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Yearbook delivery

Written by: Ambar Roche (11th)

On October 2nd, the Yearbook elective had the opportunity to deliver last year's school yearbook (2024–2025) to the school community. Through a new initiative proposed by the yearbook mentor, Mrs. Estrada, students participated in a creative distribution activity that followed a pick-up-style system. The yearbook, titled "The Last Dance," was warmly received by the school community, and the elective received excellent feedback on the project.

NHS and NJHS induction ceremony

Written by: Camila Rivera (11th)

On October 9th, both the NHS and NJHS held their yearly induction ceremony to welcome and show off their new members. From the NHS, Gabriella Marrero, Mia Cruz, Mara Matos, and Myla Duggan. While from the NJHS, Annabella Vélez, Fernanda Jarpa, Brian Vázquez, and Rocío Gierbolini. These students were chosen due to their qualities of leadership, scholarship, service, character, and citizenship (pillars). They have all worked incredibly hard to be where they are, being examples of honor students who hold these core values deeply. The ceremony started with a showcase of current members on both sides, with the newer faces after them. Speeches were given out about the core values stated before as a reminder of what the NHS/NJHS stand for, as well as their goals. It was a memorable time for all present.



Eagle of The Month

Written by: Jorge Rotger (11th)



Our school prides itself on the wonderful alumni who attend it; all of us have given our all in every aspect of our academic lives. However, some students go above and beyond to demonstrate their willingness to take the extra step and prove themselves to be truly exceptional individuals. In acknowledgment, our school awards these students by naming them Eagle of the Month.

The possible qualifications for being awarded the Eagle include:

- Having a perfect attendance and uniform record
- Maintaining a good attitude and conduct in class
- Showing significant growth in academic performance

Therefore, at The Wesleyan Wire, we want to congratulate the following students for meeting and exceeding all these standards: Amaia Del Toro, Mia García, Gustavo Vélez, Nicamar Piñeiro, Denik Bousquet, and Chloé Nieves.



Drawn by: Gustavo Melendez (10th)

Banned Books Week

Written by: Adriam Rohena (11th)

Banned Books Week is an annual event that celebrates the freedom to read and highlights the importance of access to books. This year, it was celebrated from October 6 to October 10. The event helps more people learn about books that schools, libraries, and governments have tried to block or remove because they disliked their subjects, ideas, or the language used. Throughout the week, readers, teachers, and librarians come together to defend the freedom to read without limits, while also openly discussing censorship. This year, the school created an infographic that teaches us about religious works that have been banned and explains why books like these are often challenged. The infographic presents four main reasons why books are censored:

- Sensitive themes
- Cultural or religious differences
- Language or content
- Encouraging critical thinking

For example, Fahrenheit 451 relates most closely to encouraging critical thinking. Throughout the story, we see how the government tries to control its people by discouraging them from reading and thinking critically.

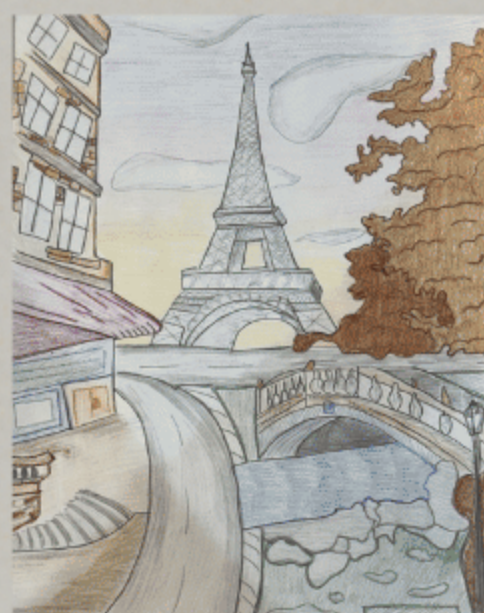




9th Grade Retreat

Written by: Olga Cancel (12th)

On September 30, the 9th-grade class left school for an overnight spiritual retreat at Senda Casona, located in Toa Alta, Puerto Rico. The theme was Walk the Talk, based on Colossians 3:23, which says, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Multiple guest speakers were brought in not only to offer a different perspective. Students had the opportunity to connect with God and strengthen their relationship with Him while having fun at the pool, at the campfire, and with each other. Unfortunately for the 9th graders, the retreat came to an end on October 1st. We hope they were able to make lasting memories with their peers.



Student Voices

Written by: Amanda Torres (10th)

At our school, we're proud to see the wide range of talents and abilities each student brings. Some shine in dancing, writing, sports, music, or art. This time, we're highlighting two outstanding students from the 10th grade.

First, Valentina Nieves caught our attention with her beautiful drawing of Paris in the fall. After visiting the city this past summer, she was inspired by its breathtaking views, rich culture, and, of course, the iconic Eiffel Tower. Visiting Paris had been her dream since childhood, and she's grateful for the memories she created there with her family and friends.

Next, we have Derek Pabón, who was recently nominated as Volleyball Player of the Week by Buzzer Beater. Derek stood out for his impressive skills, strong work ethic, leadership, and dedication to teamwork. He consistently supports his teammates and helps them succeed on and off the court.

It's inspiring to see how every student at our school has their own way of expressing themselves and striving toward their goals. Recognizing these achievements reflects the hard work and dedication that define our school community and motivates us all to reach for our goals.

Monthly Awareness; Cybersecurity

Written by: Nicamar Piñero (10th)

Every second, someone online is being tricked, and sometimes, it's a student. Nearly 1 in 3 teenagers admit they've clicked on a suspicious link, and can you believe that more than half still use the passwords 12345 and password? These simple, predictable passwords are easy for hackers to guess and crack instantly using automated programs. October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a time dedicated to teaching everyone, especially students, how to stay safe online. This is why our school, on Wednesday, November 5, will be holding a Parent School session, where they will address a very important topic: Digital Parenting: Parental Control. This will be held by the guest speaker, Carolina González, Telecommunications Specialist. Parental control is an important part of cybersecurity because it helps protect kids and teens from online dangers. It allows parents to block harmful websites, limit screen time, and prevent risky downloads or messages from strangers. Promoting cybersecurity can easily be done by sharing simple tips with your close ones.

Monthly Awareness ; Down Syndrome

Written by: Amanda Robles (10th)

This month of October is the awareness month for Down syndrome. Down syndrome, also known as trisomy 21 (trisomy means having an extra copy of a chromosome), is a genetic disorder caused by the presence of a third copy of chromosome 21. This means that instead of having 46 chromosomes, people with Down syndrome have 47. It can affect anyone since it is purely genetic, but it is most commonly seen in children born to a mother over the age of 35. It is the most common chromosome-related disorder in the United States. Down syndrome can cause physical, cognitive, and behavioral symptoms, influencing how the body and brain develop. Some physical signs of Down syndrome include small ears, a short neck, slanted eyes, and a flat nose. Cognitive signs include differences in meeting developmental milestones compared to children of their age, such as walking, moving, learning, and playing. All this being said, Down syndrome definitely does not prevent children from leading happy and healthy lives, especially with the right supportive care.

7th grade Guajataka Retreat

Written by: Ariana Galliano (10th)



During the week of October 14–17, 7th-grade students spent a spiritual retreat in Guajataka. The Guajataka retreat, Without Walls, is more than a simple retreat; students have learning and social experiences outside of school. They enjoyed many recreational activities such as devotionals, study time, canoeing, archery, and sports. This year's theme, Game On: Playing for the Lord, based on Colossians 3:23, encouraged students to not only try new things but truly experience and enjoy them. It reminded them that holiness is possible because we are set apart for God to be part of His great team of children. Through this retreat, students were expected to return with the wisdom to make time to strengthen their relationship with God and to participate in the best team—serving our Lord.



Did you know?

Written by: Carlos Berroa (10th)

Did you know that Black History Month, which is always celebrated in February in the US, is celebrated in October in the United Kingdom?

Here's why: In the United Kingdom, October coincides with the start of the academic year, making it easier for students to participate in and engage with the celebration. In addition, the month of October is symbolically important in the African calendar because it marks the beginning of the harvest season. It was also a deliberate choice to differentiate it from the US Black History Month, which was chosen in February to align with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. For these reasons, since 1987, Black History Month has been celebrated in October rather than in February in the UK. Ultimately, it doesn't matter when it's celebrated; Black History Month is a significant event to acknowledge, regardless of when it is celebrated.



Career day

Written by: Amaya Hernández (10th)

On Wednesday, October 29, Wesleyan Academy hosted an event where students from all high school grades had the opportunity to explore and interact with different career paths. This event, known as Career Day, aligns with Wesleyan Academy's vision. At this event, we had the privilege of welcoming parents, alumni, and community members who contributed by sharing valuable insights, personal experiences, and organizing educational activities that highlighted various professional fields. Additionally, several professionals from the University of Ana G. Méndez were present, representing study areas such as law, medicine, engineering, architecture, business, education, visual arts, and management. Overall, this event was a resounding success thanks to the collective efforts and contributions of everyone involved, as well as the enthusiastic participation of all students.

Featured Senior

Written by: Fabiola Santos (12th)

As a proud Eagle for 15 years, Chloé Nieves has truly left her mark on our school. You may have seen her recently winning the honorable Eagle of the Month award! As Class President, NHS member, MedLife co-chair, and participant in Sports Management, Yearbook, and Varsity Volleyball, Chloé's dedication shines in everything she does. Some of her favorite memories include planning the senior banquet weekend and the unforgettable Washington volleyball trip. Whether she's leading her team on the court, spending tournament weekends competing, or just hanging out with friends, Chloé embraces every moment with passion and positivity. After graduation, she plans to attend college and pursue medical school on her journey to becoming a doctor, all while striving to live a fulfilling, meaningful life. Her advice to underclassmen is not to be afraid to step out of their comfort zone and definitely not to procrastinate.

Social Worker Appreciation Day

Written by: Camila Negrón (12th)

At Wesleyan Academy, we are truly grateful for our school's social worker, Debora Acevedo, whose compassion and dedication make a lasting impact on our students and families. She was inspired to study social work after realizing the complexity of human interactions and the need for emotional support in people's lives. Having served at WA during the 2020–2021 school year and now returning to continue her mission, she finds joy in bringing relief, smiles, and calmness to students going through tough times. Her office is a safe space where students can express themselves and find guidance. She reminds us that mental and emotional health come from self-kindness, setting healthy boundaries, choosing good friends, and trusting in the value God gives each of us. Mrs. Acevedo encourages students to take care of themselves by resting, eating well, and being mindful of what they consume online. She emphasizes the importance of surrounding ourselves with people who respect and uplift us, as positive friendships help us grow and stay strong. Her message reminds us that valuing who we are and listening to our inner voice can bring peace and confidence, even during difficult moments. Above all, she wants students to know they don't have to face challenges alone; she's here to walk beside them with care and encouragement every step of the way.

