



Year-end Information for Westerly Parents Wrapping up the 2019-2020 School Year

Westerly Parents:

With just over one week before the start of summer break, we are almost at the finish line of what has been a truly remarkable school year. We cannot thank you enough for your engagement & commitment to Westerly.

[Last week's State of the School](#) gave us the opportunity to gather as a community to reflect on the current school year while considering what next fall may look like in some detail. With dynamic planning now underway for both the summer and the fall term, we wanted to highlight several announcements from that presentation:

- Campus will remain closed to students for the academic year. In coordination with our 8th grade families, Westerly is planning for an in-person graduation ceremony in August. The final academic learning day will be June 5th and end of year class activities are scheduled through June 10th.
- Westerly will be offering summer programming, but differently than in previous years. These details are still being worked out and specific information will be emailed as soon as possible.
- Beginning next fall, Westerly plans to offer BOTH on-campus and online learning in parallel. This means you will be able to choose which means of accessing Westerly is right for your family's unique situation.
- Considering advice from federal, state & local health agencies and community experts along with emergence of evidence based data, Westerly is planning for the safe start of the next school year and considering two different sets of dates to begin next school year: August 17 & 19 or September 9 & 14. Kinder-4th Grade students would begin on the earlier date under both plans.

Please know that the staff, faculty & administrative team along with the board of trustees will remain hard at work throughout the students' summer break preparing for the fall term and beyond. Families can anticipate active communications from the school over the course of the summer as local & state return-to-school health guidelines manifest. We are here for you - please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any specific questions in the meantime.

We look forward to sharing in fun times together as a community during [Heroes & Sheroes](#) auction events this week and through various end of school year online activities. There is much to celebrate!

A truly heartfelt thank you to each of you for continuing to support and trust Westerly with your child's education,

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Dr. Lauren Plant
Head of School

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Dr. Shalu Gupta
Board Chair