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Dear Westlake High School Parents and Students,

It is with great anticipation that I await the start of the 2010/2011 school year and to finally meet the entire student body. I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of students throughout the summer and each one has been incredibly supportive, helpful, genuinely sincere and truly indicative of the type of students Westlake High School is known for.

As you embark on your journey this year, whether you are a freshman, a sophomore, a junior or a senior, you must believe that you can achieve anything you set your mind to. Randy Pausch, late professor from Carnegie Mellon, once wrote, "whether you believe you can or can't, you're right." In this time of great economic and global uncertainty it is even more important to make sure you take every opportunity to set yourself apart from everyone else. Find what you are passionate about and seek out those experiences that let you explore this interest. Take advantage of what Westlake High School has to offer academically and through co-curricular activities.

Please review your schedule carefully with your parents and make sure that you have selected classes that will not only challenge you, but also engage you in areas in which you are most interested. Most importantly, you should be taking advantage of the various course offerings available and have the least amount of "free periods" possible. If you do notice any problems with your schedule it is very important to make an appointment with your guidance counselor prior to the start of the school year. All of the counselors will be in their offices on August 30th and 31st for schedule adjustments. Scheduling changes will be made solely upon academic reasons and keeping in mind that students should have as many scheduled classes as possible.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce new members of the faculty at Westlake High School. Please help me welcome Ms. Erin Harrison, our new guidance counselor, who comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in high

school guidance and the college process. Mr. Vincent Iovane joins our English department teaching both ninth and eleventh grade and also comes with many years of experience not only in these grade levels, but also in a number of interesting electives. Ms. Carolyn Frawley is returning to Westlake High School and is joined by a colleague familiar to many, Ms. Lauren (Sagona) Morris. Both have a strong passion for the arts and are eager to bring their own ideas to the various offerings in the art department. Students in tenth grade will also be working with Ms. Christine Carolan, our leave replacement in Health Education. I am certain you will find her energy and enthusiasm contagious. Mr. Lawrence McIntyre joins the science department and will be teaching earth science at both the Middle School and the High School. His interest in technology and its application to science will certainly be appreciated by our students. Again, please help me welcome all of these individuals to our family and wish them well in their first year at Westlake High School.

In closing, I know that each of you has the potential to achieve success at every level and I firmly commit myself to help each and everyone of you accomplish those goals. I know that the faculty and staff join me in this commitment and serve as an incredible support system for you in all your endeavors. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I will see you all on September 7th.

Sincerely,

Keith Schenker

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