by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13th, the diploma will be withheld until after graduation and fees are paid in full.

Crusader Alerts

Some folks who used to have ALLTEL as a cell phone provider and now have VERIZON are having difficulty receiving CRUSADER ALERTS. If you still have an ALLTEL phone you probably have not had difficulty as of yet. When you switch to a VERIZON phone however, you will need to update your CRUSADER

ALERT account to show VERIZON as your provider. If you don't, the ALERTS may not come through to your VERIZON phone. If you need help doing this, please email Steve Sturgis @ ssturgis@usd353.com and he can go in and update your CRUSADER ALERT account accordingly.

WHS Summer School Enrollment

Fresh Start Diploma Center @ 115 S. Washington in downtown Wellington, is in charge of summer school for WHS and they'll be offering only one session of summer school this year.

The dates are May 31 to June 17 - there will be an (a.m.) and a (p.m.) session each day: 8:00-11:30am and 12:00-3:30pm - Monday thru Thursday.
SEATS ARE LIMITED!!

Enrollment dates and times are as follows:

Monday, May 3rd - 4pm to 7pm
Wednesday, May 5th - 4pm to 7pm
Monday, May 10th - 4pm to 7pm
Wednesday, May 12th - 4pm to 7pm

The final day for enrollment is May 12th. First Come First Serve!
For more info you can contact Pam Ireland @ 399-8100. You **must have courses approved** by Mrs. Fuchs or Mr. Gifford @ WHS before enrollment. No Algebra II or Geometry Classes are being offered due to time constraints.

"Our mission is to empower all students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens."

WHS Mission Statement

U-Turns In Front of WHS

There have been accidents in front of the high school and literally dozens of "near misses" due to cars performing U-TURNS or pulling into a parking slot and then backing back out to exit. The latter is "probably" legal but still very dangerous. It takes only a few additional seconds to use the "turn-around" just east of the school and we encourage all patrons to do so, for their safety and the safety of our students. The police do monitor this situation from time to time and have issued

tickets for ILLEGAL U-TURNS. We are told the cost of these citations can be as much as \$180.00 in fines and court costs. Please do not make U-TURNS in front of the high school when dropping off or picking up students. It is dangerous and it can be VERY EXPENSIVE. NO U-TURN signs ARE POSTED in front of the school. We want you and our students to be safe and we want you to hang onto your money!! Thank you for your cooperation!

Health Notes



Letters will be mailed home soon for students needing boosters to meet the State of Kansas Immunizations requirements for WHS Students for the 2010-2011 School Year!

Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis requirement-

For any WHS Student who's last Tdap, Tdap or DT vaccination was on or before May 21, 2001 will be required to receive a Tdap booster shot prior to the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

Complete Required Immunizations by Grade (In addition to the Tetanus requirement listed above)

Grades 8-10	
Vaccine	Required doses
Tdap	3 doses (& booster if needed as outlined above)
Polio (IOV or OPV)	4 doses (If only 3 - consult School Nurse)
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 doses
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grades 11-12	
Vaccine	Required Doses
Tdap	3 doses (& booster if needed as outlined above)
Polio (IOV or OPV)	4 doses (If only 3 - consult School Nurse)
MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 doses

- Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine is not required if the student has had the chickenpox disease and the disease was documented. If no documentation has provided to the school a vaccination or physician
- Verification of the student having the disease will be required.

Thank You from Project Prom

Project Prom sends a HUGE thank you to everyone involved with this year's very successful event! The after prom party had 186 in attendance with only 13 students leaving early.

Without the cooperation of the High School administration and staff, it would be difficult to host an event of this nature. We appreciate the opportunity to use the facilities and your extra effort to see that it goes well.

The overwhelming response we received from parents and the community was incredible. When donations were down...you stepped up and we thank you.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the evenings activities. And a special thank you to the various committees and the chairs, which consist of many individuals with tremendous talent that work together year round as a team with one goal in mind. Project Prom continues to grow and only gets better with each passing year.

And finally to the junior and senior classes of WHS - it warmed our hearts to watch you truly have fun in a drug and alcohol free environment. You've made us very proud and we have faith that you will continue to make good choices.



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