Transitioning from middle school to high school is an exciting time for students. It can also be very stressful, especially at a school as large as Westlake. Serving well over 2,000 students on a daily basis requires a building that is much larger than the middle schools students left behind subsequently leaving many freshmen overwhelmed and daunted by its sheer size. Freshman Orientation is designed to reduce some of this anxiety by offering students the opportunity to learn their way around Westlake before the school year begins. Additionally, students will be able to purchase hall and PE lockers, receive lunch forms, transportation information, and class schedules; and because the teachers in the ninth grade academy always staff orientation, students have the opportunity to meet the dedicated professionals who will be working with them throughout the year.

Although the purpose of Freshman Orientation is to assist our students, its secondary purpose is to assist our parents also. At orientation parents can sign up for PTSA, register for Parent Connect, speak with counselors, update contact information, add their email addresses to our Ninth Grade Academy Distribution list, and attend a general session facilitated by our principal and administrative staff.