



WEEKLY MESSAGE

WEEK OF 8/11/25

EXPANDING HORIZONS

**Challenging ourselves,
Accepting our Failures,
Thirsting for Knowledge,
and Seeking Answers**

POSITIVITY PROJECT

For the week of August 11-15th, our school is focusing on the character strength of **Teamwork**. Teamwork means working well with others as part of a group. It involves being loyal, reliable, and dedicated to helping your team reach its goals.

People who are strong in teamwork desire to help all group members succeed, committing time and resources to the group's shared goals. Sometimes, this means setting aside personal achievements to ensure the team does well as a whole. By doing this, they create positive feelings and help form a strong bond among group members.

Being a good teammate benefits everyone. When students work together, they feel proud of being part of something bigger than themselves.

To practice and encourage the character strength of teamwork at home, please visit The Positivity Project's mobile-friendly P2 for Families (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)), where you will watch a video together and discuss a quote and three questions. [Here](#) is the link to this week's P2 for Families lessons.

PTSA

- Two easy ways to start supporting the West Lake Middle School student community now are through PTSA and Booste. There is strength in numbers and we invite you and your family to join us. We do so much to support teaching, learning

athletics at The Lake and that can only happen with your support. One of the best ways to stay informed is to follow the [PTSA on Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), join the [Wildcats Community on Facebook](#) and the [West Lake Athletic Boosters on Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

- Join us for joint PTSA & Booster Club meeting on August 12th at 6pm virtual [Meeting Link](#)
- Interested in purchasing a [Go Play Save](#) book for local coupons? Proceeds come back to West Lake Middle School to support our programs. Fundraiser ends August 22nd. Physical books ordered are delivered to the students' core 1 teacher within 3-5 days of ordering for distribution to any friends or family who placed an order.
- [Spirit Wear](#) store is open through August 22nd
- Support our teachers with purchasing off our [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- Interested in helping with PTSA please complete the [form](#)
- Rent Carpool [Spirit Rock](#)
- Send [Birthday Gram](#)
- Purchase [PTSA Membership](#)

ATHLETICS

FALL TRYOUTS

If your child is trying out for a FALL SPORT, fill out the GOOGLE FORM below.

Mrs. Painter must have all documentation checked prior to tryouts.

- [CHEER TRYOUTS](#)
- [FOOTBALL TRYOUTS](#)
- [GIRLS' SOCCER TRYOUTS](#)
- [VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS](#)
- Interested in helping the booster club? Please complete the [form](#)
- Skills Camps for 2025-2026: [Registration for Camp](#)
 - Aug 18-21 Cheer 2:45-4:45 in the cafe
 - Aug 18-21 Football 2:45-4:45 in the gym
 - Aug 25-28 Basketball 2:45-4:45 in the gym
- Volunteer to pass out t-shirts at each Skills Camp: [Sign-Up Form](#)
- [Wake County Volunteer Form](#) (must be completed if you want to volunteer at any school event)
- Purchase [Booster Membership](#)
 - Athletic events cost \$6.00 every home event
 - Booster Passes Cost:
 - Student - \$30, Single - \$45, Double - \$75, Family(6) - \$150
- Athletics Spirit Wear: If you are interested in purchasing any sports items, the links are below...
 - [General Logo](#)

ARTS

Band-

All important documents and links sent home via TalkingPoints are now available in canvas.

Dates for the semester will go home on Monday, August 11th.

Band Spirit Night at Shake Shack 8/20. See [flyer](#) for more information.

Band Spirit Wear: Deadline 8/22
<https://wlband25.itemorder.com/>

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- [Volleyball](#)
- [Basketball](#)
- [Cheer](#)
- [Football](#)
- [Soccer](#)
- [Softball](#)
- [Track & Field](#)

Announcements

★ **Friday, August 15th:** Students will not attend school on Friday, August 15th because it is a teacher workday.

★ **Wake County Crisis Resources:** Wake County has a plethora of grief and mental health resources available for families during times of crisis - please see [this flyer](#) for more information. You may also reach out directly to our school counselors, social worker, and/or psychologist for additional help.

★ **Fall Picture Day:** Thursday, August 28th

- Fall pictures are the pictures included in the yearbook!

★ **Canvas Pairing Guide for Parents & Guardians:** Here is the [link](#) to access your child's Canvas classes.

★ **Stroll the Lake: A Haunted Halloween Fun Run:** We are planning our first Fun Run, Saturday, October 25th. We will have our first virtual planning meeting on Friday, August 15th at 9:30am. If you are interested in assisting, please email Sharon Hizer, [Sharon Hizer _ Staff - WestLakeMS](#).

★ **Infinite Campus accounts for families:** WCPSS will be launching Infinite Campus, the new Student Information System adopted by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, for the 2025-26 school year. Infinite Campus will replace PowerSchool and be used districtwide to house student data including

grades, schedules, bus stop information. Families received an email from Infinite Campus (sis-notifications@wcpss.net) to the parent/guardian email address on file for their student with instructions to access their portals. Contact your school's data manager to ensure your contact information is up-to-date.

- ★ **Back to School Night:** Thank you to everyone who attended! Please complete this [feedback form](#) to help us plan for next year. If you could not attend, you can find [teacher slides here](#).

- ★ **Volunteer Renewal for 25-26:** Families who were approved to volunteer in the 2024-25 school year will receive an email soon outlining the simple volunteer renewal process for the 2025-26 school year. We encourage families to renew their volunteer status during the renewal window, July 1-Oct. 31. Review details at wcpss.net/volunteer.

- ★ **Bus Transportation 2025-2026 School Year:** The deadline for guaranteed first-day service for year-round calendar students has passed. If you are not currently assigned to transportation but would like service next school year, you must request transportation. Once transportation has been assigned, you will be notified with your transportation start date. Please only request service if you plan for your student to be a regular rider. Students who don't ride consistently will be removed from bus rosters. To register, go to www.wcpss.net/busrider-Bus Assignments and Eligibility. Yellow bus assignments are determined by student eligibility. If you have any questions concerning eligibility status, please contact Transportation Customer service at 919-805-3030.

- ★ **Wildcat Resources:** Please fill out this Needs Assessment ([English](#), [Español](#)) to let our student services team know how to best support you this year! 😊

- If your family is in need of food, please fill out this form and wait for communication from Mrs. Cooper. - <https://bit.ly/WLMSPANTRY>

★ **Keep Your Child Safe** - Our school system has created the following web page on its website called Keeping Your Child Safe. Please feel free to visit the link: <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/63>

★ **Technology Troubles?** Open Tech Help is in the library from 7:10am to 8:10am every school day!

Actions

→ **Review Transportation Guidelines 25-26** - [Here](#) is the link to the WCPSS Transportation website. Please review the expectations for your students who ride the bus in the morning and/or afternoon.

<i>WEEKLY MESSAGE ARCHIVES</i>				
<i>JULY</i>	<i>28</i>			
<i>AUGUST</i>				
<i>SEPTEMBER</i>				
<i>OCTOBER</i>				