

Dear Parents of Seventh Graders,

Welcome to Harvard-Westlake! We are most excited about the arrival of your child here on campus in the fall, and want to inform you of a program designed for incoming seventh graders. Fast Start is a five-day program at the end of summer designed to acquaint newcomers with other members of their class, some of their prospective teachers, and the Middle School campus. Members of the Harvard-Westlake faculty have put together a program that includes study skills, group activities, and practical hints about daily campus life. There is no homework, just plenty of fun.

This year Fast Start 7 will run from MONDAY, AUGUST 15 through FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, from 9:00 AM until noon each day. The cost for the week is \$225 and includes a light snack during the morning break and all necessary materials and supplies.

As is the case with all summer activities, Fast Start is entirely optional, unlike Orientation which is NOT optional

To register for the Fast Start program, when registration begins on April 11th, please click on the "Register For Fast Start Link" and acknowledge the "Are you sure?" confirmation. Please do not submit payment for the program at this time as participating families will be billed through the school's business office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Brabbée at abrabbee@hw.com or Regan Galvan at rgalvan@hw.com. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Andrew Brabbée
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Fast Start Co-coordinator

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NB: On Friday, August 26, all seventh graders are required to attend orientation which is mandatory for all new students whether they attend Fast Start or not.