

Newsline #1

September 8, 2020

OFFICE TALK

Welcome back!! School has officially started. As a staff, we could not be more excited to kick off the new school year. We have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to teach in the classroom once again. Though our school year will begin differently with new practices put in place, we are anticipating a vibrant and enjoyable year for everyone.

We are very blessed to see so many familiar faces back this year, and are encouraged to meet an abundance of new students. God has richly blessed us with so many new faces. God's faithful hand is always at work in His people and our school is a testament to His goodness.

Our school wide theme is taken from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you"

declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". God has plans for our school and a plan for each student. As Christian educators we are excited to come alongside your child and help them identify and navigate God's plan for their life.

THY WILL
NOT MY WILL

The motto for our theme is "Thy will, not my will". We recognize that it can be difficult for anyone, especially a child, to

seek God's will and abide in it. Sin, unfaithfulness and lack of clarity can hinder our ability to understand God's plan for our life. It is easier to follow our own path than to plant our feet firmly on the path He has marked out for us. This year, we will seek out His will together.

Mr. Charron, Admin Team

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

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 Friday, September 11).

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. **Parent/Guardian Daily Screening Protocol**
- Please read this document carefully and **sign and return as soon as possible**. It is very important that you carry out this daily screening protocol each day **before** you send your children to school. Please keep this protocol on green paper at home and use each day.
3. **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.
4. **Preliminary Family and Classroom Lists** – for you to keep until the 2020-21 school directory is issued. The information in the directory will replace these preliminary lists.

Arrival at School

The bus runs and arrival schedule will resume as normal tomorrow, Tuesday, September 9. All students are to arrive at the school by 8:40am. **No student is to be dropped off at the school before 8:30am**. Thank you.

School Schedule:

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| School begins | 8:45 a.m. |
| Classes begin | 8:50 a.m. |
| Nutritional Break (JK-SK, 3-4, 7-8) | 10:40 – 11:10 a.m. |
| Nutritional Break (1-2, 5-6) | 11:10-11:40 a.m. |
| Nutritional Break (JK-SK, 3-4, 7-8) | 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. |
| Nutritional Break (1-2, 5-6) | 1:30-2:00 p.m. |
| School dismissed | 3:25 p.m. |
| Buses leave | 3:30 p.m. |

Access to School

We are limiting access to the school building this year because of the pandemic. If you need to pick up or drop off something for your child, please ring the doorbell, take a step back, look into the camera and wait for a response from a staff member. There will be a drop off / pick up point either outside the door or just inside if it's raining outside. Thank you for your cooperation.

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, 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 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 2:00 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 2020-21 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.

mcharron@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

bmclachlin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

shoogstad@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

mvanderheide@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

sdejong@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

cfeddes@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

dhighfield@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. Boswell at

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 \$15.

Supply Bus Drivers Needed

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.



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| Mrs. Lammers | September 4 |
| Bennett Feddes | September 8 |
| Trent Kramer | September 8 |
| Andres Thiessen | September 10 |
| Johny Neufeld | September 12 |

TRIP

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 Newsline 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. You can pay by cash, cheque, or e-transfer. 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 Hedy Kramer, Aimee Luth or Laurie Hooyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, September 10 7:00pm

Saturday, September 12 1-7pm

Monday, October 12

Thursday, Friday, October 29, 30

Board meeting

WCS Golf Tournament, Hidden Hills

THANKSGIVING - no school

PD DAYS - no school

WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – IN STOCK Gift Card Order Form

Name: _____ **Cheque #:** _____

| RETAILER | \$10 | \$25 | \$50 | \$100 | \$250 | \$ Total |
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| Amazon 2% | | | | | | |
| Canadian Tire 4% | | | | | | |
| Ultimate Dining Card (Harveys, Swiss Chalet, Kelseys, Montana, East Side Marios) 5% | | | | | | |
| Esso / Mobil Gas 2% | | | | | | |
| Galaxy Cinema 4% | | | | | | |
| Home Hardware 4% | | | | | | |
| No Frills, Zehrs, Superstore 4% | | | | | | |
| Shoppers Drug Mart 3% | | | | | | |
| Sobeys / Foodland cards 4% | | | | | | |
| Subway 4% | | | | | | |
| Tim Hortons 4% | | | | | | |
| Walmart 1% | | | | | | |
| Wendy's 3% | | | | | | |

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