

Westlake High School Welcome Back Letter

Hello Demon Students and Parents,

I hope you have had the opportunity to relax and enjoy your summer break with family and friends. We are excited to welcome back our Demons! With a new school year comes new opportunities for growth and development and we hope our Demons take full advantage and make the most out of their high school experience.

The fall sports season is underway, and our fields and gyms have been full of student athletes working hard. Our marching band has welcomed its newest members to the field and have begun preparing for their season. Our student council and class officers have been meeting to plan activities for our students to enjoy this year. It is always amazing to see our Demons in action and hear the spirited ideas they have.

We are also excited to welcome several new staff members to the high school this year.

Business Teacher: Ryan Morgan

Computer Science Teacher: Shanti Coaston

Math Teacher: Luke Harris

Science Teacher: Kristen Kall

Physical Education Teacher: Joe Heiland

Credit Recovery Teacher: Logan Yantek

Counselor: Alyssa Schwedt

Counselor: Madison Caroscio

Assistant Principal: Brittany Meczka

Please see below for important information and necessary documents to prepare to come back to school. As always if you have any questions now or throughout the year, please reach out to me at woods@wlake.org or by phone at 440-250-1003.

Also, don't forget the Demon Spirit Rally will take place on August 10th from 6:00 – 8:30pm at the stadium. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer Demons! See you soon!

Demon Proud,

Rob Woods

Principal

Westlake High School

Important Dates

August 10th 6:00pm – 8:30pm	Demon Nation Spirit Rally presented by WDAB
August 15th 8:30am – 10:30am	Senior Schedule & Parking Pass Pickup
August 15th 11:00am – 2:00pm	Sophomore and Junior Schedule & Parking Pass Pickup
August 16th 10:00am	Orientation and Schedule Pickup for all 9th grade & new students and their parents
August 24th	First Day of School
September 1 st 6:30pm	Open House
September 5th	Labor Day - No School
September 13 th	Activity/Club Fair
October 7th	Homecoming Football Game
October 8th	Homecoming Dance

Freshmen Orientation

Freshmen Orientation will take place on August 16th at 10:00am. We will begin in the PAC with a presentation by administrators and counselors. Students will also receive their class schedule. The building will be open for students to find their locker, their classrooms, and get accustomed to navigating the halls of WHS. Parents should attend this event with their freshman student if they are able. Not only will we be welcoming our newest Demons to the High School, but we will also go over important information for both students and parents.

New Student Orientation

All 10th – 12th grade students, who are new to the district, are invited to join us for our orientation that we have planned on August 16th at 10:00am. It is our goal to make our new students feel welcome and incorporated into DemonNation. There will also be other activities throughout the school year to ensure their success.

Supply Lists

Westlake High School does not have supply lists for students. Any specific supply needs will come from your student's classroom teacher.

School Hours

The Westlake High School main entrance will open at 6:30am on school days. If your student needs to be dropped off early, then they are welcome to sit in the Rotunda until school starts. Students are

permitted to leave the Rotunda and enter the academic hallways at 7:30am unless they have a specific meeting to attend prior to that time. Students are not permitted to remain on the campus after 3:30pm unless they are participating in an after school activity.

Bell Schedule

The bell schedule for this school year is remaining the same with a total of eight periods. However, we are eliminating the early lunch and therefore changing some of the period numbers. See below for the schedule:

Period	Time
1	7:50 – 8:35
2	8:39 – 9:27
3	9:31 – 10:16
4	10:20 – 11:05
5	11:09 – 11:39
6	11:43 – 11:54
7	11:58 – 12:28
8	12:32 – 12:43
9	12:47 – 1:17
10	1:21 – 2:06
11	2:10 – 2:55

Summer Assignments

Several of our courses have summer assignments that our students are required to complete prior to the start of the school year. [Click here to view those assignments.](#)

Communications

Please be sure you have completed your Back to School information update and provided accurate email addresses. We will send out our future communications utilizing those email addresses. Principal Newsletters are sent out regularly throughout the school year to all parents and students that will keep you up to date on necessary information and highlight the amazing things our Demons are doing.

We also use twitter to communicate dates, information, promotions, and student celebrations.

High School Twitter: @WHS_Westlake

Athletics Twitter: @DemonAthletics

District Twitter: @WestlakeSchools

Parking Permits

Parking permits will be sold to students on the schedule pickup days. In order for a student to park on the campus, they must have a Westlake High School parking permit. The cost of a permit is \$30. Students can pay with cash or check (made payable to Westlake Board of Education) when they come to purchase their pass. Parents and students must fill out the parking permit Google form, as well as bring the accompanying documents, in order to obtain a permit. Please note that having a parking permit enters you into the random drug testing pool. This means that you will have to consent to the policy, and can be subject to random drug testing at any time throughout the school year. [Click here for the online parking permit form.](#)

Junior/Senior Student Privilege

We will be continuing the Student Privilege program this year for Juniors and Seniors. Students may have Late Arrival (coming in for 2nd period), Early Dismissal (leaving 11th period), or Lunch Privilege and are permitted to leave the campus during that time. Students may indicate their preference, but decisions will be made based on scheduling. This privilege may be lost if the student fails to follow school rules and/or privilege guidelines. Juniors are only permitted one privilege period per semester and seniors are permitted no more than two privilege periods per semester.

In order to be enrolled in this privilege, Junior and Senior students will need to fill out the Student Privilege form. Any student with a privilege period will need to come to school on the first day and attend a brief rules meeting during their privilege period. (For example, if you have 1st period privilege on your schedule then you will come to school for first period on the first day of school to attend the meeting then will be dismissed for privilege) The meeting will take place in the PAC. At the meeting you will turn in your signed Privilege form. You will not be permitted to go on release without your signed form.

[Click here for the Student Privilege form.](#)

Counselors

Our Westlake High School counselors work hard to meet the academic and social/emotional needs of our students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's counselor should you have any questions. [Visit their website to find important information and monthly newsletters.](#)

- Terry Kennedy: Counselor for students with last names A – D

- Chelsea Litten: Counselor for students with last names E – K
- Madison Caroscio: Counselor for students with last names L – Ri
- Alyssa Schwedt: Counselor for students with last names Ro – Z

PTSA Boosters

Please consider joining or donating to the Westlake High School PTSA. This amazing group of WHS parents provide many opportunities to celebrate our students, and always ensures that our staff and students have what they need to be successful. [Click here to join the WHS PTSA.](#)

Important Links

The following links provide important reference materials. These documents can also be found on the district website: www.wlake.org

- [Westlake District Calendar](#)
- [WHS Online Calendar](#)
- [Westlake High School Handbook](#)

Lunch

[Click here to view Westlake High School lunch menus.](#)

Medication & Drug Policy Information

Students are not permitted to possess prescription or over the counter medication on school grounds. The appropriate form must be filed with the school nurse before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication during school hours, or to use an inhaler to self-administer asthma medication. Such forms must be filed annually and as necessary for any change in the medication. All medications must be registered with the school nurse and must be delivered to school in the original containers. More details on these policies can be found in the Student Handbook. [Click here for the list of health forms that can be used for any necessary medications.](#)

**Students must have their Back to School Update complete in order to receive their schedule and other materials. If you have not completed this yet, please see below for information that was emailed to all parents.*

Back to School Information Update Portal Now Open

Our annual Back-To-School Update portal for the 2022-23 school year is open and ready for you to access. We appreciate your cooperation in providing us with current, accurate and important emergency contact information to improve the ability to communicate between home and school, as well as to ensure the health and safety of our students. Here is the important information you will need to complete the update for each student this year:

Please use this link to access the Back-To-School site: <https://www.wlake.org/registration1/bts>

Login Information:

- Username: Your child's six-digit ID#: 600273 (Note: numbers only)
- Password: Your child's date of birth using this specific format, including the "/": MM/DD/YYYY
- This year there are two sections that require the student to initial, acknowledging that you have reviewed with them or they have read the Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook, and that they are aware of the Acceptable Use Policy for technology devices.

If you have difficulty logging in, please be sure you are using only numerals for the six-digit ID # as the username and the correct two-digit month and day, four-digit year with the slashes (MM/DD/YYYY) as the password. If you remain unable to access the site, then please email: BTS@westlake.k12.oh.us

PLEASE NOTE: *If you would like to retain a copy of the information as you complete the update, you will need to print a PDF copy at the end of the update process for each child.

Student schedules will be released during schedule pickup days for those students for whom the BTS update has been completed.

If you have questions, please contact the main office at 440-835-6352.