

## Newsline #1

September 3, 2019

### OFFICE TALK

We are very excited to kick off another school year at Wallaceburg Christian School. God has been so good to us. He remains faithful to our small, but mighty community.

This year the staff has great ideas and events planned to make the year even more enjoyable. Camping trips, a Christmas program and Grandparent's Day are just a few of the events our students have to look forward to.

At Wallaceburg Christian School we are intentional about seeing our vision play out each day. Our students are going to **discover** who Christ is through exemplary curriculum, classroom

discussions and a Christ-centred environment. Our students will **develop** the talents God has given them through their academic work, athletic ability and even artistic and acting skills. Through field trips, extra-curricular activities and service projects we will **dedicate** time and effort to serve our community members.

Our school-wide theme this year is "**Caution: Under Construction**" based on Philippians 1:6 "**He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**"

We look forward to a great start to the year. Please keep our school in your prayers.



# SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

## **Back to School BBQ!**

We look forward to meeting with school families at a Back to School BBQ (featuring hot dogs, juice, veggies and snacks) **on Wednesday, September 11 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.** This gives families the opportunity to share a meal, and visit the classrooms and the teachers. Please join us!

## **Soccer**

Soccer practices will be held at the school Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 p.m., **beginning Tuesday, September 10.** Please pick up your child(ren) promptly.

There is a sign up sheet posted for interested Grade 5-8 students. Those chosen for the soccer team must commit to attend practices and behave in a good sportsmanlike manner. Mrs. McLachlin will coach our team.

## **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 will begin this week during first break.

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

## **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 9).

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 if it has changed from last year.
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:

[www.policysolutions.ca/checks/services/cha-thamkent/index.php?page=pvsc](http://www.policysolutions.ca/checks/services/cha-thamkent/index.php?page=pvsc)

5. **Preliminary Family and Classroom Lists** – for you to keep until the 2019-20 school directory is issued. The information in the directory will replace these preliminary lists.

### **School Schedule:**

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| 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**

Our school is a secured entrance school. There is a doorbell / camera security system installed. Please ring the doorbell, take a step back, look into the camera and wait for a response. Staff members are to open the door, **not students**. **Please let the office know whenever you are in the school building.**

### **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](mailto: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, download the mySBI app, or visit:

[cklass.ca/services/student-transportation](http://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation)

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 Jodi Miller (Transportation Committee), if you have any questions.

### **Office Hours**

Our Admin Team member, Mrs. Laurie Hooyer, will be in the office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our bookkeeper, Mrs. Leslie Boswell, will be in the office on Wednesdays.

### **School Directory:**

A new school directory is being prepared. It will contain current information for the 2019-20 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 address. Please feel free to contact them in this way, or by phoning them at WCS before or after school.

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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](mailto:admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com)

Bookkeeping questions can be sent to Mrs. Boswell at

[bookkeeper@wallaceburgchristianschool.com](mailto:bookkeeper@wallaceburgchristianschool.com)

### **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 with 3 years experience, or know of someone who does, please contact Jodi Miller, Transportation Committee, and/or the office. Thank you.

### **TRIP**

School has begun again! As you know, all parents are required to participate in this program, or submit a \$100 payment to the school. 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](http://www.wallaceburgchristianschool.com/trip.pdf)


You can also order a larger variety of cards with a one week turn around time (see attached).

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 on Dufferin during business hours..

**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!**

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.



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

| <b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b> |           |   |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Thursday, September 5   | 9 am      | <b>Lice Check</b>                       |
| Tuesday, September 10   | 3:30-4:45 | <b>Soccer Practice</b>                  |
| Wednesday, September 11 | 5:30-7 pm | <b>Back to School BBQ</b>               |
| Thursday, September 12  | 3:30-4:45 | <b>Gr 7-8 Lakewood Trip</b>             |
| Friday, September 13    |           | <b>Soccer Practice</b>                  |
| Tuesday, September 17   | 3:30-4:45 | <b>Gr 7-8 return from Lakewood</b>      |
|                         |           | <b>Terry Fox fundraiser</b>             |
|                         | 3:30-4:45 | <b>Soccer Practice</b>                  |
| Thursday, September 19  | 3:30-4:45 | <b>Soccer Practice</b>                  |
| Saturday, September 21  |           | <b>WCS Golf Tournament, Countryview</b> |
| Tuesday, September 24   | 3:30-4:45 | <b>Soccer Practice</b>                  |
| Thursday, September 26  | 3:30-4:45 | <b>Hotdog Day (JK-SK)</b>               |
|                         |           | <b>Soccer Practice</b>                  |

## WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – IN STOCK Gift Card Order Form

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cheque #:** \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>RETAILER</b>  | <b>\$5</b> | <b>\$10</b> | <b>\$15</b> | <b>\$25</b> | <b>\$30</b> | <b>\$50</b> | <b>\$100</b> | <b>\$250</b> | <b>\$ Total</b> |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 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