

July 10, 2017

Hello Future Wildcats!

I hope your summer has been fun and relaxing so far. I have been busy at school getting schedules ready and beginning to think about the new school year. I know you have been thinking about becoming a Wildcat at Westlane for some time. Some of what you are feeling is excitement, and some of it is nervousness. I want to let you know that you have no reason to be nervous.

I know you have been thinking about that locker and how to open it. Remember when I said to ask your parents to buy you a combination lock to practice on. This will help you understand the pattern of the lock. Once you get the pattern of working the combination, you will be set. It just takes practice. Do not let this worry you all summer. There will be a lot of people around to help you during those first few days.

Another thing many students worry about is the size of the school and the possibility of getting lost. Again, don't worry. If you get turned around and confused in the building, there will always be someone to help you find the correct room – I promise! I think everyone has a story about getting mixed-up at one point. Even I went down the wrong hall once or twice my first year here at Westlane.

When you pick up your schedule on Tuesday, July 25 at registration, you can map out your day. On Thursday, July 27, I have some 8<sup>th</sup> grade Safari Guides ready to show you around school during our Wildcat Safari. This starts at 6:00 that evening and you will get to know the building a little better

Do not forget to stay ready as a student. Try to read at least two or three books between now and the beginning of school. It will definitely help you when you return to school in August

That is all for now Wildcats. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer, take time to read and don't worry about middle school – be excited – you are going to love it here!

Sincerely.

Mr. Pitcock





