

Greetings, Explorer Families,

Families, what a wild roller coaster of an end of the year. As we launch the summer of 2020, we promised that we would start to shout from the rooftops our excitement about the development of our Westlake Charter High School. While our entire community has been working each day to focus on its health and safety during this Covid19 crisis, we have been lucky enough to have had some amazing staff members working in the background to keep us on track in developing our much-anticipated expansion through 12th Grade. Below is an outline of the six-part communication series which will launch this fall as we draw closer to our first high school lottery this winter.

1. Our Westlake Charter High School Graduate Profile

The graduate profile will be the guiding document that will unpack for all community members the skills and competencies we expect each of our graduates to take with them as they complete the 12th grade and head out to lead as global citizens! This graduate profile includes social-emotional competencies that are derived from our core values as well as academic skills that are a reflection of Westlake's commitment to academic readiness for all our students.

2. What will learning look like at Westlake Charter High School

Our second communication will demonstrate what learning will look like at Westlake Charter High School! Westlake Charter High School has constructed a daily schedule that includes flexible blocks of time that will allow our students to engage in honors extension programs, receive academic & social-emotional and mental health supports during the school day, and to engage in concurrent enrollment college course opportunities on campus.

3. Our Academic and Social-Emotional Program Promises

This communication will share the academic and social-emotional program components that will make our WCHS unique within our region. By watching this video, our community will gain a clear vision of how our school will ensure that

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every Explorer graduates not only college-ready, but college proven. We will be unpacking our approach to personalization which includes extending and enriching classes through the University of California approved honors curriculum, a partnership that will allow for college concurrent enrollment, as well as personalized academic, social-emotional, and mental health support like only Westlake Charter School can. We are very excited to unveil this work because based on the thousands of survey data points we received from our community during this past year, we think we have designed an excellent extension of our current K-8 program.

4. Explorer Student Culture

In this communication, we will describe our plans for building the Westlake Charter High School Explorer Student Culture so that it is second to none! Our high school will intentionally never be as big as some in our region as part of the culture of the school we intend to build is that everyone will be known by name and feel both seen and heard. However, don't be fooled, our school will have a student culture that will rival any! We will have competitive sports, rallies, clubs, and a student life that takes shape not only after-school but built into the school day as well! We are already looking forward to collaborating with our first Associated Student Body President on what school will look like in the fall of 2021!

5. Facilities Vision for Westlake Charter High School

Finally, the question on everyone's mind, where will this amazing high school be located? I am so excited to share our vision for this high school and the work that has been done to ensure our new facility. While Covid19 interrupted some of our short term plans, our long term plans are still on track. In this video, we will share with you pictures and schematic drawings of what we will all be walking into at Westlake Charter High School

6. Preparing for Launch

Our sixth and final installment is an overview of each of the points listed in the first five videos as well as an introduction to the application and lottery process that will launch this year on December 1st. Can you believe applications open in less than 7 months?

Families, we will embed each video into a website along with the accompanying documents so that as we build our way through the fall toward the opening of our applications you will have all the information you need right at your fingertips. Thank you Explorer families for all that you do. I know that the current global crisis has created hardships for so many, however, we hope that the information we are sharing here might act as a beacon of hope during a very challenging time.

Sincerely,

John Eick



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