



# Upper School INFORMATION

2024-2025

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 form 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! The list of who to contact for upper school is shared at [www.wellington.org/new-parent-resources](http://www.wellington.org/new-parent-resources).

## Upper School New Family Orientation

An orientation will be held for ***all new students and parents*** on **Monday, August 12, from 12-2 p.m.** Start the year with a welcome to the upper school from the Head of Upper School Rishi Raghunathan and more! Parents and students will have training on Veracross, an opportunity to add/drop classes, and a chance to meet upper school administration and other new families.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

An orientation will be held for all of grade 9 on **Monday, August 19, from 12-2 p.m.** Students will participate in activities with a focus on getting to know one another. Technology troubleshooting will be addressed (bring your device), and you will meet the 9<sup>th</sup> grade faculty team and learn more about the upper school and the start to the year.

## Welcome to Wellington

New upper school families are encouraged to join us on **Sunday, August 18, at 2 p.m.** for Welcome to Wellington. You will attend a brief introduction with Head of School Eliza McLaren and division heads before heading to a mini social with Head of Upper School Rishi Raghunathan, upper school faculty and current upper school families. Meet your student's advisor and grab a cool treat. We hope you will join us for this exciting start to the school year!

## First Day of School

The first day of the 2024-2025 school year will be held on **Wednesday, August 21**. 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. (Lockers measure approximately: 15" x 59 ½" (bottom) and 15" x 9 ¾ (top).) Opening day details (Aug. 22-23) 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 upper school student handbook is available online through the Veracross portal. We recommend that all parents and students review the handbook prior to the first day of school.

## 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 while 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
- Must run Windows or MacOS operating system
- **All students are required to have MS Office**

## Advisory Groups

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

