## Distribution of Students

Upon exiting eighth grade, students are assigned a high school counselor. This counselor will be assigned to the student for all four years of high school to ensure a cohesive relationship between the counselor, student and family. The counselors are vested in assisting students as they face and explore the concerns that are important to their lives.



## Mission Statement

We aim to support our students to become curious, knowledgeable and independent thinkers grounded in strong values and integrity. We promote our students to lead balanced lifestyles and be prepared for the real-world, taking on new challenges and embracing responsible risks.

## Please visit our Guidance Department website:



**whs.mtplcsd.org**

## Counselor Contact Information

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All counselors are NYS Certified School Counselors who have earned Masters degrees in School Counseling and higher. All counselors are involved in ongoing professional development.


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# Westlake High School

## Guidance and Counseling Services




*Maximizing the growth, potential and development of each student through comprehensive social, emotional, academic and career counseling.*

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## NINTH GRADE PROGRAM

The Ninth Grade Guidance & Counseling Program is designed to help students to transition into high school and to encourage students to take full advantage of all of the programming options offered.

- Ninth Grade Orientation includes: parent presentation in eighth grade, eighth grade student visitation day, PALS Orientation, club fair, ongoing PALS advisory.
- Coffee and College evening presentation
- Course Selection meeting for the following school year.
- Naviance Career Workshop
- 9th Grade Parent/Student Workshops




## TENTH GRADE PROGRAM

The Tenth Grade Guidance & Counseling Program is designed to continue promoting optimal student performance while introducing the concept of exploring different career opportunities.

- College & Career Conference. Students assess their personality profile and interests. Results link each student to possible careers and colleges.
- PSAT Registration and Administration
- Coffee and College evening presentation
- Course Selection meeting for the following school year.
- Career Cafes. Students are invited to attend formal career luncheons with professionals from different careers. Speakers discuss their careers, educational track and existing opportunities.

Family Connection
powered by NAVIANCE

Cafe Career Cafe

PSAT/NMSQT




## SCHOOLWIDE COUNSELOR SUPPORT

- Academic Advising
- Career Exploration
- Schedule Adjustments (as per school policy)
- Special Education Support
- Collaborative Support with Social Work Staff
- Comprehensive College/Career Support through Naviance Family Connection
- Credit/Course Review
- Crisis Intervention
- Peer Mediation
- Partnership with Community Organizations
- Liaison to Community Service, clubs and parttime job opportunities.
- Summer School/Credit Recovery Support
- SAT/PSAT/AP/ACT Support
- Parent Support through email blasts, ongoing conferences and evening presentations.

For a more in-depth explanation of our programs and services, please visit our website and click on our K-12 Plan.

## INTRODUCING

**Family Connection through Naviance**




Your one-stop resource for college and career exploration, personality inventories, learning style surveys, data storage and much, much more. Access is given in eighth grade and is supported throughout high school with ongoing conferences and workshops.

https://connection.naviance.com/westlakehs

## ELEVENTH GRADE PROGRAM

The Eleventh Grade Guidance & Counseling Program continues to support each student in their social, emotional, and academic needs. The primary focus becomes post-high school planning with an emphasis on the college and career search and planning process.

- Coffee and College evening presentation
- PSAT Registration and Administration/Practice ACT
- College Fair (regional locations)
- Financial Aid Night for parents
- Course Selection meeting for the following school year.
- Junior Post-High School Planning Conference. Parents and students are invited to an in-depth, individualized college and career planning meeting.
- Junior Parent Evening Presentation. Special speaker to discuss the college search and application process.
- Resume Writing Workshops
- Essay Writing Workshops




## TWELFTH GRADE PROGRAM

The Twelfth Grade Guidance & Counseling Program continues to promote the student as a whole individual preparing to enter the college and/or career world. A special focus on the college application process is given.

- Twelfth Grade College/Career Planning Conference
- Common Application Workshops
- Financial Aid Night for parents
- Senior Credit Check Process
- Scholarship Program
- Senior Exit Surveys
- Senior Awards Program
- Interviewing Skills Workshop