

# WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2, 2023



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in person on Tuesday October 10th and Wednesday October 18th from 3:30 - 7:00pm. Instructions on how to sign up were emailed earlier this morning and can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

### FALL TEST DAY

Wednesday, October 11th is Fall Test Day at WHS. On this day, Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT assessment and Freshmen will take the PSAT 9 assessment. There will be no school for Sophomores and Seniors on this day. These tests prepare our students for the SAT that will be taken in the spring of their junior year.

The PSAT/NMSQT test serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and is the standardized test taken across the country to determine National Merit Scholars. Freshmen will be taking a grade appropriate version of the PSAT on this day to provide them useful data and practice for this future assessment. Sophomores will take their grade appropriate PSAT test in the spring on our Spring Testing Day.

Testing will begin promptly at 7:50am and should release around 11:00am. Students who test with accommodations will be released when their assigned testing time has concluded. For those with time and one half, it will end at roughly 12:30pm and those with double time should end around roughly 1:00pm. Students will be notified of their testing times prior to October 11th. Once testing is complete, students will be released to go home. There will be no classes held on this day. After proctoring the assessments, WHS staff will be involved in professional development sessions for the remainder of the day. Specific testing information will be communicated to students the week prior to testing that will include testing times, locations and what students should bring to testing. Students will take these tests digitally, so they will need to bring their charged chromebooks with them to testing.

If students wish to practice these tests, they can access the BlueBook app on their chromebook. To login, they can use either their College Board account, or the testing tickets that we provided to them in their Social Studies classes. Below are some useful links for students and parents:

[Parent's Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT](#)

[Practicing for the PSAT](#)

[BigFuture](#)

On Fall Test Day, Seniors will be offered the opportunity to come up to WHS and work on their college application essays. English Teachers will be available from 8:00-11:00 and students can sign up for 15 minute slots by [clicking here](#).

Demon Proud,  
Rob Woods

## BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

### HOMEcoming WEEK EVENT REMINDERS

Powderpuff Football Game: Monday at 7:00pm. Seniors vs Juniors.

Homecoming Parade: Friday at 5:30pm. Route: LBMS to WHS

Homecoming Game: Friday at 7:00pm

Homecoming Dance: Saturday, 7:00-10:00pm. Tickets are \$20. [Purchase a ticket online by clicking here](#). or pay with cash in our Main Office. Guest tickets can only be purchased online. Ticket sales close on Friday, 11:00pm. No tickets will be sold at the door. Students must arrive to the dance by 8:00pm and must remain until at least 9:00pm. Students leaving prior to 9:00pm will need parent permission.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- October 2: PowderPuff Football Game
- October 6: Homecoming Parade
- October 6: Homecoming Football Game
- October 7: Homecoming Dance
- October 10: Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 11: Fall Test Day

## COUNSELORS CORNER

[Click Here for the latest version of The Counselors' Corner](#), an informational publication from our school counseling department.