



# Westerville South High School

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Mike Hinze, Principal

Welcome Back Wildcats!

Welcome back students and families! I am very excited to return to South and I look forward to seeing our students again in August. Have a relaxing last few weeks of summer. Below, you will find some important information about our back-to-school plans. The Westerville City School District will continue to collect your Emergency Medical and Parent Permission forms online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. We will be collecting school fees during schedule pickup. **PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENT SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL SCHOOL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL.** Payment can be made through EZPay or by providing your school with a check, cash, or money order. EZPay will be available for online payment beginning August 6. The back of this letter includes fee information for the 2018/2019 school year.

## SCHEDULE PICK-UP INFORMATION

**Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors** - Wednesday, August 8  
8 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
New Student (**Non Freshman**) Orientation – 5 p.m. (iStudio)

**Freshmen Orientation** - Friday, August 10  
12:00 – 5:30 p.m. (**Please plan to attend the entire time**)  
Registration / Check in: 12 -12:15 p.m.  
Parent Meeting: 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Activities: pep rally, receive schedule, locker information,  
ID cards, mega fair, tour of building - Lunch provided

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## PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS ONLINE IN THE POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL:

- ♦ **Address and Custody Verification 2018-2019**
- ♦ **Emergency Contact Information Form 2018-2019**
- ♦ **Medical Information Form**
- ♦ **Code of Conduct – Parent**
- ♦ **Code of Conduct – Student**
- ♦ **Military Status**
- ♦ **Publicity Consent Form**
- ♦ **Walking Field Trip**
- ♦ **Fee Waiver Consent to Share Lunch Status Information**

Parents and guardians of returning students should have already created a PowerSchool Parent Portal account to access student information. Please contact the school office if you have forgotten your login information. If you have a student new to the district, you will be receiving instructions from our Guidance Department.

Additional back-to-school information such as supply lists and student handbooks can be found online at [www.wcsoh.org](http://www.wcsoh.org) (click the "Back to School" button).

Families eligible for Free and Reduced Meals can complete the application online at [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com)

Transportation and bus route information is available at [www.wcsoh.org/MyBus](http://www.wcsoh.org/MyBus).

## Schedule Pick Up Days will provide the opportunity to:

- ♦ Pick-up schedule/locker assignment
- ♦ Purchase parking pass
- ♦ Purchase athletic pass
- ♦ Request late arrival & early release (Jr./Sr. Only)
- ♦ Request off campus lunch (Seniors Only)
- ♦ Purchase school apparel
- ♦ Return Health Heroes Vaccination Clinic form

## Schedule Changes

Schedule changes require written parent permission. Schedule Change Forms will be available in the Commons during pick up days. A box will be provided for completed forms. **Schedules will not be changed based on lunch or teacher preference.**

## Open House / Curriculum Night

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Open House/Curriculum Night is an opportunity for parents to come to school, follow the student's daily schedule and learn the routines and procedures of the classrooms, as well as the curriculum that will be covered during the school year.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall parent-teacher conferences are scheduled the evenings of September 19 and 20.

Spring parent-teacher conferences are scheduled the evenings of February 6 and 7.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 16, 2018, the first day of school.

Michael Hinze, Principal

Spanish: Si Necesita esta carta explicada en español, por favor, póngase en contacto con Claudine Morales en 614.797.7709.

Somali: Haddii and u bahhan tahay warqad this sharaxay in Soomaali, fadian la ziriir Lula Abdulle Mohamed at 614.797.7120.

**\* \* \* SCHOOL FEES FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR \* \* \***

(Payment can be made by EZPay, check, cash, or money order)

Families qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch may have general instructional fees waived or reduced. The \$5 class dues/activity fee cannot be waived or reduced. To apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals please visit [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com) and complete the online application. You must apply every year. For additional information, see flyer enclosed in this Back-to-School packet.

**General Instructional Fee:** \$20.00 (consumable items used in classrooms)  
**Class Dues/Activity Fee:** \$5.00

<b><u>SCIENCE</u></b>		<b><u>ART</u></b>	
All A.P. Science classes (Bio., Chem., Physics, Environ. Sci.)	\$24.00	Art Foundations	\$12.00
Anatomy & Physiology	\$24.00	Painting 1 & 2	\$32.00
IB Sciences (Bio., Chem., Physics, Sports, Exercise & Health)	\$24.00	Digital Arts	\$30.00
Zoology	\$24.00	2-D Visual Arts/Advanced 2-D Visual Arts	\$30.00
Principles of Biomedical Systems & Human Body Systems	\$16.00	3-D Visual Arts/Advanced 3-D Visual Arts	\$30.00
Engineering Courses & Architecture	\$16.00	IB Visual Arts	\$30.00
All other 1.0 credit Science Courses	\$16.00		
All other 0.5 credit Science Courses	\$8.00		
<b><u>MUSIC</u></b>		<b><u>MATH</u></b> - All mathematics course at the high school level require a graphing calculator. The district primarily uses Texas Instruments (TI) calculators. Please check with the teacher for the model that will work best for the course selected. The two calculators most likely to be used are the TI-Nspire CX Graphing Calculator or the TI-84 Plus CE Graphing Calculator. Students may use the same graphing calculator for all high school mathematics courses, college entrance exams, and college coursework.	
Concert Band/Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band	\$15.00		
Marching Band	\$15.00		
Jazz Band	\$15.00		
Orchestra	\$15.00		
Choirs	\$15.00		

In addition to school fees there may be other out of pocket expenses associated with classes.

**Theatre**

Students enrolled in Introduction to Theatre and Acting may have expenses, not to exceed \$10, for scripts, make-up and costumes. Students enrolled in IB theatre may have expenses not to exceed \$25 for scripts and other theatrical works.

**Extracurricular Fees**

Students will be charged an extracurricular per sport fee as follows:

- First sport fee: \$150.00 per athlete
- Second sport fee: \$75.00 per athlete
- Third sport fee: \$0.00
- Family cap: \$300.00

**Refund Policy**

- Students withdrawing from school will receive a refund, if requested, for only those monies collected for consumable materials.
- The \$5 Class Dues/Activity Fee is non-refundable.
- Refunds to students withdrawing from school are as follows:
  - 75% refund before the end of the First Nine-Weeks Period
  - 50% refund before the end of the Second Nine-Weeks Period
  - 25% refund before the end of the Third Nine-Weeks Period

There will be no refunds to students withdrawing after the onset of the fourth nine-week period.

**Please Note:** All school fees must be paid and overdue materials returned before homecoming, prom, or Cedar Point (seniors only) tickets can be purchased. All fees must be paid in order to receive your high school diploma.

**Student Parking**

Students will be charged \$30 per year for a school campus parking permit. The cost for a permit purchased second semester is reduced to \$15. Permit applications will be available at schedule pick up and in the Main Office.

**Student Identification Card**

Students will be required to carry and present their WSHS student ID card for inspection to staff, upon request. The first ID is provided at no cost to the student. There will be a \$5 charge to replace the card if lost, stolen or damaged.

**Parents/Guardians:** The District is sometimes able to provide free language assistance in other languages. If you need such assistance, please contact the building secretary or building administrator at your child's school and let them know the language you speak.

For more information visit: [www.westerville.k12.oh.us](http://www.westerville.k12.oh.us) (District website)



**Go Cats!!!**