

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Westlake High School Students,

We hope you have had a safe and healthy Spring Break 2020. As we cannot make daily announcements, we are going to send information to you directly periodically over the next few weeks. We know the last few weeks may have caused stress and anxiousness for many of you as well as for our staff. There is a major amount of uncertainty and overall angst as we deal with the pandemic.

While living under the new normal of orders and ordinances, we are trying to begin a new educational routine for you remotely. We know we cannot virtually recreate a physics lab held in the commons, an intense workout in off-season, a fine arts practice, or lunch in the Chap Court with your best friends. You know the things you miss the most and also the things you miss the least. We also acknowledge the sadness caused by the cancelation of so many activities and possibly future events as well.

Our teachers will have reached out to you directly by the end of the day. After visiting with our staff multiple times by Zoom in a very large setting and in smaller meetings, we feel we are ready to engage in a new educational experience. We all expect challenges and successes during this new path. We are excited to see our students during Zoom time at the beginning of each class. Please reach out to your teachers, counselors, coaches, directors, sponsors and administrators at any time.

You will receive another email with a short guide to the next few weeks this afternoon.

## To the Class of 2020,

Mr. Ryan, Ms. Sauer and I will reach out to you directly as a class as we continue to monitor the closures of districts and city/county ordinances. Y'all are a special class, and we look forward to working with you over the next 10 weeks. As a class, you have achieved at the highest level while always representing WHS beautifully in our community and beyond. Please know you are a high priority as we hope to make this the finest finish we can under the present circumstances.

Sincerely,

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