



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 8/17 New Parent Reception  
7-9 p.m.
- 8/20 Volleyball Tryouts  
3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 8/23 Kdg. Open House  
9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 1st Grade Open House  
9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Jr. High Orientation  
and School Pictures  
12:00-1:30 p.m.
- Soccer Tryouts 3:30-5:30
- 8/24 **First Day of School.**  
8:50 a.m.
- First Day Welcome  
(Commons)  
**Noon dismissal**
- 8/26 School Pictures (K-6)  
Beginning Instrumental  
Night 7:00 p.m.

The first day of school  
is

**Tuesday,  
August 24.**

Classes begin  
at 8:50 a.m.

**Noon Dismissal.**

**NEW PARENTS.** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a New Parent Reception on Tuesday, August 17, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the home of the English family, ON381 Willow Road in Wheaton. We look forward to this opportunity to welcome you to WCGS and provide helpful new parent information.

**FIRST DAY WELCOME.** All parents are invited to the First Day Welcome. Enjoy a pleasant break during the first morning back to school by joining us in the Commons from 8:50 a.m. to noon on August 24. This event provides an opportunity to learn about the wide range of spiritual, social, service, and fundraising activities which are planned for the school year. School Spirit items will be available to order.



**New Campus Dedication**

We hope you and your family will join us. When you RSVP (WCGS office), please tell us the number of people who will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

**From Mr. Clum's Desk.**

Greetings from WCGS! It has been an amazing summer as we have seen things continue to come together at our new campus. Every time I walk the hallways, enter a classroom, or take in the view of our grounds from my office, I am in awe of what God has done for us. We have an incredible facility! More importantly, we have an awesome God! "The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

Amazing! Spacious! It's far more beautiful and functional than I could have ever imagined! Wow! What a blessing from God! These are but a few of the comments we have heard as we have shown the school to hundreds of people this summer. We are excited and look forward to the start of the 2010-11 school year.

The summer staff has been working very hard to prepare for the beginning of school. All need to be thanked, but special kudos go to Pete Lindner and his staff, Bob Broman, Mark Burdett, Vange Schock, Joanne DeGroot, Paul Johnson, and Jan Sturm. Each has worked above and beyond the call of duty on your behalf.

This year is going to be a learning curve for all of us as we open up the new school. We have anticipated various changes we will need to make, and it will be a process as we discover things that work well and see things that need to be tweaked along the way. As we learn how to do school together at our new site, a spirit of cooperation, graciousness, understanding, flexibility, and patience will help all of us make the transition a good one.

We hope that you are planning to attend the Dedication Service on Sunday, August 22, at 3:00 p.m. It is our desire to give God all the honor, glory, and esteem that He alone deserves for the blessing of our new building. Please join us in the gymnasium for this special time.

Please be in prayer for us as there is still much to be done prior to the first day of school on August 24. Thanks to a number of you who have given of your time to help assemble furniture, place books on the shelves in the library, and assist with other details. I'm excited, thankful, and filled with anticipation as we begin the new year. See you soon!

# Student Information...

## **SCHOOL PICTURES (grades K-6)**

**WILL BE TAKEN** on Thursday, August 26. Your children will take home the picture information on the first day of school. **Junior high students will have school pictures taken on Monday afternoon, August 23, during the 12:00 p.m. orientation.** Preschoolers may have their pictures taken on retake day, Thursday, October 7.

**APPEARANCE CODE.** Make sure your student is dressed appropriately on the first day of school. Visit our website for details of our appearance code.

**BICYCLES.** Students may ride their bikes carefully on the sidewalks along our driveway as they approach school. However, when they reach the parking lot, they need to walk their bicycles.



**PLEASE NOTE!** Students are not to be dismissed from the regular school day for private lessons.

**BOOKCOVERS** will be sold for 50 cents at the First Day Welcome in the Commons and outside the Volunteer Room (just west of the Commons) during the first week of school.

**SPANISH1/FRENCH1.** Eighth grade students taking Spanish and French will have their first classes at 7:55 a.m. on Wednesday, August 25.

**INNISBROOK GIFTWRAP SALE.** Our Auxiliary will again be sponsoring this fundraiser from August 26 through September 20. All students will have the opportunity to sell designer gift wrap, accessories, handy bags and totes, gourmet foods, gift items, and magazines. The profits will be used to purchase educational resources and materials for our students and their classrooms. Please get behind this effort and give it your full support.

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS.** Sign-up forms will be coming home the first day of school. **You can sign up now on our website—[www.wheatonchristian.org](http://www.wheatonchristian.org).**

**Mondays**— Spanish\*\*\* (Grades K-8)\*  
French (Grades K-7)

**Tuesdays**—Creative Arts (Grades 1-4)  
Chess Club (Grades 1-8)

**Wednesdays**—Chess Club (Grades 1-8)

**Thursdays**—Scrabble Club (Grades 2-6)  
Master Art Studio (Grades 5-8)

### \*\*\* **"I WISH I COULD LEARN SPANISH!"**

Good news! The Trautwein Family (on home assignment from their missions work in the Dominican Republic) will be leading our Spanish Club for first semester! They will be teaching Spanish and culture to the children. Parents are invited to attend with their enrolled child and work on Spanish skills, too! This will be offered only first semester.



**SUMMER READING LOGS.** All students need to have their summer reading logs turned in by Friday, August 27. Extra reading booklets for all grade levels are available on our website and in the office.



# Parent Information

**IMPORTANT NOTE.** Please pray for the faculty and staff as they meet and plan for the new year on August 19, 20, and 23. These are strategic days, and much needs to be accomplished during this time. With this in mind, we would ask that you **do not disturb them by dropping by their classrooms** (except for the scheduled open houses). Please respect their need to work in their classrooms so that they can be fully prepared for the first day of school. **Thank you.**

**EXTENDED CARE.** Reminder—We are offering before and after-school care this year. All information including a registration form can be found on our website.

**DAILY SCHEDULE REMINDER.** Students *who are not scheduled for the before-school care program* are to arrive no earlier than 8:30 a.m. without permission from the administration. Unless students are supervised by a teacher, **they should be out of the building and off the playground by 3:40 p.m. and on their way home.** Thank you for your help in adhering to this policy.

**ABSENTEES.** If your child will be absent, please call the office first thing in the morning. The 668-2426 voicemail is available 24 hours a day. If you do not call us, we will be calling you.

**REMEMBER.** Any medication that a child receives during school hours requires that the office have on file a copy of a doctor-signed medication form. ***All medication must be kept in the office.*** We are required by law to telephone a parent every time a Tylenol is given to a child. **Please do not send any medication in lunches, pockets, or school bags.** If it is a temporary medication (i.e. Tylenol or antibiotic), the office needs to have a parental signature with proper instructions.

**REMINDER.** Remember that it really helps us to enforce the appearance code with our students if you dress **modestly** when you visit the school. Please consider the example you provide to our students and the testimony to other visitors at our school. Thanks!

**MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER NIGHT** is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m.. Be sure to reserve the date!

**DOOR DUTY.** We are in need of moms or dads to help with door duty before and after school. If you can help once a week, please contact Mrs. Bovey (x210).

**WCGS CALENDAR/DIRECTORY.** Please note that the full-year WCGS Calendar is on our website as well as the one-year calendar. You will receive a hard copy the first day of school. Your family will also be receiving a school directory with your student mail carrier. **Please make sure any changes of address or phone have been reported to the office** so your family information will be correct in the directory.

**NAMES!** Please take time to put your child's name on all articles of clothing they **bring to school**. This will help us immensely as we seek to return lost or misplaced items to their rightful owner. Several times each year we take large bags of nice clothing to Repeat Boutique because they are not claimed.

**MOMS IN TOUCH PRAYER THROUGH THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING** You are welcome to join us on *Wednesday, August 18 from noon to 1 p.m.* to pray over each classroom and desk in the school. God is going to do amazing things this year at WCGS. James 5:16 declares, "...The prayer of a righteous (wo) man is powerful and effective." (There will not be childcare at this prayer time.) Call Linda Funk (681-1355) or Lois Linnane (784-8939) if you have questions.

**MOMS IN TOUCH.** Beginning September 20, you are invited to join "Moms in Touch" to pray for one hour each Monday for your WCGS student(s), teachers, and activities. "Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord; lift up your hands toward Him for the life of your children" (Lamentations 2:19). Beginning September 20, we will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. at WCGS in room 207. Childcare is available, but registration is needed. Call Linda Funk (681-1355) or Lois Linnane (784-8939) if you have questions.

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. every Wednesday, beginning September 8. Watch for more details.

# Sports...



## **JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL.**

Letters regarding tryouts have been sent to all seventh and eighth grade girls. Miss Kim Washington will be coaching our eighth grade, and Mrs. Donna Teagle will coach the seventh grade. We're looking forward to a great season. Players must attend all tryouts to be considered for the teams. The tryouts will begin on August 20 from 3:30-5:15 p.m.

**GYM LOCKERS.** Combination locks for gym lockers are used by students in grades 5-8. The locks will be given out during the first week of school.

**SOCCER** tryouts will begin on Monday, August 23. Practice will begin at 3:45 p.m. and conclude at 5:15 p.m. All players must bring a water bottle, shin guards, and a soccer ball to tryouts.

**ATHLETIC PHYSICALS.** All fall athletes must have a physical on file **at least one business day** prior to their first day of tryouts. Under no circumstances should physical forms be handed to coaches at tryouts. All physicals must be validated by the school office before the student may participate in the tryout. Thank you for your help in this matter.



# Instrumental Notes...

## **BAND AND ORCHESTRA STUDENTS.**

If you haven't already done so, now is a good time to begin preparation for your band or orchestra audition. Auditions will be held on August 25 through 27. Students who played in our instrumental groups last year should prepare the music that was passed out before the end of last school year. Admission to these groups is by audition. If you have questions or need audition music contact Mrs. Knosp (Cadet Orchestra and Concert Orchestra) at [cknosp@wheatonchristian.org](mailto:cknosp@wheatonchristian.org) (x 276), or Mr. Wright (Cadet Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Ensemble) at [dwright@wheatonchristian.org](mailto:dwright@wheatonchristian.org) (x 257).

**PRAISE TEAM AUDITIONS** will be held on Saturday, August 28, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please see Mr. Wright to sign up for an audition and/or to receive audition music.

## **BEGINNING BAND AND BEGINNING ORCHESTRA.**

Parents of students in grades 4-6 who would like to know more about our Beginning Band and String groups should plan to attend the Beginning Instrumental Night on August 26 at 7:00 p.m. There will be details about our instrumental program as well as sales representatives from the companies that we use for instrument rental and purchase. There will be an opportunity to sign up for specific instruments which include band instruments (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, bass guitar, and percussion) and string instruments (violin, viola, cello, and double bass). If your child is planning on starting an instrument this fall but you cannot attend this meeting, or if you have questions about our program, please contact Mrs. Knosp (strings) at [cknosp@wheatonchristian.org](mailto:cknosp@wheatonchristian.org) (x 276), or Mr. Wright (band) at



## **JAZZ ENSEMBLE.**

The following instrumentalists are needed for the WCGS Jazz Ensemble this year: trumpet, trombone, saxophone, electric bass, piano, guitar, and drums (drum set). Auditions will be scheduled during the school day in the first two weeks of school. If you need audition music or have questions about our jazz program, please contact Mr. Wright at [dwright@wheatonchristian.org](mailto:dwright@wheatonchristian.org) (x 257).

# WCGS Traffic Guidelines...

The following guidelines are to help insure the safety of you and your children. Please review and follow them carefully. When followed, they will help make the driveway and parking areas safer and more efficient for our students.

## PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF:

1. When dropping off students, please drop them off quickly and proceed to Taylor Drive (no exit on Coventry Drive). **There should be no cars standing/waiting in the drop-off/pick-up zones.** It is helpful if students are preparing for the drop-off prior to your arrival at school. If they are not ready to be dropped off or picked up, please proceed to a parking area and have them use the crosswalk.
2. We are anticipating the possibility of traffic getting backed up at the grades 5-8 drop-off (Door #14). If this happens, please feel free to either park your car in one of the parking areas or proceed to Door #1 for drop-off.
3. Please drive around the new building prior to the first day of school to become familiar with the traffic pattern. Refer to postcard sent in the mail.

## NEW CAMPUS TRAFFIC PATTERNS:

1. If entering from the north, via St. Charles Road to Taylor Drive. At the north entrance of campus turn left and circulate along the north edge of the building.
2. Front campus parking area is one-way moving west. Lane closest to the fields is one-way moving east.
3. By Village ordinance, Coventry Drive is to be used **solely for entrance** to our campus. All exiting traffic **must** use Taylor Drive. We advise that Coventry Drive be used solely for entrance by west-bound Geneva Road traffic.

**PARKING PERMITS.** All families are receiving one parking sticker with this newsletter mailing. Additional permits are available in the WCGS office for \$1 each.

**Final Thought.** Please share this information with others (grandparents, friends, babysitters, etc.) who pick up your children. Believe us when we say others (students, our own parents, neighbors, etc.) are watching. **Our testimony to one another and our neighbors is very important. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.**

**FIRST ISSUE.** Please note that you are receiving a paper copy of the first issue of the 2010-11 Newsletter.

Future copies will be sent electronically via e-mail and are available on the WCGS website. Hard copies will be available in the school office.

**Please make it a priority to obtain a copy of the Newsletter every two weeks.** Dates are on the calendar. The administration will assume that all parents are acquainting themselves with this important information.

**Be sure to watch for the large white envelope** coming home with each child on the first day of school. It will contain important information for your family.