



Wesley Weekly Article from Wesley's Board Chair

We survived the first two weeks of school. Barely.

In our house we have a weekend ritual – Sci-Fi Saturday – where we watch a space flick as a family. And the first two weeks of school reminded me of the final heart stopping moments of Alfonso Cuarón's *Gravity* when Sandra Bullock is reentering Earth's atmosphere. It's a high octane, nail-biting, bumpy ride to say the least and you're not sure if she's going to make it.

I don't know about your family, but our reentry to the routine of school was also a bit of a nail-biter. It was filled with big feelings, small colds, forgotten homework, missed meals, late departures, raised voices, a few tears, and palpable fatigue. What got us through, in addition to some humor, patience, and perspective, were Wesley's inspiring and dedicated teachers and administrators, and the connection we feel being a part of this community each day.

Our faculty impressed and instilled confidence with their skill and passion at Back-to-School Night. Many Wesley groups and committees had their kickoff meetings, showcasing the numerous opportunities to create belonging in our community. Parents were tangibly energized by the thoughtful curricular advancements happening across the grades. And our new Mission Statement made its well-received debut. It might be a stretch to say we touched down in a tropical paradise like Sandra Bullock did at the end of *Gravity*, but we made it.

As we now lean into the year, our kids are poised for a stimulating journey of critical, creative, and compassionate thinking. Those three c-words are foundational to our new Mission Statement and will also guide the process of our Head of School Search Committee. The Search Committee, composed of trustees, faculty and administrators, and parents, will think critically, creatively, and compassionately as they vet potential candidates and make a final hiring recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

We are dedicated to a transparent and inclusive search that honors the promise of our new Mission Statement and hope that you bring your critical, creative, and compassionate thoughts, questions, and suggestions to the process, as well. To help facilitate that engagement, the Search Committee invites you to stay up to date by visiting the search page on our website [HERE](#). If you would like to be considered for the Parent Panel that will meet with our search consultants this coming Tuesday (9/26), please fill out this [FORM](#). And don't hesitate to reach out to our Search co-chairs, Mike Natividad and Marissa Seeman, via [EMAIL](#) with any questions.

Thank you for being part of our Wesley community!

Warmly,
David Monahan, Wesley Board Chair