



Westlake
CHARTER SCHOOL

Welcome to Westlake Charter!

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Welcome Back Explorers!



[Back to School Night Video](#)

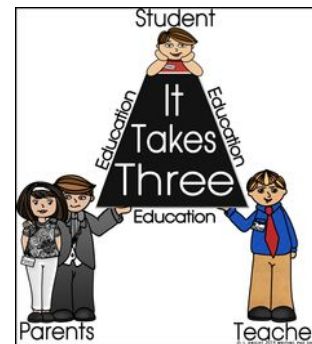
When is Advisory?



Advisory is held Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
from 1:32-2:07pm

Why Advisory?

The purpose of advisory is to ensure that your child has at least one adult who is their advocate (advisor) on campus. Advisory was made to promote communication and coordination between home and school. We want to support your child's academic and social emotional needs every day!



What are my responsibilities as your child's Advisory Teacher?



Your child's advisory teacher will play an active role in keeping up with your child's status at school by gathering information about your child's academics, attendance and behavior from all of your child's teachers.

Your Advisory teacher will serve as the *primary point of contact* for your family and will communicate with your family regularly about your child's performance. As your child's advocate, they will intervene in situations where a pattern of behavior is interfering with your child's academic performance. This may include providing support, developing strategies to address the problem, or seeking out additional services.



What will students do during Advisory class?

- Each day students attend Advisory they will begin their Advisory block by checking Daily Communication protocols which are posted on their teacher's webpage linked from westlakecharter.com.
- They will then participate in a minimum of 20 minutes on Study Island working on Personalized Learning Goals (PLG's).
- The remainder of the time will be spent conferencing with your teacher, checking daily communications protocols, and working on completing homework, classwork, or PBL projects.
- Each Tuesday, students will participate in "Grade Check Protocols" and return the protocols each Thursday.
- Friday, students will watch our "Watch it Weekly" highlighting Core Values and Explorers of Excellence.



What does a week look like in Advisory?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework/Class work Check	Homework/Class work Check		Homework/Class work Check	Homework/Class work Check
Study Island Time	Study Island Time		Study Island Time	Study Island Time
Class Meeting	Hand Out Grade Check		Return Grade Checks	“Watch It Weekly” Culture Day
Check-ins with your advisor.	Check-ins with your advisor.		Check-ins with your advisor.	Check-ins with your advisor.

FAQ's for Middle School



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Uniforms



Uniform Colors: navy blue, white, or light blue. Leggings or tights need to be these colors. On Fridays blue jeans and school spirit shirt or college/university shirt can be worn.

Not acceptable: clothing with

1. Professional sports team logos or names
2. Sweats, Warm-ups, Jerseys, Athletic Shorts or clothes considered to be Athletic attire
3. Any identifiable gang attire or colors
4. Scarves and jean vests
5. No article of clothing (or other belonging) may promote drugs, alcohol, discrimination or be of a sexual nature.
6. Ripped, torn or frayed clothing



During Cold Weather

Sweatshirts and Jackets worn indoors must meet uniform requirements

Drop off and Pick up

Drop off:

- Drop off students at the gate right in front of the play structure.
- Breakfast begins at 7:15
- Students can go onto the blacktop at 7:30 (if your child arrives at school before 7:30 they must go to the cafeteria)
- Bell rings at 7:45

Pick up:

- Please do not park in the school parking lot during pick up.
- There are two lanes in the entrance of the school parking lot. The lane on the right hand side (as you face the school) is for Middle School Families. The lane on the left hand side is for 5th grade families. As we split these two lanes up it will allow the flow of traffic to move more quickly.
- If you have a middle school student and a 5th grade student, your middle school student will head down to the 5th grade pick up zone (which is in front of the multipurpose room) and wait with your 5th grade student.

Community Service



Program Design

Community Service is a crucial component of the Westlake Charter Middle School Program. The goal of service learning is to teach responsible citizenship and help young adolescents look outward at the world. Our goal is to guide students to be stewards and change agents in their community.

Community Service

Each of our middle school students serves 7 community service hours yearly (21 hours during their middle school career). Community Service packets will be sent home with your child during Advisory on Friday.

Attendance

1. On time to school (and every period)
2. Be here everyday
3. Don't leave early



Schoolwide Expectations



Three School Expectations:

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

We focus our efforts on the positive: morning shout outs, character trait awards, student spotlight, and Explorer of Excellence awards.

SAFE WORDS & SAFE BODIES

1:1 Chromebooks



We are very excited to be introducing our 1:1 Chromebook program this year!

Students will be working in Google Drive in their classes. Cloud based computing allows our students to start work at school and finish it at home!

Let's Talk Safety



Digital Citizenship

- Internet Safety
- Information Literacy
- Privacy and Security
- Relationships and Communication
- Creative Credit and Copyright
- Self Image and Identity

Safety

Westlake Charter School has worked to craft a safe place to learn and be a Digital Citizen

- The Network
 - Email is locked
 - Students only have access to email teachers and staff within the domain
 - Video locked
 - Chat locked
 - Web filters in place
 - Real time monitoring
 - Auto archive through Google Vault

[Parent Resource Page](#)

Thank you!



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