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Basketball Tournament: Written by: Fabiola Santos (12th) & Olga Cancel (12th)

School spirit filled the gym during this year's pep rally and basketball tournament, bringing together students, teachers, and families in celebration of dedication and unity. The pep rally recognized all our basketball players, honoring their commitment and hard work throughout the season. In contrast, the exciting teachers vs. players game energized the crowd and strengthened the sense of community. One of the most meaningful moments was led by the National Honor Society in collaboration with CAP, where four courageous students shaved their heads in honor of children battling cancer after the school successfully reached its fundraising goal, demonstrating compassion and solidarity beyond athletics. The celebration continued during the four-day tournament from February 4-7, where every team gave their all on the court, showing determination, teamwork, and pride. The JV girls, mini girls, and mini boys teams each earned the title of Sub-Champions, reflecting their perseverance and growth throughout the season. With packed stands and unwavering support, the week stood as a powerful reminder of the unity, resilience, and pride that define our school community. Eagles fly high!

Spiritual Emphasis Week:

Written by: Jorge Rotger (11th)

Spiritual Emphasis Week is an opportunity for every student to deepen their relationship with the Lord. Our week started strong with two guests on Monday and Tuesday, with one of them being an ex-alumnus of our school. They preached about the importance of faith and wisdom, using real-world examples and personal life experiences to touch the hearts of each student in attendance. Sadly, though, our week was cut short due to an Influenza outbreak, but that didn't stop us from continuing to honor and worship Christ. On Friday, we held a virtual chapel and held the same reverence to it that we show for the in-person preachings, showing that we will forever hold love and faith in God.



Drawn by: Gustavo Melendez (10th)

Eagles of the month: Written by: Carlos Berroa (10th)

It has always been tradition for Wesleyan Academy to recognize the efforts of its students. For many years, one of the ways they have done so is by giving exceptional students what is known as the Eagle of the Month award. In order to qualify for this recognition, a student must fulfill certain requirements, such as having no unexcused absences, showing academic improvement, having no referrals, and meeting other related criteria. At the end of the process, the winners are announced in a special activity held in the fellowship hall following the chapel period. This year, the recipients were Sebastián Cabán Padilla, Isabel Torres Cruz, Farah Martínez Soto, Joaquin Hernández Maldonado, Diego Rodríguez Martínez, and Rashel Avilés Pedro.

Elementary Spiritual Emphasis Week:

Written by: Ariana Galliano (10th)

During the week of February 23-27, the elementary school had the opportunity to celebrate its Spiritual Emphasis Week. During this special time, students gathered to learn more about God and engage in meaningful discussions about His Word. Throughout the week, they explored different topics that strengthened their faith and encouraged spiritual growth in a positive and uplifting environment.



ACSI Prayer Day:

Written by: Adriam Rohena (11th)

On February 24, the school celebrated the ACSI Prayer Day, a day in which students of the worship team help to spread the word of the Lord by praying for parents, alumni, etc. This marked the day with a meaningful display of faith and community outreach. During the morning, these students arranged student-led prayers to fortify the community as a Christian school and reaffirm our vigor and commitment to spiritual growth. We want to encourage those who weren't able to be prayed for to participate next time, as prayer is a central part of our Christian school life.



Meet The Author: Written by: Amaya Hernández (10th)

On February 6, A very special event and a brand new initiative being brought to the campus was held at the Wesleyan Academy Library. Elementary students had the great opportunity to meet puertorican author Marina Cristina Marrero Gonzalez, best known for her novel *La 8va Marravilla* an inspirational story to strengthen the self esteem and emotional stability for boys and girls, The story follows through as Maria decides to look out for the seven Miracles and while following through her route she travels and discovers the seven miracles but in the most unexpected place she finds the eight miracle, the most beautiful and spectacular of them all. This event demonstrated the beautiful ways that children of all ages can discover the ways of improving their mental health by presenting a story that describes all the miracles that one can find through their hardest times.



Valentine's Day:

Written by: Nicamar Piñeiro (10th)

This month at Wesleyan Academy, Valentine's Day brought more to our school than just the decorations and candies. It allowed us to be thankful for our friends, family, and everyone we love and cherish. We can see many ways in which love shows up in everyday life, for example: in friends when they help each other out with homework, when your family cheers you up when you haven't had the best day, or just when you say something kind to someone that can make their day at least a little better and happier. As 1 Corinthians 13 tells us, love is patient and kind, and it isn't about what we get, but what we give. But of course, some chocolates, gifts, and surprises wouldn't hurt either, so I hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day and got to share a little love with the people who matter most!

Featured Senior: Written by: Amanda Torres (10th)

For February, our featured senior is Olga Cancel. She has been at Wesleyan for over 14 years. She was recently selected as Student of the Year and feels proud and extremely grateful for this award. Olga is also the president of the NHS and has contributed to the school community in many meaningful ways. She led the CAP fundraising, which has successfully raised more than \$1,000 to date for pediatric cancer patients. Last year, she was heavily involved in the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser and helped raise \$4,000. She is an active member of her class, serving as secretary and tutoring a sixth grader named Gabriela, whom she has seen grow academically and personally.

Olga has consistently been an active member of the school community, making a positive impact. After high school, she plans to pursue a degree in architecture and work in the design industry. Her biggest inspiration is her mom, who has taught her the importance of perseverance and self-determination. Watching her mom face obstacles with determination has shown her the value of confidence and resilience. Her advice to the Wesleyan community is to give yourself and others grace. We all make mistakes, but what matters most is learning from them and growing. The only thing worse than making a mistake is never taking the chance at all.

Presidents Day:

Written by: Ambar Roche (11th)

On the third Monday of every February, Americans observe Presidents' Day. The holiday honors the presidents of the United States, especially George Washington, the nation's first president. Originally, it celebrated Washington's birthday on February 22, but it was moved to the third Monday of February to create a long weekend. Today, the holiday recognizes the leadership and contributions of U.S. presidents throughout history. It is celebrated across the country, but it is especially special in Washington, D.C., where the nation's history and leadership are strongly reflected and honored.



Black History Month And National Cancer Awareness :

Written by: Amanda Robles (10th)

February is known as the month of many things—most commonly as the month when we celebrate Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day—but there are many wonderful causes and events recognized during this time.

First, February is Black History Month, when we recognize and honor powerful voices in Black history that have shaped the world. Not only does Black History Month give these individuals time to shine, but it also raises awareness about how Black people have been mistreated and discriminated against, and how this harmful behavior has impacted their lives. It helps educate others about important history and stories that inspire change and understanding.

In February, awareness is also raised about cancer, with a strong focus on prevention. This includes reducing the risk of cancer through education, promoting healthy lifestyle choices, and encouraging early detection. By spreading knowledge and supporting research, communities can come together to help those affected and work toward a future with better treatments and, hopefully, cures. Overall, February is not only a month of celebration but also a time for reflection, education, and meaningful action.



Student Voices:

Written by: Camila Rivera (11th)

This edition's Star Student is Alanis Laboy, a volleyball player on our varsity team who has given her time and dedication to the school in just the short three years she has been here—not only as an athlete, but also as a class director member, NHS member, and student.

When talking about how Wesleyan has affected her, she says, "While studying at Wesleyan Academy, I have learned to be more structured and organized, learning how to manage my time with sports, people, and school. My Spanish has gotten better, and the teachers have helped me improve my appreciation for learning."

Specifically regarding her time in sports, she thanks her coaches for pushing her to improve, especially Sergio, for giving her the opportunities that have helped her grow not only in her skills but also in her confidence. However, her love for volleyball does not end there, as she plans to use it to earn a scholarship and study Pre-Veterinary Medicine, helping rehabilitate animals in need.

Finally, her advice for any WA Eagle is, "Remember to put your priorities first and organize yourself properly. There will always be time to spend with your friends, but don't forget to rest and take time for yourself."