

WA Foundation Back-to-School Checklist

You've trained for this. Let's GO!



WESTLAKE ACADEMY
FOUNDATION

Supporting every student & every
teacher every day since 2003.

YOU
GIVE



STUDENTS
THRIVE

WA Foundation 101

Less Boring Than It Sounds

- We're the Westlake Academy Foundation—aka WAF or just “the Foundation!”
- We raise the money for WA. As a 501(c)(3), our donors contribute funds to the WAF for maximum impact across campus.
- Our Board of Directors includes parent and community volunteers, along with two WA staff members, all working to support students & teachers.
- In short, WA asks, the WAF answers—powered by our generous donors. Our Board then ensures every dollar is used exactly as donors intend!
- Thanks to donors, WAF supports WA through two main events: the WA Gala and the Blacksmith Annual Fund—also called Blacksmith Giving Day. The BAF closes the IB funding gap, and the Gala supports our teachers. If you do one thing, make it Blacksmith Giving Day!

BLACKSMITH
GIVING
DAY
9.18.25

Dates to Know. Stuff to Do.

These are the big ones. Don't miss 'em!

- Blacksmith Giving Day - Thursday 9/18
- Donate anytime between NOW and midnight on 9/18
- Can't give by 9/18? No problem! Pledge your gift now and donate anytime before 6/30/26.

Invest in the future

One student at a time!

- WA is a tuition-free public charter school—but it's not entirely free. We rely on family donations to bridge the gap between state funding and the true cost of delivering our exceptional IB education.
- WA families value the WA experience, which goes beyond Texas standards to develop critical thinking and real-world skills.
- Donations fill the **\$3,700 per-student funding gap**, making your gift more vital than ever. And donations are tax deductible!
- Your generosity keeps the WA Advantage strong, empowering students to excel today, in college, and beyond.

Scan Now!



Plan!
Donate!
Support WA!

Blacksmith Giving Day

Your chance to shine!

- The Blacksmith Annual Fund (aka Blacksmith Giving Day) is WAF's biggest fundraiser. It coincides with North Texas Giving Day on 9/18/25.
- The school has set a fundraising goal of \$1.75 million for this year's operating budget, which requires a minimum contribution of \$3,700 per student.
- We deeply appreciate families who are able to give more, and we understand those who may need to give less—but every family's support is essential to our success.
- Plan now so that your family's pledge or donation is received by midnight on 9/18. Students and teachers are depending on every one of us!
- The WAF has been participating in Giving Day since 2013 when 64 families gave \$149,650. Last year, 403 donors contributed \$1,154,542!! Join the legacy!



Don't be a stranger!
Connect with the WAF!

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