

Hello!

We are very excited that your child will be attending Eastlake High School and look forward to meeting them on **Link Crew Day, Thursday August 23rd (from 9:00am-1:30pm)**. As you may know, our school participates in the nationwide Link Crew Program, an organization whose sole purpose is to help incoming students feel more comfortable as well as help them achieve success in their first year of high school. We are so excited to welcome the class of 2022!

The Link Crew transition program is designed to both welcome and support new students by assigning them a Junior and/or Senior Link Leader as a mentor during this first year. This Link Leader is a responsible older student who was hand selected from a large pool of applicants and has met the qualifications of being a good role model and a positive leader on our campus.

At Link Crew Day you child will meet other members of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade class, their Link Crew leaders for the year, receive a thorough tour of the school, and have a chance to ask any questions that they have about high school. It is very important that they attend as this day helps ease the transition to high school for all students and the experience of being with your peer on this first day cannot be replicated.

In addition to this letter inviting your child to attend Link Crew Day, a day or two before orientation your child will receive a phone call from his or her Link Crew Leader personally inviting them to orientation day. Some students may not receive calls if your home phone number is listed as confidential or we do not have a current number on file, this does not mean that the leader is not expecting them on this day. Every member of the class of 2022 has a Link Crew leader that is excited to meet them on the 23rd!

Your child is encouraged **not to bring big backpacks**, purses or other like items and to wear comfortable clothing as the day is quite active and they will be moving around the building all day. If your child brings a water bottle please make sure their name is on it.

Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, is when checks and documents are needed and when students get their ID cards, school photos, laptops, etc. at the Back to School Business Day. **Do not bring these items on the 23rd.**

Students will be provided with a free welcome lunch of cheese pizza but may bring their own lunch if they have any dietary restrictions.

This is a student only day and we encourage you to let your child attend on his or her own, as there is a separate parent informational meeting on August 29<sup>st</sup> from 7-8pm. Please feel free, however, to e-mail one of us with questions you have about **Link Crew Day on August 23rd (from 9:00am-1:30pm) or check out the link crew website: <http://www.boomerangproject.com/high-school-transition>**

We can't wait to meet the class of 2022 and welcome the to the Eastlake Family!  
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