

# WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear West Orange High School Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of West Orange High School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year and hope you and your families are enjoying the last week of summer vacation. I would like to extend a special welcome to our incoming freshman and transfer students.

The high school staff and administration have been preparing for a great school year and we look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our students can achieve their highest potential. I am certain that, no matter the challenges, our common responsibility for student learning will provide a positive outcome. I encourage you to embrace this new school year with enthusiasm and determination. Set goals, challenge your limits, and seize every opportunity that comes your way!

### **First Day of School**

**Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 AM**

### **2023-2024 District Calendar, Student Schedule and Rotating Drop Schedule**

- The District Calendar is located on the district website at [Calendar](#).
- The Parent Portal in PowerSchool is available for students to obtain their course schedules. Students should bring a copy of their schedule or upload it to their cell phone for the first day of school as copies will not be available.
- We attend classes using a Rotating Drop Schedule which is located on the [WOHS website](#). Your student's School Counselor or 1st period teacher can assist with how to follow the schedule.

### **WOHS Marking Periods**

- **Q1** Wednesday, September 6th – Tuesday, November 14th
- **Q2** Wednesday, November 15th – Tuesday, January 30th
- **Q3** Wednesday, January 31st – Friday, April 12th
- **Q4** Monday, April 15th – Wednesday, June 19th

Report Cards **are not** mailed home unless requested through the School Counseling Office; however, during the school year, you can view your child's grades at any time, via the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

### **School Counseling Office Information**

The School Counselors are available to address any concerns or just to talk about how things are going. Students can meet with their School Counselor by emailing him/her to schedule an appointment.

Make sure you review the information in the [School Counseling Office Information Folder](#) about **Naviance Students** (we use it as a source for all school correspondence), Schedules, the Parent Portal, Program of Studies, and step-by-step instruction on how to locate your classroom, etc.

### **Dean of Students Information**

**Attendance:** Student attendance is extremely important and directly related to achievement. We have attendance regulations for all WOHS students posted on our website and in our electronic Student Handbook. Students risk losing credit for courses if they exceed the number of acceptable absences or accumulate three or more “cuts”. Our policy specifically states that a student may not exceed a total of 18 chargeable absences for a full course or 9 chargeable absences for a semester course.

**Senior Lunches:** **Only Seniors** are offered the privilege of leaving campus at lunch time when the bell rings at 10:23 AM.

Please review the [Deans and Attendance Office Folder](#) for additional information about attendance and senior lunches.

### **Health Information**

Please review the health letter in the [Health Information Folder](#) which contains information about student health exams, immunizations, medications, etc. If you have any questions about the information in the letter please reach out to the School Nurse. **It is important that all forms are returned on the first day that students return to school.**

### **Back to School Night**

The annual Back to School Night, sponsored by our PTA, will be virtual on September 28th. More information is forthcoming.

### **School Meals**

Please review the information in the [Food Services Information Folder](#) about costs for breakfast, lunch, and a-la-carte-snacks, for information about completing a lunch application for free or reduced lunch, and for information about adding money to your child’s account.

### **School Closings**

Parents/guardians are notified by automated phone calls, text messages and emails. All parents/guardians should be registered for our School Messenger service. Notifications for school closings and delayed openings also appear on TV 36/Verizon 45, major media TV outlets and on the district website. Please review the detailed letter in the [School Closings Information Folder](#) for additional information.

### **Voluntary Student Accident Insurance**

An information packet describing the Insurance Plan selected by the Board of Education can be found in the [Student Voluntary Insurance Folder](#). Please keep in mind that the policy is a contract between the parents/guardians and the insurance company. The Board of Education is involved only to the extent of making the plan available. Any questions should be directed to the Philadelphia Insurance Companies at 800-734-9326.

Please make sure you review the entire [Back to School Documents Folder](#) and [Important Annual Notices](#) from Hayden Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

I am looking forward to another great year!

Best regards,



Oscar Guerrero, Principal

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