

Newsline #1

September 5, 2017

OFFICE TALK

We are kicking off the first week of our 2017-2018 school year with a bang. We were excited to see so many new faces at our opening assembly this morning. On behalf of the staff at WCS we welcome you to our 57th school year.

All of our students will be experiencing new milestones this year. Some will begin school for the first time. Some students will experience new teachers, while others will make this school year their last at WCS. Through these new experiences one thing remains: God is faithful to His people. We are all blessed to be part of such a thriving, compassionate and exciting community.

This morning we unveiled our new school theme. We are placing our emphasis on prayer. The Lord's prayer, Matthew 6:9-13, will act as our theme verse. We want to be a community that prays not only during the valley moments in life, but during times when we feel on top of the mountains as well. Our motto is "Be Hard ACTS to Follow". We recognize that prayer is simply communing with God. While part of talking with God certainly is bringing our requests, there should be more to our prayers than this. We are challenging our students to remember the ACTS model when we go to God in prayer. The acronym

ACTS stands for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. We are excited to see what God does this year through our prayers. We humbly ask that you too keep our school in your prayers each day. Pray for our students and their studies, friendships, and health. Give God praise for His faithfulness to our small, but mighty school. Thank Him for what he has done in your life and what He is going to do through our community. We thank you for remembering us in your prayers as we navigate through another school year.

God is good, always and forever!

Mr. Charron,
Admin Team



SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Soccer

Soccer practices will be held at the school every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30-4:45 p.m., **beginning tomorrow, September 6.**

Please pick up your child(ren) promptly.

There will be a sign up sheet posted for interested Grade 5-8 students to try out. Those who are chosen for the WCS soccer team are required to commit to attend practices and behave in a good sportsmanlike manner. The tournament is on Wednesday, October 4 .

Thank you to April and Josh Tuininga for volunteering to coach our team! Miss VanderHeide is the staff supervisor.

Back to School BBQ!

We look forward to meeting with school families at a Back to School BBQ (featuring hot dogs, juice and snacks) **on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.** This gives families the opportunity to learn about our theme and important school procedures, tour the school, visit with the teachers, as well as share a meal. Please join us if you are able.

Cross Country Team

There is a sign up sheet for those students in Grades 1-8 who would like to try out for the Cross Country team. Practices begin next week during second break. The Meet is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10.

Those who are chosen for the WCS cross country team are required to commit to practices and behave in a good sportsmanlike manner.

Pastor Brian Horrobin has agreed to be our

coach again this year, and Mr. Charron is the staff supervisor.

First Day Packages

These envelopes are being sent home today. Please take a few minutes tonight to sit down and fill in the requested information, and return the forms in the envelope as soon as possible (no later than Monday, September 12).

The packages include:

1. **Student Profile** – one per child. Please update and return these forms to the school office as soon as possible; **please check front and back, and remember to sign them in both indicated areas.** If changes apply to the entire family (e.g. address) you may enter it once and it will be recorded for all your children. It is important to us to have the most up-to-date information for our students in the office, **especially any health concerns.** Any changes will be incorporated into the school directory, which should be in your hands by the third week of September.
2. **Permission and Personal Information form** – It is very important that this form be read thoroughly, filled out **and signed.** Please make sure your correct email address is listed.
3. **Volunteer Form** – Volunteers are extremely important to the smooth running of WCS. Please prayerfully consider how you may give of your time and talents.
4. **Police checks** - Our insurance company requires that we have criminal reference checks and vulnerable sector screening for all who volunteer with our students. This

includes volunteers who interact with the students on the school premises, on sports teams, AND those who drive children to and from any school functions. We encourage you to continue working with us to provide your children a great experience at WCS. We ask that all parents send a police vulnerable sector check to the school. If you have a photocopy of one that is less than 3 years old, we will accept that. If you need to get a new one, you can do so through the following link:

policiesolutions.ca/checks/services/chathamkent/index.php?page=pvsc

5. **Student Code of Conduct** - please read through carefully and discuss with your children.
6. **Preliminary Family and Classroom Lists** – for you to keep until the 2017-18 school directory is issued. The information in the directory will replace these preliminary lists.

School Schedule:

School begins	8:45 a.m.
Classes	8:50 – 10:40 a.m.
Nutritional Break	10:40 – 11:10 a.m.
Classes	11:10 – 1:00 p.m.
Nutritional Break	1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Classes	1:30 – 3:25 p.m.
School dismissed	3:25 p.m.
Buses leave	3:30 p.m.

Security Doorbell

Thanks to an anonymous donor, we have installed a new doorbell / camera security system. Please ring the doorbell, look into the camera and wait for a response.

Newsline:

The staff would like to stress to the parents the importance of reading the weekly Newsline regularly. Important and time sensitive information is communicated from the school, Board and committees to YOU through the Newsline.

The Newsline will be e-mailed to your family email address in a .pdf format on Monday afternoons, as well as posted on the website.

Notices for the Newsline are to be submitted to Mrs. Hooyer by 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, and can be phoned in, sent to the office, or sent by email to:

admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

Reminder about parking at school:

Please do not park in the lot at the beginning and the end of the day, as that is where the buses need to park. When dropping off or picking up your child(ren), you are asked to park on the west side of Albert Street, as no parking is allowed on the east side. Students in Grades 5-8 may cross the street without parents, but younger students must be picked up by the parents from the school. If you are already in the parking lot, due to volunteering or visiting at the school during the day, you must not leave the parking lot before the buses.

These rules are set up to ensure the safety of our children as Albert Street can be very busy; please abide by them. Also, if someone else is picking up or dropping off your children, inform them of these rules

Bus Cancellation Procedure

In case of weather which may affect our bus runs, you are asked to listen to a local radio station. If the public system buses in Zone 5 (our area) are cancelled, then our buses are cancelled. For example, if there is heavy fog and the morning runs are cancelled but the afternoon runs are not, our buses will follow the public system and not run in the mornings, but will run in the afternoons. In these instances you are asked to listen to the radio, check your text messages and/or check our Facebook page.

Please contact the school office, your bus driver or Scott Kramer (Transportation Committee chair), if you have any questions.

Office Hours

Our Office Manager, Mrs. Laurie Hooyer, will be in the office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our bookkeeper, Mrs. Cheryl Babcock, will be in the office on Wednesdays.

School Directory:

A new school directory is being prepared. It will contain current information for the 2017-18 school year. Information from the updated Student Profiles you return will be incorporated into the directory, which is why we ask you return them as soon as possible. We hope to have the directory in your hands by the third week of September.

Email Contact

Each staff member has their own email addresses. Please feel free to contact them in this way, or by phoning them at WCS before or after school.

mcharron@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
mversteeg@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
shoogstad@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
mvanderheide@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
llammers@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
sdejong@wallaceburgchristianschool.com
pdejong@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

Please note: teachers are unable to continuously check their emails throughout the day. Time sensitive issues should be phoned in before 1:00 p.m. All general inquiries should be sent to Mrs. Hooyer at:

admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

Bookkeeping questions can be sent to Mrs. Babcock at
bookkeeper@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

School Assemblies

We will have school assemblies every Thursday at 8:50 a.m. beginning on September 14. You are always welcome to join us as we begin our day with devotions.

Bibles:

Students in Grades 3-8 require a Bible (New International Version) at school. You may use one from home, or purchase one; the school office has hardcover Bibles available for \$10.

Bus Drivers

If you currently have a bus drivers license or are interested in getting one, please contact Scott Kramer, Transportation Committee, and/or the office. Thank you.



Mrs. Lammers	September 4
Trent Kramer	September 8
Lauren DePooter	September 9
Jamall Prince	September 9

TRIP

School has begun again! It is so easy to purchase gift cards; there is an order form at the end of this Newline and via a link on our website:

www.wallaceburgchristianschool.com/trip.pdf

Gift card orders can be sent to Laurie in the office. Most times it will be returned that same day. If you wish to set up weekly or monthly orders, please send in postdated cheques. Gift cards are also available from Stekelbos Watch and Clock Repair.

We would like to make it easy for you to participate in this wonderful fundraiser, where you can support the school AND reduce your tuition by spending money that you spend anyway! Please let us know what we can do. If there are any cards you would like that we do not offer, please let us know. Also, you can purchase gift cards we don't carry in stock with the grocery cards we do carry. It's as simple as adding these gift cards to your weekly shopping list! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa DePooter or Laurie Hooyer.

18 holes • golf carts • smorgasbord • door prizes & awards



Wallaceburg
Christian School
GOLF
Tournament

Saturday **30**
SEPTEMBER

Country View
GOLF COURSE, Chatham

Shotgun Start @ 1pm

or join us just for
supper at 6pm, **\$85**
\$30

Please contact: 519-627-6013
admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

\$3000
hole-in-one
prize!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, September 6	3:30-4:45	Soccer Practice
Tuesday, September 12	3:30-4:45	Soccer Practice
Wednesday, September 13	3:30-4:45	Soccer Practice
	5:30-7 pm	Back to School BBQ
	7 p.m.	Board Meeting
Thursday, September 28		Hotdog Day (Gr. 1-2)
Saturday, September 30		WCS Golf Tournament, Countryview
Wednesday, October 4		CDCS Soccer Tournament

WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – IN STOCK Gift Card Order Form

Name: _____ Cheque #: _____

RETAILER	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$25	\$30	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$ Total
Canadian Tire 4%									
Bon Appetit (Harveys, Swiss Chalet, Kelseys, Montana) 3%									
Galaxy Cinema 5%									
Gospel Text Bookstore 10%									
Home Hardware 3.5%									
Mark's Work Wearhouse 6%									
No Frills, Zehrs, Superstore 5%									
Shoppers Drug Mart 5%									
Sobeys / Foodland cards 5%									
Subway 3%									
Tim Hortons 5%									
Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls 8%									

Please indicate if this is a recurring order (attach postdated cheques) Weekly ___ Monthly ___