

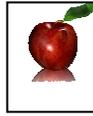
# West Valley Christian Academy

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# Principal's Corner

### IMPORTANT DATES

- August 7<sup>th</sup> - Teacher letter, supply list, and handbooks can be picked up in the office
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - Payment is due
- Aug 28<sup>th</sup> - Orientation 7pm Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Aug 29<sup>th</sup> - Orientation 7pm 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Apparel Order Deadline

Dear WVCA Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at West Valley Christian Academy. We are excited that you are here. We want you to know that we firmly believe the parents of our students are vital to the successful experiences on the WVCA campus. This school would not exist without those that entrust their children to us. Throughout the teachers, aides and support staff will strive to provide a quality Christian education that honors the Lord, and is based on the Bible, as they fulfill the mission and vision God has placed on their lives.

There is much to be excited about as we enter our 21st year at West Valley Christian Academy. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." God has been with us and blessed us greatly for the past 20 years, and we are excited to continue and / or build a strong partnership with you knowing and believing great things will happen over the next nine months.

Make sure you mark your calendars with these important dates:

- Monday, August 7th Parent / Student Handbooks, letters from the teacher(s) and class supply lists will be available for you to pick up
- Monday, August 28th is Back to School Orientation for Kindergarten – Third Grades @ 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 29th is Back to School Orientation for Fourth – Eighth Grades @ 7:00 pm
- The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 5th @ 8:30 am

Back to school orientations are important. It is your opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet their teacher and hear about important policies and procedures. The Kona Ice Truck will be here for a complimentary treat following both orientations.

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We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all students enrolled can and will achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, students need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for your children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he / she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes and turns in, all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his / her school life
- 5) Informs you if he / she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect and desire for him / her to succeed in school
- 7) Respects his / her teacher(s) and endeavors to do their best in and out of the classroom

The staff at WVCA will pray for, support, and encourage, your child and his / her family on a daily basis. Please do the same for our staff. We hope you are able to volunteer at the school, in some capacity, as your schedule permits. Driving and chaperoning on field trips is a great way to spend time with the students and their teachers as well as get to know other parents.

Please keep Tammy Varvell and Collin in your thoughts and prayers. They moved to Gilbert, Arizona recently in order to live closer to her family. I know she would be thankful if you would pray for Collin as he makes the transition to a new home and school. Tammy will be greatly missed as she spent 17 years with WVCA.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school office. We look forward to working with you and your children during the 2017/2018 school year. Enjoy the few remaining weeks of summer!

God Bless,

Mrs. Teresa Smith & the WVCA Staff

## Don't Forget to Pick Up...

Parent Handbooks, Teacher Letter and Supply List are available & can be picked up from the office on August 7th. Check online at [TeacherList.com](http://TeacherList.com) to see if your teacher has posted their supply and classroom wish lists.

## Absent/Tardy Slips

The day following an absence each student must stop by the office before returning to class to receive an admit slip. Students cannot go back to class without a slip. Send a note with your child to explain why the child was out.

**Reminder:** Your child cannot return to school if it has not yet been 24 hours since vomiting or having diarrhea.

## Payments



When making your checks out to the school or day care please be sure to put your child's name on the check.

\* **Payments are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, August through May.** To avoid late fees, a tuition payment is considered late if received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

\* The Payment Drop Box is located in the front office for your convenience. Don't wait in line; just drop your check payment into the box. All Cash payments require a receipt from the office. Please do not place cash in the drop box.

## Parking Lot Safety / Drop Off and Pick Up Times



The speed limit in the parking lot is 5 mph. Please remember to slow down when children are present. The safety patrol is here to ensure ALL children & parents are safe arriving and leaving school; please remember to obey their requests. **Do not use your cell phone while driving in the parking lot.**

**Use the crosswalk when walking your children to class.** Do not walk through the parking lot or drop your children off in front of the church or multi-purpose building. If you are dropping off your child, have them get out of the car after you drive past the crosswalk. Make sure your children have their backpacks and other items they need ready before they get out of the car. This will help move the line more efficiently.

**Do not leave any child unattended in your car. It is dangerous to leave children in or around a vehicle for even a second.**

**Drop off is no earlier than 8:15 a.m.** If your child arrives between 8:15 and 8:24 they are to wait in the security of the cafeteria. They are **NOT ALLOWED** to wait by the classrooms. School begins at 8:30. Students are marked tardy if they are not in their seat when roll is taken.

Pick up times are as follows:

Kindergarten 2:50 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 3:00 p.m.

Middle School 3:15 p.m.

Make sure that all pick-up arrangements are made prior to school. We will discourage the use of the office phone by any students for special arrangements. If your child/ren are picked up later than 3:05 for Kindergarten, 3:15 for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 3:30 for Middle School you will be charged \$10.00 for every 15 minutes. Be prepared to make this payment at the time you arrive.

## Lunch Fees/Food Allergies

Lunch payments are sent to the classroom, make checks payable to: **WEE CARE** include your child/ren's name on the check.

Do not include lunch fee with tuition payments. The cost for lunch is \$2.50 with or without milk.

Milk is available at lunchtime for \$0.25 for those bringing sack lunches.

**No soda is allowed on campus**, including sprite, with the exception of class parties.

**Food Allergies:** Students with Peanut or other food allergies will need to sit at a designated "Nut Free" table in the cafeteria.

## School Cast



"Rapid Alert and Notification System" enables us to reach parents or guardians, faculty and staff, first responders, and the media within moments through a variety of popular communication methods and devices such as: landline phones, cell phones, email, pagers, and PDAs. School Cast is the most efficient and effective way of reaching parents and other members of our school community during emergency and non-emergency situations. School Cast provides WVCA with a cutting edge tool to keep critical channels of communication open, current, accurate & controlled. **Please turn your form into the office by September 5th.**



# WVCA Sports



Flag Football & Girls Volleyball sign ups are taking place right now. Sign up in the school office or call the office to sign up. Tryout dates to be announced later this month.



## Reminders for the 2017-2018 Year

Faculty badges. All faculty will wear picture ID badges. Help your children recognize the importance of talking only to adults that are recognized as employees by seeing their ID badge.

Lost & found is located in the gym. Label all clothing, jackets, sweaters, and lunch boxes.

All medication must be given to the secretaries. A medication form must be filled out. Forms are available in the office.

Schoolwork pick up spot for absentee's is on the table across from the secretaries.



## Chapel

Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade has chapel at 8:45 am - 9:15 am. Parents are always invited every Wednesday to our chapel services.

Awards chapel is on the second Wednesday of the month.



### Cougar's Den hours:

K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students go to the student store during their 1<sup>st</sup> recess on Friday's. Middle School students can visit the student store during their nutrition break every day.

Purchase a \$20 Cougar Club Card from the office and receive \$2 in merchandise FREE! Excludes all apparel purchases.

Turn in all apparel orders to the office. Call the office to set up an appointment for sizes. Appointments are available between 9:30 - 3:30. Order before the deadline to ensure your items are available.

## Volunteers



There are many opportunities to volunteer within the classroom or at scheduled events throughout the school year. You can contact the office to sign up for the various events when they are posted in the newsletter.

# Physical Education

WVCA is a "Project Fit" and CATCH school! We received grants enabling us to enhance our Physical Fitness program for all students in kindergarten – eighth grade, which will encourage participation in comprehensive PE classes. The Project Fit grant supplied our school with outdoor and indoor cardiovascular and physical fitness equipment and curriculum. Students will learn more about **GO, SLOW, WHOA, and TCC: Teamwork, Communication & Cooperation.**



**CATCH** stands for Coordinated Approach to Child Health. The four components to the program are: Classroom Curricula, Physical Education, Family and Eat Smart Programs.

Mrs. Martin is our full time physical education teacher. Please support her efforts by encouraging your child to participate in PE with a good attitude. All students need to wear tennis shoes to P.E. Please refrain from asking Mrs. Martin to excuse your child's participation in P.E. If your child can't participate for any reason a doctor's note will be required.

## Dress Code

Thank you for supporting W.V.C.A.'s uniform policy guidelines.

Uniforms on Monday through Thursday are khaki/tan shorts, slacks, skorts, skirts or jumpers. Tops are a navy blue knit polo shirt with or without a WVCA logo. Fridays are denim jeans or shorts in solid blue, black or khaki. Tops are navy blue knit polo shirt with or without a WVCA logo or a navy blue T-shirt with the WVCA logo.

French Toast gives a broader selection of UNIFORMS than those that come from the UNIFORM line in a department store. WVCA School Source code is QS47EPF.

The following are department store UNIFORM lines that are approved: Burlington Coat Factory - French Toast, Famous Maker, National Brand, Children's Place, JC Penny's - French Toast, IZod, Target - French Toast, Cherokee, Dickies, Walmart - Approved Schoolware, Dickies, George Uniform Line and Old Navy - Uniform Line.

## Before And After School Care

Remember if your child needs before and/or after school daycare you need to stop by the office to pick up daycare enrollment forms for 2017/2018 school year.

# Support Your School! Easy Rewards for WVCA

## Box Tops Competitions!

Summer is almost over; we hope you have been saving your Box Tops. Remember to place your child's name on the back, cut them out on the dotted line and to bring in your Box Tops to your child's teacher by 9 am on Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for a Grand Prize Drawing. Please do not hold on to Box Tops for drawings, they do expire.

### YEAR ROUND REWARDS



**Box Tops for Education** – Look for Box Tops on many participating products. Before turning in your Box Tops to your child's teacher; cut them out on the dotted lines and write your child's name on the back of each one. **We have drawings throughout the school year for a variety of prizes.** [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) has many more opportunities to help the school earn money.



**Tyson A+ Program** – If you use Tyson products just cut out the label & turn it into your child's teacher. Each label is worth 24¢ for the school.

**Save Mart** – Shares powered by eScrip. Please register on-line at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Just use it along with your purchases and the school gets a percentage back.



**eScrip** - You can register your ATM or Credit Cards through eScrip and a percentage of your purchases will go back to the school.



**Jamba Juice** – sign up at [jambajuice.marqeta.com](http://jambajuice.marqeta.com) for your Sip to Support card. WVCA gets 10% of each purchase when you use the card. You must load your card online through this program.



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