

# Westlake High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I wanted to take a moment and share some great news and provide everyone with information connected to upcoming events.

First, it is my pleasure to share that two of our students have received recognition for outstanding accomplishments over the past couple of weeks. Please join me in congratulating Bryan Mesquita for being selected to be part of the NYSSMA All-State Chorus. Out of thousands of New York students who auditioned, only a select number are chosen to perform as part of the All-State Mixed Chorus. Bryan heads up to Rochester, New York to perform in late November. I know he will represent Westlake well!

Additionally, as many of you may be aware, the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalists were announced this week. We are honored to have one of our students, Brian Kelly, earn this distinction as a result of his impressive score on the PSAT. Brian is a member of a select group of only 16,000 semifinalists nationwide out of a cohort of approximately 1.5 million test-takers. Brian will move forward in the competition and we all wish him luck in hopefully being selected as a National Merit Finalist.

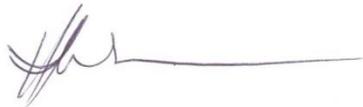
On the topic of PSAT's, this is a reminder for all sophomore and junior students and parents that PSAT sign-up is underway. Tenth and eleventh grade students will be getting information in Social Studies classes from the Guidance Department and Mr. DiPaolo will be sending information out as well in his Guidance Newsletter. It is strongly recommended that all juniors take the PSAT even if they have taken the 10<sup>th</sup> grade version last year.

*Reminder to all parents:* Our Back to School Night is Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a great evening to meet your child's teachers and hear a quick overview of each teacher's course and their expectations. We will be providing a short information session for parents interested in hearing more about "Google Classroom" starting at 6:45 pm in the auditorium prior to the start of our Back to School Night schedule, which begins at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Lastly, Guidance will be hosting a Financial Aid Information Night on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm. This session is open to everyone interested in hearing more about the college financial aid process.

Important Reminder: Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is a regular, full day of instruction for all students.

Dedicated to excellence,



Keith Schenker