

WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

"NEED TO KNOW" INFORMATION

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ALL FAMILIES PK-12

SCHOOL HOURS: A full school day for grades K-12 is **7:50am-2:40pm**. A half day is 7:50-11:30am.

FIRST DAY: The school year begins for **K-12 students on Tuesday, August 27**. This is a **HALF DAY (7:50-11:30)** for **ALL grades K-12**. It will not be necessary for students to bring a lunch on Tuesday. (Preschool first day information will be provided in Miss Julie's Preschool "NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION".)

CONVOCATION: Join the Christian school community in a recommitment to education at WCS and a renewed vision for the school year. Parents are encouraged to join students, staff and board in this year's celebratory event on **Tuesday, August 27, from 8:30-9:15am**. This celebration will include music performed by the WCS orchestra and chapel band, the heartwarming entrance of our Kindergarten students with the Class of 2025, and expressions of commitment to this year's theme. (Additional details will be provided when complete.) This year's theme is **"Empowered Living"** based on 2 Timothy 1:7 - *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)*

SCHOOL CALENDAR: The **2024-25 calendar** has been included with this "Back to School" email and is also available at any time on the WCS website (www.whitinsvillechristian.org). We recommend that you print a copy and/or make note of the special dates as they relate to your child(ren)'s schedule.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS: Mark your calendars! Back-To-School nights have been scheduled as follows: **Elementary will be held on Thursday, August 29; High School will be held on Thursday, September 5; and Middle School will be held on Tuesday, September 10. All Back-To-School nights begin promptly at 7:00pm.** Back-To-School nights give parents an opportunity to meet and/or get to know their child's teacher(s) better and to hear a summary of class requirements and curriculum.

SCHOOL PICTURES: School pictures for grades K-12 are scheduled for **Thursday, August 29**. School pictures for PK are scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15 & 16**. Emails containing links for ordering will be sent out prior to picture day.

FACTS Family Portal: WCS uses FACTS Family Portal as a secure, online means of communication with parents. www.factsmgt.com offers tutorials, demonstrations and instructions for parents to login to Family Portal and gain access to their students' daily schedules, academic progress and family financial information. As a reminder, any questions related to tuition should be sent to finance@whitinsvillechristian.org. Be sure to install the FACTS Family App on your mobile device for quick and easy access.

WCS NEWS: Each Friday, the newsletter, WCS NEWS, will be sent to all parents by email. The newsletter is also available from the school website under Family Resources. WCS News provides information related to current and upcoming academic, athletic, community and fundraising events – in addition to a wealth of other information. **Please be sure that you keep your email address current and accurate to receive this valuable communication tool!**

WCS SCHOOL DIRECTORY: The WCS family directory is available online through FACTS Family Portal (see above).

PARENT ALERT MESSAGING: Please text the word **"start"** to **31706** - and mark this number in your contact list for WCS Alerts. WCS communicates snow day closings, late openings, meetings, deadlines, and other important school information through Parent Alert, powered by FACTS. These messages will be sent to all school families or selected families as appropriate for the specific message. Messages may be sent via email, text or voice calls to the numbers provided by parents through your Online Enrollment. **If you have any changes in phone number, email address or preferred method of communication, please be sure to contact the appropriate (Elementary, Middle or High School) office to update your Family Portal information to ensure you are receiving all communications.**

SUPPLY LISTS: WCS will be providing school supplies for all students* this year, included as a part of your tuition. *With the exception of a few personalized items for K-5 students. [Supply lists for these items](#) are available on the [WCS website](#).

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: WCS provides a volunteer-staffed optional hot lunch program for students. Watch your email for details on an anticipated start date, instructions and menu. Please plan on students **needing to bring their own lunch** to school for at least the first couple of weeks.

(see next page for school specific dates and information)

PRESCHOOL FAMILIES

Please see Miss Julie's **Preschool "NEED TO KNOW" INFORMATION** (attached) which will give you important details to kick off your child's preschool year!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILIES

WELCOME: We officially welcome Mrs. Elisabeth Goodson to the position of Preschool and Elementary Principal! Mrs. Goodson may be reached at 508-372-3280 or at egoodson@whitinsvillechristian.org.

GRADE K-5 CLASS LISTS: Class lists have been included as a separate attachment to today's email. They will also be available in FACTS Family Portal for each elementary student. Preparing your child for a new teacher is the primary reason for publishing the lists. Considerable time, prayer and discussion by teachers went into the assignment of students to specific classes. We do not expect any changes from the list, with the exception of possible late enrollments.

CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE: Students in Grades K-5 are invited to briefly meet their teachers, visit their classrooms and drop off school supplies on **Thursday, August 22 from 11:00-12:00**. Please note that teachers will be involved in meetings and last minute back to school preparations on Thursday and Friday. If you are unable to attend during this time, students may bring their supplies on the first day of school.

AFTERCARE: WCS partners with Precious Ones Childcare Center to offer aftercare from 2:30-5:45 at WCS. An email with information on schedule and registration will be sent out on Friday, August 2. Your child **must be registered** for aftercare in order to attend. **All children not registered for aftercare will need to be picked up promptly at the end of the school day.**

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE: Students who arrive between 7:00-7:25 should proceed immediately to Room 110 (Mrs. Fredericks' room). All students will have a morning recess time beginning at 7:25, with classes beginning at 7:50.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES

GRADE 6-8 SCHEDULES: Student course schedules are available in the FACTS Family Portal. If you have any scheduling questions, please contact Mary Dykstra at mdykstra@whitinsvillechristian.org.

6TH GRADE MEET 'N' GREET: Sixth grade students are invited to a Middle School "Meet 'n' Greet" on **Friday, August 16 from 8:00-11:00am**.

NEW STUDENT EVENT: New middle school students are invited to West End Creamery (www.westendcreamery.com) on **Wednesday, August 14 from 10:00-11:30**. Returning students are also invited to attend this event to welcome new classmates. Bring \$15 to cover mini-golf and ice cream and plan on a time of fun, fellowship and meeting new friends! Please contact Mrs. Dykstra at mdykstra@whitinsvillechristian.org to RSVP.

LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS: Middle school students will receive locker assignments and set up their lockers on the first day of school. Please be in your 1st period class on time and your teachers will provide further instructions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT: September 5-6 at Camp Sentinel, North Tuftonboro, NH. (Additional details will follow from Mrs. Dykstra.)

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES

GRADE 9-12 SCHEDULES: Student course schedules will be available on **Friday, August 9**, in the FACTS Family Portal. Course assignments have been made with considerable care and are based on student course requests and class size limitations. Please be aware that schedules are still subject to change. **Requests for modifications will be considered only for very significant reasons and must be made by appointment with Dr. Lowery-Corkran** (elowerycorkran@whitinsvillechristian.org or by phone ext. 3251) **prior to the start of school on August 27.**

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION: **Tuesday, August 20 from 9:00-1:00**. This event is **required for all new high school students and rising 9th graders**. Information and details will be emailed to parents and students as soon as they are finalized. Students or parents who have questions should contact Miss Penning at kpenning@whitinsvillechristian.org.

LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS: High school locker assignments will be posted in the hallways on Tuesday August 20. High school students may come to WCS at noon to prepare their locker for the school year. An email with additional high school specific announcements will be sent out the week of August 5th. Please be sure to read this carefully for important details and updates.