July 31, 2015

Dear Elementary Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! The elementary staff has been busy with summer workshops and classes. Now they are busy preparing the classrooms for your soon arrival. August 18 will be a day of getting acquainted with your new teacher and classroom procedures. (Please look for a Schoolcast email between August 13th and 14th announcing class assignments.) The teachers and I are excited about providing a learning environment that sparks curiosity, sharpens academic skills, and shapes character as God’s truths are examined.

**New Students**
Currently we have three sections of fifty-two new kindergarteners and thirty new friends in grades 1-5. We are still receiving calls from parents of potential applicants. The final number is still a bit uncertain, but I know you will make an effort to help each of our new students and the parents in their transition into the WCA family.

**2015-2016 Handbook and Calendar**
All parents, both new and returning, should read the updated WCA Handbook and Calendar at [http://www.wakechristianacademy.com](http://www.wakechristianacademy.com). (Specifically note the drop-off and pick-up times, location, and procedures for your respective grade level.)

**2015-2016 Dress Standards**
The dress standard for the school year has been simplified and standardized to help us maintain a spirit of godliness and modesty. The revision provides a new format for easier review. A WCA Lands’ End store is now available to provide a resource for WCA approved clothing. (Shopping through the Lands’ End WCA store is optional.)

[Standard of Dress 2015-2016.pdf](Standard%20of%20Dress%202015-2016.pdf)

[WCA Lands' End Store](#)

**Supply List** (WCA website/ Elementary Resources)
Supplies are listed according to grade level. Direct any questions to your teacher. Grades 2-5 students will need a separate pair of tennis shoes (non-marking soles) for gym time.
Lunches offered through Mrs. Jernigan (terriejernigan@wakechristianacademy.com) will begin the week of August 24. Orders for lunch and weekly ice cream may be placed online through the link on the WCA website. Direct any questions regarding lunch or after school snack to Mrs. Jernigan.

Annual Milk (WCA web site/ School Lunch)
Orders for chocolate or white milk for the entire year may be placed using the new online milk form.

Google Classroom
This will be our new format for sharing classroom information and announcements in place of the former teacher web pages. Instructions will be made available along with support from the WCA staff as we make this transition.

The First Day
Students in grades 1-5 will attend school for a half-day on Tuesday, August 18 (hours 8:00-11:50). After care services will be available for 1st-5th grade students on Tuesday, August 18 (You will need to provide your child a lunch if needing this service).

- Kindergarten parent/student orientation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 in the kindergarten classrooms on Tuesday, August 18. This will provide an opportunity for the children to meet their teacher and become acquainted with their new classroom. Students are free to leave with the parent at the end of the meeting. Wednesday, August 19, will be the first academic day of instruction for the kindergarten students.

- First grade parent orientation will be in the elementary cafeteria from 8:15-9:15 (one parent is required to attend).

- Second grade parent orientation will be held in the individual teacher’s classroom from 11:00-11:50 (one parent is required to attend).

- Third-fourth grade parent orientation will be held in the individual teacher’s classroom from 1:00-2:00.

- Fifth grade parent orientation will be from 1:00-2:00. Parents will meet in their child’s homeroom at 1:00 and then rotate through the other fifth grade classrooms.

- All Parents: Staff will be available from 8:00-3:00 in the computer lab in the elementary building (C2) to answer questions and offer support with online forms,
InFo Direct (checking grades, accessing electronic report cards), or Google Classroom.

**The theme verse** for 2015-2016: *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, who is in heaven* (Matthew 5:16). *This verse highlights the importance of a relationship with God that results in the display of Christian virtue and actions that glorify Him not us. We will focus on knowing Him and glorifying Him!*  

Enjoy the remaining days of your vacation from homework, carline, and packing lunches! August 18 is quickly approaching.

Joyfully yours,

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