



## WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

August 29, 2024

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 2024-2025 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 4th at 7:30AM**

### 2024-2025 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 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.

### Freshmen and Transfer Students Orientation:

If freshmen or transfer students were not able to attend the orientation on August 23rd, we are offering a **Make-Up Orientation on September 4th from 2:30PM - 4:30PM in the Tarnoff Cafeteria.**

### School Counseling Office Information:

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 instructions on how to locate your classroom, etc.



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### Dean of Students Information:

**Locker Distribution:** **(NEW UPDATE)** There is a change in the locker distribution policy. Students will now have to submit a request for a locker assignment.

**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.

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

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

### Health Information:

Please review the health letter in the [Health Information Folder](#) which contains information about student health exams, immunizations, medications, etc. For questions, 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, will be **in-person** on September 26th in the Auditorium at 6:30PM.

### School Meals: (NEW UPDATE)

The district has selected the **PaySchools Central Payment Portal** for school lunches. If you have a balance in the previous system, Linq Connect, your money rolled over into the new system. To set up your account, go to [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). Please review the information in the [Food Services Information Folder](#) about costs and additional information.

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