

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.

Science Teacher: Gabriella Shepard

Intervention Specialist: Brooke Martin (Coming from LBMS)

Intervention Specialist: Mike Kula (Coming from DIS)

Spanish Teacher: Katie Cirincione

Counselor: Katie Manilla

Assistant Principal: Cory Rojeck

Our custodial and maintenance teams have been hard at work this summer with several facility upgrades. Our parking lot was resurfaced and painted with updated signage installed. Our WHBS studio has been remodeled along with several technology upgrades. Several school safety upgrades were completed including new door barricade systems and external monitors for visitors to the building. Working with our student leadership team last year, we improved our award signage in the building and incorporated student artwork and Demon spirit candid pictures in our halls. This year we will also be opening The Demon Brew, a coffee and juice bar run by our students. We will also continue to use our finger scan software that continues to improve our attendance tracking and getting into our school dances efficiently. It's an exciting time to be a Demon and we can't wait to welcome everyone back.

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 Nation Spirit Rally will be a tailgate on August 18th from 4:30-6:30pm prior to our first home football game. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer Demons! See you soon!

Demon Proud,



Rob Woods
Principal
Westlake High School

Important Dates

August 14 th 8:30am – 10:30am	Senior Schedule & Parking Pass Pickup
August 14 th 11:00am – 2:00pm	Sophomore and Junior Schedule & Parking Pass Pickup
August 15 th 9:00am	Orientation and Schedule Pickup for 9th grade & new students with last names (A – K) and their parents
August 15 th 10:30am	Orientation and Schedule Pickup for 9th grade & new students with last names (L – Z) and their parents
August 18 th 4:30pm – 6:30pm	Demon Nation Spirit Rally presented by WDAB
August 23 rd	First Day of School
August 29 th 6:30pm	Open House
August 30 th	School Picture Day for 12 th Graders
August 31 st	School Picture Day for 9 th , 10 th , and 11 th Graders
September 4 th	Labor Day - No School
September 12 th	Activity/Club Fair during lunch periods
October 6 th	Homecoming Football Game
October 7 th	Homecoming Dance

10th – 12th Grade Schedule and Parking Pass Pickup

12th graders can come up to the building on August 14th between 8:30am – 10:30am. 10th and 11th graders can come to the building between 11:00am – 2:00pm. Students in these grade levels can come anytime in their respective window of time. If students have a school sponsored conflict or other work obligation during their scheduled time, then they can come at another grade levels scheduled time. Students will pick up their schedule, purchase a parking permit if necessary, turn in any student privilege forms, and enroll in the fingerscanning software if they are not already enrolled.

Freshmen and New Student Orientation

Freshmen and new student orientation will take place on August 15th. Students with last names A – K will have their orientation meeting at 9:00am. Students with last names L – Z will have their orientation meeting at 10:30am. We will begin in the PAC with a presentation by administrators and counselors. Students will also receive their class schedule and Chromebooks, and get enrolled in our fingerscanning software. 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.

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.

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

WHS Counselors Twitter: @CounselorsWHS1

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 a 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 privilege without your signed form.

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

CCP Student Privilege

CCP classes offered at Westlake High School will not meet daily. Oftentimes CCP classes meet two to three days per week. On days when the CCP class is not in session, students may choose to remain in the building and be placed in a study hall or leave the building (privilege). If a student chooses the privilege option, they MUST leave the building when their CCP class is not in session. In order to be enrolled in this privilege, CCP students will need to fill out the CCP Student Privilege form.

[Click here for the CCP 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
- Katie Manilla: 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.](#)