

October, 2011

**Dear Seventh and Eight Grade Parents/Guardians:**

Again this year Columbus Academy will be having dances for the seventh and eighth grade students in conjunction with Wellington and Columbus School for Girls. We believe that dances offered by the three schools are a wonderful opportunity for students to interact socially and to expand their horizons. While these events are enjoyable to the students, they also require a great deal of work on the part of the adults in charge. We ask that you respect the time and effort of those who are responsible for seeing that the activities are successful and that our students are safe. The mutual guidelines and expectations for all parties are listed below. Please share them with your child.

**For Parents/Guardians**

Dances begin at 7:30 pm and **end at 9:30 pm**. Parents/guardians may not drop off children before 7:30 pm. Children should be picked up **promptly at 9:30 pm**.

Parents/guardians should not leave before they see their child enter the door of the dance.

**For Students**

All students must sign in at the dance admissions table and list the name of their school.

Students of the host school only may bring guests in the same grade if they seek and receive prior permission from the administrator in charge. Guests should arrive with their hosts and sign in at the same time. It is the host student's responsibility to inform the guest of appropriate dress and behavior policies.

Once students are at the dance, they may not leave the designated area until the dance is finished or until a parent/guardian comes to the door to get his/her child.

Any student who behaves in a manner that could cause harm to another student or to property will be removed from the dance. His or her parent/guardian will be called and asked to come to the school to get his/her child.

Any student who appears to be under the influence of a substance will be removed from the dance. His or her parent/guardian will be called and asked to come to school to get his/her child. The schools' Drug/Alcohol Abuse Policy will be in effect at all school sponsored activities and disciplinary action will be taken.

Students will dance in an appropriate manner. Inappropriate public display is not acceptable; therefore, students may be removed from a dance because of displays of affection inappropriate to middle school. This includes grinding and slam dancing.

Any form of vandalism including removal of decorations is also subject to removal from the dance.

Appropriate dress for dances is “nice casual.” Torn or dirty clothing and offensive messages are not appropriate. All shirts must have sleeves and be long enough to tuck in. All skirts and shorts must be knee length. Overly revealing clothing is not acceptable.

### **For Chaperones**

Each guest school provides a minimum of two chaperones per dance. At least one of those chaperones is expected to arrive by 7:15 pm, and at least one is to remain until all of his/her school’s students have gone home. Host schools will provide more chaperones.

One chaperone from each school will oversee the sign-in process to make sure every guest is identified.

Chaperones will circulate during the dance.

Chaperones are expected to speak directly to students whose behavior warrants extra attention and to insist that inappropriate behavior stop.

### **Dance Dates for 2011 – 2012**

November 11, 2011	Columbus Academy	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
March 2, 2012	Wellington	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
May 11, 2012	C.S.G.	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Admission charge is \$5.00. Snacks and drinks are for sale throughout the evening.**

**Columbus Academy  
2011 – 2012 Middle School  
Dance Agreement**

**The following agreement must be signed by both parent/guardian and student and be on file at the individual school.**

I have read and understand the guidelines outlined in the accompanying letter and agree that if my child attends the school dance s/he will behave and dress appropriately.

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Parent/guardian signature

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Date

I have read and understand the guidelines outlined in the accompanying letter and agree that if I attend the school dance, I will behave and dress appropriately.

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Student signature

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Date

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Printed student name

Dance forms must be on file no later than **November 9 , 2011** to attend the November 11, 2011 dance at Columbus Academy.