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Hello!

I hope everyone's summer is off to a great start. Our student leadership team had a great two days of learning and planning last week, and we are extremely excited about the upcoming year. Please take the time to read this information about two VERY IMPORTANT things you need to know about (and act on).

- **Presto Assistant:** You may have noticed that my most recent emails have been coming through a program called Presto Assistant. We are replacing Charms with this new program. Shortly after receiving this letter, you should receive an email from Presto Assistant (check SPAM if you don't get it soon) inviting you to set up an account. Please take the time to do this. **If it asks for a temporary password, it will be WHS followed by your lunch number, like this WHS12345.** You then be prompted to create your own password. The info currently in the program was taken from the registration forms you completed, or information that was available in Skyward or previously in Charms if you did not complete all the information on the form. After you setup your account, you should be able to verify and update your contact and other information. Unlike Charms, parents/guardians will be able to create your own account that will allow you to access all your kids in one place! (We will also be transitioning the junior highs to this system, and you will be able to add kids across multiple campuses if that applies to you.)
- **FUNDRAISER STARTING NOW!** Another email you will receive shortly after getting this email will come from 99pledges (again, please check SPAM if you do not get it soon). This email will contain instructions and your personal link to our donation drive fundraiser. This is an online fundraiser like GoFundMe or SnapRaise that some of your other organizations may have used in the past. The difference is that 99pledges does not keep a large portion of the donations like those other programs do. In fact, they do not keep anything except the minimal card processing fees. It is also an incredibly easy fundraiser. All you will have to do is share your link through email and/or social media so that people can make donations. The program will track any donations made through your individual links and 50% of what you raise will go directly to your account to where it can cover items such as fees and trips in the future. The other 50% will go into the band's general fund to help cover things we do not want to have to charge fees for.

Look for another update later this week with some reminders and other information. I am trying to avoid overloading you with too much at once. Please let me know if you have any questions, I am always more than happy to clarify or assist in any way I can.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant McWilliams".

Grant McWilliams
Director of Bands