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Dear Parents,

I don't know about you, but I love "stuff." I love big stuff, little stuff, and especially fishing stuff. I love to keep my old stuff (just in case!), and get new stuff (It's so much better and cheaper now!). You should see my garage. From now through Christmas, my love-of-stuff will be manipulated by ads on TV, radio, the internet, store fronts, and just about anywhere else sellers think they can get my attention. Beyond just appealing to existing stuff-lovers like me, the retail Christmas season is geared to making stuff-lovers out of all of us, including your children, our students.

Giving gifts is a wonderfully appropriate expression of our joy at the great gift we all received in Christ Jesus. But we need to work together to make sure our kids know that we give gifts because of the joy of Christ and His birth. Otherwise, they may grow up thinking that the joy of Christmas is because of the stuff rather than the Savior. We may not be able to keep our children from being stuff-lovers, but we can join together to help them above all become Christ-lovers.



In His Service,

*[Signature]*

Dr. Sansbury

**Secondary Safety Reminders**

I write this not only from my own observations, but on behalf of you as parents who are concerned that we keep our campus safe. We all at times are busy or running late, but when we are driving on a campus with over 550 students plus employees, it is good to be reminded to slow down and take care in certain areas. The layout and multi-purpose use of our campus is very complex when it comes to safety so I need your help. This is meant as a brief reminder and clarification regarding our campus traffic and pedestrian safety. I would like you to read and pay close attention to the following items.

Speed limits—most driveway and parking areas on campus are also high student pedestrian crossing areas. For this reason, please maintain a 5 m.p.h. speed limit while on campus. There are many times when students are crossing or going to parked cars with parents. Remaining at this low speed will help all avoid possible accidents.

Please observe drop-off and pick-up areas and times. All secondary students are to be dropped off and picked up in the secondary loop by the Schaefer (E) building as stated in the 2010 WCS Student/Parent Handbook. Follow the entrance road to the right and loop around on the side of the building. This allows students to exit or enter your vehicle through the right passenger door without crossing traffic.

Students are not to be dropped off or picked up in the very busy parking lot area in front of the secondary office, along the back picnic tables, or the back playground. Traffic is extremely heavy in these areas and parking lots between 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. and again between 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. We have established the car drop-off and pick-up areas as a safe way for students to enter and exit your vehicle.

Also, please do not park in a parking lot and then expect your child to walk across traffic during drop-off and pick-up times. This is putting your child and others in danger and encourages the student to cross in front of moving vehicles without a crosswalk or crossing guard present.

Please use the crosswalks during the heavy traffic arrival and dismissal times when going between the secondary and elementary buildings on campus.

If you have any questions about any of these safety guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can work together to maintain a safe environment for our students and all others on our campus each day.

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin Krieger  
Secondary Principal



**Wellington Presbyterian Church**  
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Pastor: Eric Molicki

Please join us for one of our **Christmas Eve Services Friday, 12/24 6 pm and 8 pm**

Childcare for children through age 3 at 6 pm service

**Sunday Schedule:**  
-Sunday School (all ages) 8:45 am

-Worship 10:00 am  
Childcare available all morning

-High School Campus Nite 7:00 pm

**Wednesday Schedule:**  
Children's Choir, Grades 1-5 6:15-6:50 pm

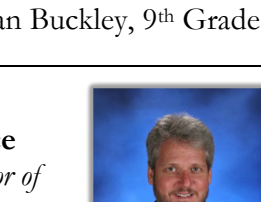
Middle School Campus Nite 6:45-8:15 pm

-Pioneer Clubs, Grades K-5 7:00-8:15 pm

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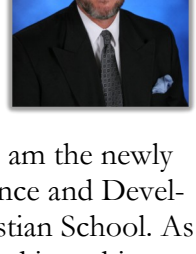
**2nd Quarter Honor Roll (correction)**

Congratulations! Brian Buckley, 9th Grade



**News from the Development Office**  
Donald Stimely, Director of Finance and Development

Many of you know me from my role as the Chief Financial Officer at WCS. I am the newly appointed Director of Finance and Development at Wellington Christian School. As of November, I have stepped into this new role in an effort to establish a sustainable fundraising and development program.



I would like to take this opportunity to give the WCS community an update on "The Next Thirty Years..." Annual Fund campaign. As of November 30, we have received commitments for \$32,995 and have collected \$13,853. Thank you to all who have stepped up and participated in this way. If you haven't had an opportunity or haven't heard about our annual campaign, please contact Don Stimely at dstimely@wellingtonchristian.org and the information will be sent to you.

**Used Uniforms Needs Your Help!**

Please check your closets, your hampers and the back seat of your vehicles! If you have used uniforms that your children have out-grown and they are in good, clean condition, please bring them to the main office reception desk. Long sleeved shirts and jackets/sweatshirts are especially needed.

Thank you for blessing other families! Have a very Merry Christmas! Questions? Contact Janet Ratty, jratty@wellingtonchristian.org or 793-1017, ext. 2617

**Chili Cook Off**

An evening of fun, food and fellowship  
Friday, January 14 - 6:30 p.m.  
FWC • Prizes for Best Chili & Hot Hot Hot!  
Contact Wanda Hart for more info: (561) 793-0514

**South Florida Fair Tickets Benefit Senior Class**  
Julie Peirce, senior class sponsor

Are you planning on going to the South Florida Fair in January? Why not help the WCS Senior Class raise funds for their Senior Trip, at the same time! As part of the Partners in Education Program brochures for online advanced discount admission and ride tickets will be available soon. Ten percent of all online sales generated by WCS families and friends will go to this year's Senior Class.

The students of Wellington Christian started the shopping season off right with Jingle Bell Junction. We had over 350 shoppers stop by the Junction this year. Nanette Klee and Tammie Sprague read a special Christmas story in front of the fireplace for our pre-school and kindergarten shoppers. This year we collected an extra-special, voluntary Christmas gifts that were generously donated by our students and parents for families in our community that are in need this Christmas season. We collected \$260 that will be used to purchase gift cards for those in need. What a blessing!

Thank you to four special women on my committee that made this year's Jingle Bell Junction so much fun, beautiful and successful. They are Pam Stratton, Lauren Cooner, Nanette Klee and Patricia Anthony. In addition to these women, we had about 40 additional volunteers that helped with decorating, assisting the shoppers, wrapping, and cleaning it all up.

Thank you to all that participated and volunteered with Jingle Bell Junction this year.

**Jingle Bell Junction 2010**  
Christy Thomas, PTF Officer

**Spring Open House**  
Thursday, February 3, 2010 • 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Family Worship Center

Invite friends and neighbors to experience Wellington Christian School

**Carnivale**  
ANNUAL AUCTION & GALA

Save The Date  
February 26, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.  
International Polo Club  
Invitation To Follow

Inquiries & Donations  
Auction@wellingtonchristian.org

**Volunteer Corner**  
Janet Ratty, Volunteer Coordinator

Our Volunteer of the Month is Cassidy Sullivan. Cassidy has a regular library shift at WCS but goes above and beyond that to substitute for others when needed. She has a very positive attitude and shares her happiness with our students. Thank you, Cassidy, for being so flexible and giving back on a regular basis.

Many thanks to Christy Thomas for being our Room Parent Coordinator this past year and a half. Christy has been a wonderful asset to WCS, sharing her organizational and leadership skills. We wish her and her family many blessings as they move back to Georgia.

Welcome to Nathalie Drahos who will be stepping in to Christy's position. We are excited to have an officer with a teaching background as well as volunteer experience. Please welcome her as she jumps in to her new role as Room Parent Coordinator.

**Homecoming Week - January 24 - 28**  
More information to follow

**High School Parade Floats & Parent Contacts:**  
9th Grade: Peanuts/Charlie Brown, The Ballards, 795-7470  
10th Grade: Top Cat, The Biernats, 281-0631  
11th Grade: The Flintstones, The Britts, 248-6796  
12th Grade: Scooby-Doo, Mrs. Alonzo, 795-9358

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**KinderCoffee**  
Dr. Dawn R. Butler, Elementary Principal

All parents of PK4 students are invited to a KinderCoffee breakfast with our principal, Dr. Dawn Butler, and Early Childhood Director, Patty McCaulley. Parents of students entering kindergarten next year are invited to join us at 8:15 a.m. on either January 7 or January 14 in room D-1. They will have an opportunity to observe a kindergarten class, enjoy breakfast with the headmaster, have a question and answer time with one of our kindergarten teachers, talk to the director of early childhood and admissions, and see a PowerPoint presentation on the expectations and success of kindergarten students in our program.

The kindergarten program at WCS is ahead of national averages in reading, math and listening skills. Students continuing in kindergarten from PK4 have an excellent opportunity to excel to their fullest God-given potential academically and spiritually. Parents are encouraged to join us for this informative time.

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**SGA (Student Government Association) News**  
Bill Mitchell, SGA Advisor

SGA would like to say a big thank you to all who participated in the toiletries drive for the Lord's Place. While the faculty held their own in donations, the Senior class with some last minute donations, pulled ahead to seal the win. Again, thank you from SGA, The Lord's Place and Ms. Monica Escobar.

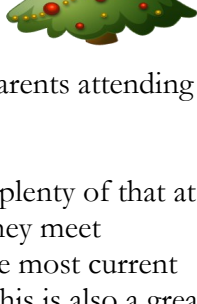
A tradition has been established and for the 6th year in row SGA members left WCS on Thanksgiving Day morning, to partner with Grace Works Ministry, in a meal delivery program. Together they delivered 1000 meals to needy children and families, meals that were prepared by "The Big Heart Brigade" and Christ Fellowship Church. Megan Kadel was on the opposite end of this service project as well because she assisted on Wednesday evening preparing the meals for delivery. Megan shared how she had managed some of the meals on the container to see if she would be delivering them as well.

For future events, SGA will be aiding the Grace Works Christmas parade on December 18, a middle school movie nite in the new year and heavily involved with homecoming activities.

Have Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year  
Mr. Mitchell and the SGA members

**PTF Christmas Social**

On December 9, we had a full room for the annual PTF Christmas Social, getting us all into the Christmas spirit. This event included our regular PTF member meeting, but was light on the meeting and heavy on the fun. We are thrilled to have more parents attending this meeting/social each year.



While this meeting is more about socializing, there is plenty of that at our regular meetings too. Those who attend tell us they meet someone new at each meeting and they love to get the most current information about events and activities on campus. This is also a great opportunity to meet parents with kids in other grades, and get "informal" time with our staff/administration. Will you join us for our next meeting? Mark your calendar, *Thursday, February 10, 8:15 a.m.*

**Join the PTF**  
No matter what may be happening in our lives, it is difficult to not be touched by the magic that comes with the Christmas season. It has been a busy 18 weeks, and rather than slowing down to relax and take in the magic, many of us are attempting to fit in more than ever.

WCS and the PTF continue to be blessed by the many parents, teachers, staff, and even students who give of their time and talents for the benefit our school. From Jingle Bell Junction, to the WCS float in the Wellington Holiday Parade, to the PTF Christmas Social, the acts of giving for the benefit of supporting our students, teachers, and families is always such a blessing to witness.

This year has brought many new active volunteers to the PTF. We are grateful for each and every member, and grateful for the new friendships we have made along the way. If you haven't had the opportunity to get involved, we hope you will prayerfully consider this in the New Year. This is our children's school, and there is no better way to feel that connection, than to find an event, activity, or special project where your talents can be put to work.

It is now time to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for, a time to remember those who have touched our lives, and a time to slow down and enjoy the company of our families and friends.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our families, teachers, and administration. We wish you all a joyous Christmas season, and a peaceful and healthy New Year!

Let us introduce you to the fellowship, fun, and opportunities to serve our students, teachers, staff and community.

Humbly In His Service,  
WCS PTF Board

**WCS PTF Wants You!**  
Contact a Board Sponsor about one of these upcoming activities  
Janet Ratty, HS Homecoming (Administrative Lead-PTF Support) jratty@wellingtonchristian.org  
Julie Peirce, HS Homecoming (PTF Support/Grade level participation) juliepeirce@att.net  
Cathy Connolly, Father Daughter Dance cathyconnolly@comcast.net  
http://www.wellingtonchristian.com/parent-teacher-fellowship/

**The 100th Day of School Is Almost Here!**  
Dr. Dawn R. Butler, Elementary Principal

The 100th day of school will be January 28. It is almost here! This year, it is also an opportunity for students to give back to their community. I am challenging all classes to bring in 100 or more nonperishable food items to share with needy children in our area. The class that meets this challenge will be given a popsicle party with the principal!

Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:35 that when we do for others (the least of these), we do for Him. When we give food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, care for the sick, give clothes to people, we minister directly for Him.

Watch the classroom newsletters for details on dress code for the 100th Day, as well as to give toward the goal of 100 food items in their own classroom as part of our school-wide celebration.

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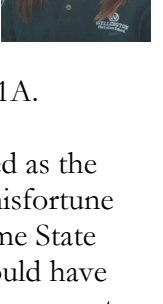
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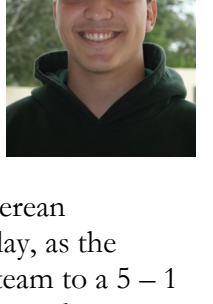
**Athletics**  
Matthew Winters, Athletic Director

**Athletes of the Month**  
Alexa Elkins and Cali Gumpel both accomplished what few have – and more. Both Alexa and Cali advanced beyond district and regional playoffs and into the State Finals in Dade City. Cali recorded the second best time of all Palm Beach County female runners. She finished fifteenth in overall state rankings in Class 1A.



Ninth grade student-athlete, Alexa, finished as the third best diver in the state. She had the misfortune of being in the same district as the four-time State Champion. Otherwise, her trophy case would have included more hardware. That competition was not a bother but a motivator to perform well in Orlando. The freshman bid adieu to the State Champion. As she wished the senior good-bye, she vowed to find the gold medal next year.

Captain Pedro Assakura has been described the ideal player and representative of the Wellington Christian School varsity boys' soccer team. "He is a team player, hard worker, and great leader," Assistant Coach Shane Redfield added.



Pedro scored key goals in wins over Berean Christian and Donna Klein. Pedro's play, as the starting center-midfielder, helped the team to a 5 – 1 record in November. The senior has earned respect from players and coaches through his persistent example.

**Upcoming Events**  
December 30-31, 2010-11 - Holiday Basketball Bash in the Eagles Nest  
January 4 - Varsity Boys Basketball at the American Airlines Arena  
January 28 – Homecoming Night

**Upcoming Sports**  
- Elementary Volleyball, Varsity Softball and Baseball to begin in January  
- Varsity Tennis starts in February  
- Spring Soccer Begins in March

**Coaching Positions Available**  
Currently, a search is underway for coaches of varsity girls' tennis and middle school flag football.

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