



HARVARD-WESTLAKE SCHOOL

Welcome to the Harvard-Westlake Community!

You have officially become a student at Harvard-Westlake School, and we are proud to welcome you. We look forward to getting to know you better, and we know that you are also eager to meet new classmates and make new friends. The first opportunity to do so will be at our upcoming *Placement Test and Scheduling Day* on April 16 at 8:30 a.m. **In preparation, please visit our admission website to select courses and sign up for placement tests by the April 13 deadline.**

All 7th graders will:

- visit the Bookstore to have their *New Faces* and ID photo taken and add their address to the August book mailing data base
- have the option of taking the math placement test (for those wishing to enroll in a course other than pre-algebra)
- have a chance to visit the World Languages Fair
- have the option of taking a world languages placement test (for those wishing to enroll in other than the beginner level)
- have the option to audition for advanced-level Performing Arts ensembles

All 8th and 9th graders will:

- visit the Bookstore to have their *New Faces* and ID photo taken and add their address to the August book mailing data base
- take a math placement test
- meet with the Deans to review and finalize course selections
- have a chance to visit the World Languages Fair
- have the option of taking a world languages placement test (for those wishing to enroll in other than the beginner level)
- have the option of taking the science placement test (for those 9th graders who wish to enroll in Honors Biology)
- have the option to audition for advanced-level Performing Arts ensembles

While students are taking placement tests, 7th and 8th grade parents may mingle with other parents, chat with deans, or visit the World Languages Fair. Ninth grade parents are invited to a panel discussion that includes the ninth grade deans, our athletic director, and representatives from the Harvard-Westlake Parents' Association, who will introduce you to various school programs and policies as well as describe how you can get involved in our community.

In anticipation of selecting courses, 8th and 9th grade families should consult the [curriculum guide](#), which details all of our course offerings. Ninth grade students who wish to take three placement tests (math, science *and* a language) will need to follow the online instructions and schedule an additional testing date.

Enclosed you will find a calendar of upcoming events; please pay attention to the ones that pertain to your grade level. You will be receiving more information regarding these events in the future.

You were selected to be a part of this class because of your fine school record, your enthusiasm to participate in school activities, and your strong, moral character. We are thrilled to have you join us, and we look forward to meeting you on April 16.

Warmly,

Jon Wimbish
Head of Middle School



Placement and Orientation Events Calendar Overview

APRIL and MAY

Wednesday, April 13

Course selection and placement test sign up deadline.

Saturday, April 16

Placement Test and Scheduling Day

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Middle School (MS) Bookstore open for *New Faces* and ID photographs and add their address to the August book mailing data base.

8:00 a.m.

Performing Arts auditions and placement for Instrumental Music, by appointment.

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

World Languages Fair

8:45 – 10:00 a.m.

9th Grade parent orientation meeting

8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Mathematics Placement test

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

World Languages Placement test

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science Placement test

10:30 – 1:00 p.m.

9th grade Deans available to review and finalize course selections

Monday to Thursday

April 18 – 21

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Placement test for World Languages, Math, or Science
(Register in Booth 212 beginning at 3:45 p.m.)

Friday, May 13

World Languages, Math and Science placement test results sent to students.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Welcome BBQ for new HW 7th grade students & parents

AUGUST

Monday, August 1	Student schedules are available on www.hw.com on both the student and parent portals.
Monday to Wednesday August 15 – 17 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	MS Bookstore open for <i>Book Blitz</i>
Monday to Friday August 15 – 19 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Fast Start (optional program)
Wednesday and Thursday August 17 and 18 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Deans available on campus
Friday, August 19 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	New 9 th Graders' Orientation
Friday, August 26 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Orientation for all 7 th Graders (mandatory program)
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.	7 th Grade Welcome Pool Party
Monday, August 29 8:00 a.m.	First day of school for all students

The Middle School Bookstore will be open to take students' photographs on Saturday, April 16, and after school (until 5:30 p.m.) on April 18, 19, 20 and 21. If you are unable to come on one of these days, please email TCleveland@hw.com at the Middle School Bookstore to schedule an appointment.

All students must have their New Faces Book photos taken by Friday, April 29.

HARVARD-WESTLAKE SCHOOL

DAILY BUS SERVICE -- MIDDLE SCHOOL

2016-17 FACT SHEET

1. Westside

- Begins at PCH/Cross Creek to Palisades Drive/Palisades Circle
- Follows Sunset to San Vicente
- Follows Sunset to Beverly Glen to School
- Accessible from: Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, and Santa Monica

2. Los Feliz / Hancock Park

- Begins at Los Feliz/Hillhurst
- Continues on Beverly to Fairfax
- Follows Fairfax to Sunset
- Follows Sunset to Beverly Glen to School
- Accessible from: Glendale, Los Feliz, Hancock Park, Hollywood, West Hollywood, and Beverly Hills

3. East Valley

- Begins at Huntington Drive/Santa Anita
- Continues to Colorado/Orange Grove to Brand/Goode
- Follows Buena Vista to Lankershim to Ventura Blvd.
- Continues on Ventura Blvd. to Beverly Glen to School
- Accessible from: Pasadena, Glendale, Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Toluca Lake, Burbank, and Universal City

4. West Valley

- Begins at Lindero Canyon/Thousand Oaks
- Follows Calabasas Road to Ventura Blvd.
- Continues on Ventura Blvd. to Beverly Glen to School
- Accessible from: Agoura, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Encino

5. North Valley

- Begins at Devonshire/Reseda
- Follows Devonshire to Balboa
- Continues on Balboa to Ventura Blvd. to Valley Vista/Woodcliff to Beverly Glen to School
- Accessible from: Chatsworth, West Hills, Canoga Park, Northridge, Winnetka, and Reseda

6. Westchester

- Begins at Sepulveda/Park Place
- Follows Sepulveda to Jefferson
- Continues on Jefferson to Overland to Washington to Motor to Pico to Beverly Glen to School
- Accessible from: Manhattan Beach, Playa del Rey, Westchester, Ladera Heights, View Park, Baldwin Hills, Culver City, Palms, and Cheviot Hills

SERVICE

- Morning bus
- Two afternoon buses: Close of classes and post-activities (students have choice of buses on each day)
NOTE: Most routine practices and other afternoon activities will conclude prior to bus departure. Some games and special events will run beyond this time;
however, requiring that parents make other transportation arrangements for the days involved.

ENROLLMENT

Cost based upon ridership (non-profit cost-sharing) -- estimated \$2,400-2,600

- **Contract is for full-year, both ways, non-cancelable, non-refundable**
- *Minimum enrollment of 40 required to operate each route*
- Route start and stop locations subject to change
- Enrollment will be available on-line through the HW parent portal in May
- Participants will be billed on their August statements
- Please contact Patti Snodgrass at 818-487-6603, if you have questions