

Ms. Rosanne Sannicandro taught as a guidance counselor at Wellesley High School for 30 years this fall. This October she succumbed to her battle with cancer. Wellesley will remember Ms. Sannicandro as a selfless teacher and enthusiastic friend.

"She always, always put her students first-- even when she was really sick, she finished every letter of recommendation." —Lily Fenton '17

"I liked that she was very positive. She had red shoes and she would say,

'How can you have a bad day if you're wearing red shoes?'["] –Señor Pedro Carrasquillo "She was so funny. Every time I told her something, she would just say 'oi!'. She was so special." —Ms. Brenda Iarossi



"She was just a terrific person. A wonderful counselor and a great boss. She was an amazing friend and coworker." —Ms. Barbara Dutko

"About ten days before she passed, I got a call from Ms. Sharpe at the Middle School, who was very close with Ms. Sannicandro, and she said 'We need to get Rosanne's computer back' and at the time I was thinking 'the computer is not my worry at the moment', but she said 'You don't understand.' "I had Ms. Sannicandro as my advisor for the past two years. She was just an all around very supportive person and really cared about each one of us individually and was always there when we needed to talk about



"Rosanne had a deeply caring and sensitive personality paired with a super quick wit. She always had an open curious nature about the bigger issues that we encounter in life, and I remember most how much she cared about the students and her colleagues in WHS.I will miss

her dearly." —Dr. Erika Vina

She finished her letters of recommendation. All of them. Every single one she had.

She did them this summer. She did them while she was sick. She got them done. That is pretty cool to think. Everyone of her seniors will apply to college with a letter of recommendation their guidance counselor wrote."

—Dr. Jamie Chisum

something or needed any advice." —Kim Bennett '18



"I was ill two years ago, and one of the first people to send me a card was Ms. Sannicandro. It had been after a major surgery and I had been hospitalized for two months." —Mr. Craig Mustard