



WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Member of the WOHS Class of 2025 or Transfer Student:

WELCOME TO WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL! We are excited to invite you to this year's in-person Freshman Orientation. We know you (and your families) come into your freshman year excited, nervous and with many questions. It is during orientation that you will spend time with our Mountaineer Mentors. Orientation is intended to get you ready and excited as you begin this new journey as a West Orange High School Mountaineer. You will engage in activities to learn about our mentorship program, facilities, school community, and making your freshman year a successful one. You will also have the opportunity to get a closer look at your schedule, locate some of your classes, ask many questions, meet administration, and interact with your assigned mentor for your 2021-22 school year. Below is additional information for our orientation:

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, August 25th and Thursday, August 26th from 8:30-11:30am. We have constructed a two day program to ensure and provide a safe, Covid compliant in-person orientation. Please arrive outside the Conforti Avenue building for check-in 20 minutes prior, as we will begin promptly.

WHO ATTENDS FRESHMAN ORIENTATION? Only students, mentors and select staff. Orientation is catered to our incoming freshmen and transfer students; parents should not attend and will not participate in our planned activities. We want to give our students the opportunity to build a strong connection with our Mountaineer Mentors during orientation. Additionally, if you are feeling ill, please do not attend, or worry. All information shared during orientation will be shared and provided the first week of school.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR? Everyone should have a face mask. Additionally, wear clothes best suited for the forecasted outdoor weather. Orientation will be held outdoors and indoors.

WHAT TO BRING? A positive attitude, face mask, charged chromebook/laptop (if you have one), and pen/pencil. Food will not be provided, so please have breakfast and bring water to drink as we will be outside.

WHAT WILL I DO? You will be assigned a mentor and engage in activities that will spotlight our wonderful school and what it means to be a West Orange High School Mountaineer. At orientation, you will receive a tour of the building, acquire essential information to ensure a successful start to your career at WOHS, meet administration and staff, and establish a relationship with a mentor that will be assigned to you throughout the school year.

While we understand many of you cannot attend freshman orientation due to other commitments, we cannot express how important it is to join us for both days. However, if you are unable to attend, we will have an abbreviated orientation the first week of school. We will also share information and materials to get you on the right foot for the 2021-22 schools year. In addition, be on the lookout for mentor emails, they're here to assist you.

Again, we are excited to meet you and show you all of the great things West Orange High School has in store for you. If you have any questions regarding orientation or the mentorship program, please reach out to Mr. Zichella (szichella@westorangeschools.org) at any time.

Sincerely,

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