

Westlake Middle School

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Dear Parents & Students,

We hope you've had the chance to enjoy the company of family and friends during the time off. While the summer speeds by fast, we are excited to welcome all students and families back to Westlake Middle School. Upon your return, you will find a new roof on the middle school, a new elevator and a completely renovated cafeteria!

In the relative quiet of July, we have also had the chance to reflect on last year's accomplishments. One of our goals was to increase students' voices in decision-making. For the first time ever, we welcomed 8th grade student membership on our *Building Leadership Team* (BLT). In addition, we started the *Principal's Leadership Group*, in which student representatives from all social studies classes had the opportunity to meet with us, the Superintendent and the Board of Education to provide input. We also began to infuse our new, student-centered [mission statement](#) into classroom instruction. Finally, with the support of our teacher supervisors, we successfully launched the *Community Leaders Project*, in which all 8th graders engaged in service learning by identifying and helping those in need.

In working with our BLT and faculty, another goal was to more explicitly teach study skills, executive functioning and social-emotional learning. We know that this is a particular challenge for our entering 6th graders. We are pleased to introduce the *6th Grade University*, in which students will spend the first several days of school learning about what it means to be a middle schooler. In addition, all students will continue to benefit from our *Advisory* program, *Wellness Day*, teacher emphasis on the [IB Learner Profile Attributes](#) and increased push-in classroom support from our school counselors.

Here are some important logistics for the upcoming school year:

- Tentative student schedules, locker assignments and bus routes will be available on-line through the Parent Portal on Tuesday, August 15th at 9 a.m. (<https://esdparentportal.lhric.org>).
- During the week of August 21st, the building will be open for self-guided tours from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Friday. We will also have student-guided tours on Wednesday, August 23rd from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- For those who ordered school supplies, they will be available for pick-up in the cafeteria or gym from August 21st – 24th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Any remaining school supplies will be in our main office.
- Our two school counselors will be responding to e-mails and phone calls beginning on Friday, August 25th if you wish to contact them directly or schedule an appointment:

Kathy Iardi, ext. 2602 | kilardi@mtplcsd.org: Grade 6 (last names M-Z) & Grade 8

Bill Keogh, ext. 2603 | wkeogh@mtplcsd.org: Grade 6 (last names A-L) & Grade 7

We hope the remaining weeks are enjoyable and we look forward to seeing everyone back at Westlake Middle School on Tuesday, September 5th!

All the Best,



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