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WILLAMETTE  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2016-2017

Welcome Back  
Packet



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August, 2016

Dear WCS Parents,

It is amazing how quickly summers passes. It is time to turn our thoughts toward school again. In just a few short weeks, the faculty and staff will arrive to prepare for a new school year.

Willamette Christian Center over these last few years has work diligently to make physical improvement to our building which significantly impact WCS. They have replaced the heating and cooling systems in A, B, and C wings. This summer the church crew has replaced sinks and counters in the C wing and gym restroom. Willamette's next project will be to raise the funds to replace the carpeting in B wing.

We have also been working diligently on our new website. We are excited with the format of our new site and the features that include teacher webpages for each of our faculty members. Through the new website you will also have access to Facebook, RenWeb, and many other resources. Please keep an eye out for information about our launch in the near future.

As you know there have been some faculty and staff changes this year and some of our well-loved and veteran faculty members will be greatly missed. Joining our faculty this year are three people who have served at WCs before in other roles. Chandra Gilbert will be our new preschool teacher for 3 year olds. Sherri Stewart will be our third grade teacher and Tyler Dragt will be the new PE teacher. We are excited that they have accepted these new roles and look forward to a very productive school year.

We continue to focus on the safety of our students. Part of the protocol for securing classroom in the case of an Armed Intruder is the barricading of the classroom entrance. The goal is that an intruder is slowed down and students can safely be evacuated. Several donors have given the money to install a system. This system for barricade will be complete including teacher training before school starts.

Included in this packet is the information that you will need to be prepared for the beginning of school. Please take time to review it carefully and feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions.

As we look to the beginning of school remember these important dates:

Tuesday, September 6 – Back to School Open House

6:00 PM – Parent Assembly/6:30 PM – Drop-off materials to the classrooms/7:00 PM – enjoy a treat on the front lawn. *For Middle school at 7:00 PM - 6<sup>th</sup> grade will go to room 26 for a short class meeting and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be meeting rooms 21 for a short Washington DC trip meeting.*

Wednesday, September 7 – First Day of School

Remember that it is an early release day – school ends at 2:30 PM on Wednesdays

Tuesday, September 13 – Curriculum Night

Visit each students' classroom for more details about curriculum and procedures.

I am looking forward to another awesome school year.

Blessings!

Dr. John D. Eckelbarger  
Willamette Christian School Principal



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## 2016-17

### September

- 6 WCS Welcome Back to School Night
- 7 First Day of School**
- 13 Curriculum Night
- 15 Fall Picture Day
- 27 - 30 Outdoor School (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

### October

- 10-12 Book Fair
- 21 Family Night
- 27-28 **No School** (Teacher in-service)
- 31 Willamette Trunk or Treat

### November

- 3 Picture Retake Day
- 10 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 11 No School - Veteran's Day (Teacher Grading Day)**
- 18 No School** - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23 Early Release, School is out at 12:00 noon**
- 24-25 No School** - Thanksgiving Holiday



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### December

- 9 Christmas Concert
- 16 **Early Release, School is out at 12:00 noon**
- 19-Jan 2 **No School, Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade - Christmas Break**

### January

- 3 Classes Resume
- 16 **No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
- 27 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- 30 **No School** (Teacher Grading Day)
- 30 ACSI Spelling Bee (WCS Hosting)
- 31 First Day of Second Semester

### February

- 17 Grandparents Day
- 20 **No School, President's Day Holiday**
- 21 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

### March

- 17 Spring Picture Day
- 27-31 **No School - Spring Break**



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### April

- 7 End of the Quarter/Science Expo
- 10 **No School** – (Teacher Grading Day)
- 14 **No School** – Good Friday (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 17-21 Achievement Testing
- 21 ACSI Math Olympics
- 28 **Early Release, School is out at 12:00 noon**
- 28 Spring Carnival

### May

- 12 ACSI Music Festival
- 15-19 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 19 Spring Concert, 6:30pm
- 21-27 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip
- 29 **No School**, Memorial Day Holiday
- 31 Blessing Chapel for Eighth Grade

### June

- 1 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- 9 **Last Day of School (Early Release at 12:00 Noon)**

## LUNCH PROGRAM

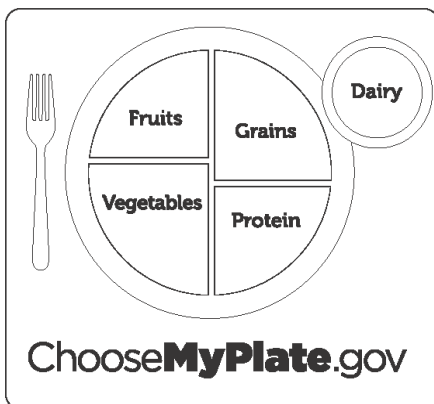
We are pleased to offer tasty, well-balanced, nutritious meals to our students, staff and visitors. All lunches must be purchased in advance in the school office or online through the school website, [www.yourwcs.com](http://www.yourwcs.com).

Lunches can be purchased in any dollar amount that suits your budget.

### Lunch Prices

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Single Lunch</u>
Preschool:	\$2.50
Kindergarten – 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	\$3.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> :	\$3.50
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> :	\$4.00
Visitor:	\$5.00

**PRESCHOOL SPECIAL NOTE:** While parents are not required to purchase lunches from the school for their children, WCS is required by the policies set forth by the State of Oregon Child Care Division to ensure that children are served meals that meet USDA standards. These guidelines have been illustrated in the USDA's diagram of **MY PLATE**:



A summarized explanation of **MY PLATE** is found in these simple rules:

- Half my plate should be made up of fresh fruits and veggies
- Half my plate should be made up of grains and proteins
- At least half of the grains on my plate should be whole grains
- The proteins on my plate should be lean and not loaded with sodium
- Dairy products should represent the smallest portion on my plate
- More information, tips, and detailed guidelines can be found at

[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

When you pack a lunch for your child, please follow these guidelines as much as possible. We will do our best at school to ensure that your child is encouraged to develop long-lasting, healthy habits.



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## **F.I.R.S.T. - *Families In Relationship and Service Together***

At Willamette Christian School, relationships and service are part of our core values. Through our F.I.R.S.T. program, you have an opportunity to get involved, meet other school parents who share similar values and interests, and connect with others as you serve together towards a common goal. WCS has a unique perspective on service. We believe *to serve* is to love, to bless, to unite....no one shows us how to do this better than Jesus Christ. *"We love because He first loved us."* 1 John 4:19

Our F.I.R.S.T. program strives to create an environment where every person finds the perfect place to serve and connect. Some of the goals are:

To meet the practical needs of WCS: *to serve*

To be part of the WCS team: *to belong*

To meet other families: *to connect*

To share your gifts and talents: *to be valued*

### **F.I.R.S.T. Events**

Our desire is for you and your student(s) to feel connected at WCS. We have numerous events throughout the year to provide opportunities for you to meet other parents and students in a fun and casual atmosphere including our Family Fun Nights, Grandparent's Day, Science Fair, Spring Carnival, Sports Banquets, etc. Watch our website and Principal's Updates for details.

### **Service Opportunities**

At WCS we recognize that every person has a unique set of talents and gifts. We want to help you determine what those are and where they best fit. We also understand that you are busy, so we want to work with you to discover the best volunteer opportunity for you. We have service opportunities on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly schedule. No experience is necessary! Some parents focus on one or two major activities, while others do lots of little projects all year long. Service hours can be completed through working on WCS's monthly or annual events, helping in your student's classroom, assisting in athletics, etc. ***Our goal is for each family at WCS to complete 20 hours of service per year.***

### **How Do I Get Involved in Serving?**

At WCS, the safety of our students is critical to us. In order to ensure that safety, we require all volunteers to:

- Complete and turn in the Volunteer Application Form which includes 3 references and information for background check.
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- **If you have a child in Pre-K**, complete the Application for Enrollment in the Child Care Division's Central Background Registry and cover the cost of the \$3.00 processing fee. It is available online at [www.childcareinoregon.org](http://www.childcareinoregon.org) and the fee may be paid with a credit or debit card at that site.

If you are willing to be a driver for field trips:

- Request your three-year Non-Employee Driving Record from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Please have them fax it to us @ 541-686-8747. You may apply for this in person at the DMV. The DMV charges a fee of \$1.50. Please bring your receipt to the school office so that it can be tracked if the fax is not received.
- Complete and turn in the Transportation Form.
- Bring a copy of your current Auto Insurance Card to the school office.

#### **What Happens Next?**

- Once these documents have been completed and returned to the school, the application will be reviewed and references will be verified.
- You will receive a call from the Office Staff, who will complete the application process, review your availability, discuss where you would most enjoy serving and answer any questions you may have. ***Note: this process may take 2-3 weeks to complete.***

We are grateful to have you and your student(s) here at Willamette Christian School. We are also excited to help you find a place to serve and belong this year. If you have any questions about meeting other families, service opportunities or other F.I.R.S.T. activities, please contact:

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RenWeb is our online school data system. It allows information sharing between the school and your home—without all the paper.

**RenWeb provides password-secure access to student data such as:**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Missing Assignments</b>
<b>Grades &amp; Report Cards</b>	<b>Homework</b>
<b>Lesson Plans</b>	<b>Discipline</b>

**To access your student's information:**

1. Register your e-mail address with the school office
2. Log on to [www.renweb.com](http://www.renweb.com)
3. Click on the LOGIN tab, and then click ParentsWeb
4. Enter school ID: WCS-OR, your e-mail address, and New Parent log-in
5. You will be prompted to create a new password if you forgot your previous password.

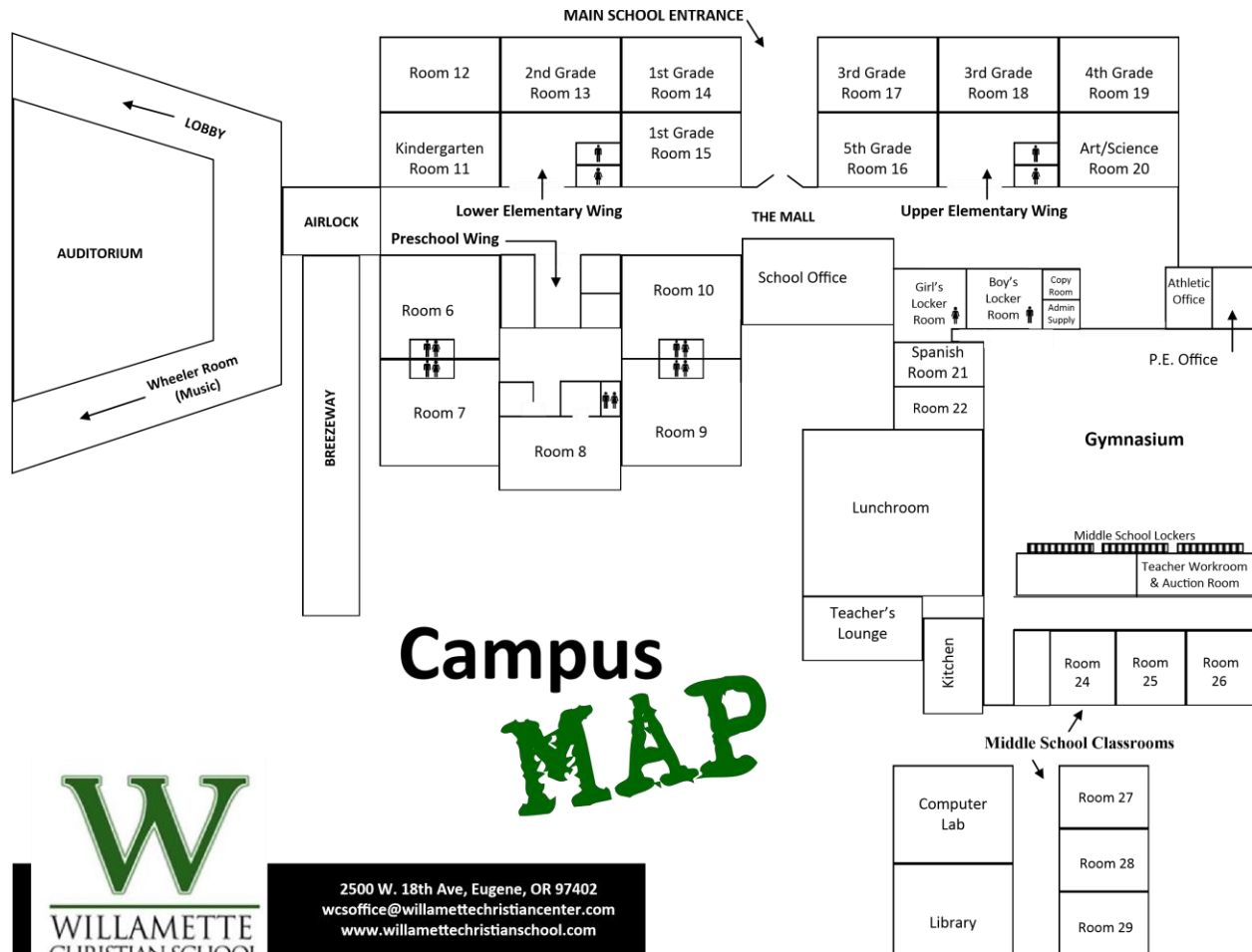


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