

WELLESLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Transfer Students and Families,

Welcome to Wellesley High School! Each year, we usually have around thirty to forty new students from other towns, states, and countries who transfer to our school. Prior to the first day of school, newcomers have two opportunities to visit and begin familiarizing themselves with WHS. You are invited to attend **New Family Orientation** and **Transfer Student Orientation**.

New Family Orientation is held on the day before school starts (September 1st) and both students and parents/guardians are welcome to attend. On this day, we will introduce you to administrators and your school counselor, as well as provide tours of the building for families as well as tech assistance.

Transfer Student Orientation is offered to students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades (the entire 9th grade class has their own separate orientation). Both orientations take place in the morning on the first day of school (September 2nd) before the rest of the student body arrives. During this time, we will introduce you to your New Student Ambassador and to other new students. We will also help you understand your schedule, setup technology, and answer any questions you may have about classes or WHS! Following this orientation, you will attend shortened classes along with the rest of the school.

New Family Orientation 9th-12th: Tuesday, September 1st from 9:00-10:00 am
(for parents/guardians and students)

Transfer Student 10th -12th Orientation: Wednesday, September 2nd at 8:45 am (for students only)

9th Grade Student Orientation: Wednesday, September 2nd at 8:30am (for students only)

In addition to these opening day events, we offer to place all transfer students in a **Transfer Group**. These groups meet regularly during the first quarter of school. The purpose of these groups is to help familiarize students with Wellesley High School in a smaller setting that allows them to build relationships and ask questions. Groups are made up of new students and are run by a faculty member as well as 1-2 peer leaders who have volunteered to help. We hope your schedule allows you to join one of these groups and we look forward to meeting you in September!

Sincerely,

Ms. Walendin, Ms. Wheeler, Ms. Matz, Ms. Anderson, & the New Student Ambassadors

Wellesley High School cultivates positive learning experiences and fosters responsibility and integrity so that, upon leaving, our students will continue to contribute to their worlds.