

Now entering our 34th year!

WESTGATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



K5-Grade 12 (Contact School Office for K4 information) General Information

Our Mascot: *Wes Gator*

2021-2022

School History: Westgate Christian School began its first year in the fall of 1988 as a ministry of Westgate Baptist Church—a fundamental, independent, Bible-believing church. The school began with Grades K5 through Grade 3, and an additional grade was added each year with K4 and Grade 6 added in 1991-92. Commencing with the 1992-93 school year, WCS added Grades 7 through 12. The school ministry was founded specifically to help parents meet their God-given mandate to train their children in the light of Scripture.

Mission Statement: The purpose of WCS is to assist parents in raising their children to prepare them for adult challenges and responsibilities in ministry, as well as in the secular realm. The primary aspects of the WCS mission include a Bible-based education, spiritual edification, and student evangelism in a Godly environment. A fundamental tenet of the WCS mission is helping students to internalize Biblical principles in an academic setting that stresses high standards in the areas of personal discipline and accountability, Christian servanthood, and Biblical separation.



Affiliations: WCS is a member of the Northwest Association of Christian Schools (NWACS). Our pastor, Dr. Ben Jaquith, is the president of the chapter. WCS K-12 is Accredited by the *Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Administration: Our principal, Mr. Tim Makin, has been principal for two years and has taught at WCS for four years. He is a graduate of Ambassador Baptist College with a B.A. degree in Evangelism and an M.A. in Sacred Theology.

Faculty: All of our faculty are well-qualified academically and are born-again Christians who are dedicated to serving the Lord through the ministry of teaching young people.

Facilities: WCS provides attractive classrooms, a library, computer lab, gym/auditorium, science lab, etc. on our 42,000 square-foot building.

Academic Program: WCS provides a challenging, instructional program for students in K4 through Grade 12 in a structured, loving environment. The lower grades utilize a strong phonics-based reading program. The secondary program is largely college preparatory. Classes are conducted in a conventional classroom setting. We will be using the Iowa Assessments Program in Grades 1-12. Average academic test scores have been well above national norms.

Fine Arts Program: Art is taught each year in K4 through Grade 6. Two levels of band are available beginning in Grade 5. Private piano and brass lessons are available. Our students participate in the NWACS Fine Arts Competition each year.

Curriculum: We primarily use the A Beka Book curriculum along with Bob Jones Press and Positive Action for Christ. *Visit their websites for more information.*

Current Enrollment: Approximately 110 students

Discipline: Teachers of K5 through Grade 6 use a system with negative and positive reinforcements. Good behavior awards are given out each month in chapel. Grades 7-12 use a demerit system.

Dress: Appearance has a great affect on attitude, and hence, learning. Students need to dress neatly, modestly, and appropriately. Girls in K5 through Grade 4 may wear knee-length dresses or skirts (to the bottom of the knee when sitting or standing) and blouses. Culottes, available in the WCS bookstore, may be worn during physically active events. Boys in K5 through Grade 4 may wear dress or casual pants (no blue denim or athletic-type pants) and shirts with collars. Grades 5-12 wear Lands' End uniforms. Boys are asked to keep hair length tapered, off the ears and collar.

After School Activities: Available for K5 through Grade 8 for \$5 per hour. *See the application for ASA or call the school office for more information.*

Lunch & Snacks: Students provide their own lunches and snacks. Healthy foods are encouraged. Snacks are scheduled at mid-morning for kindergarten and at recess for the elementary grades.

Transportation: Parents take responsibility for transporting their children to and from school. Carpools are often efficient and economically desirable. Parents interested in carpooling may have an opportunity to meet others who may also be interested at Orientation. School personnel may be able to assist in providing potential contacts for carpooling.

Important Dates:

- **July 1**—Registration Day (*Tuition must be paid by July 1 to ensure classroom reservation.*)
- **August 1**—Textbook Fees Due
- **Thursday, August 26**—Orientation Day for Parents, 9:30-11:00 A.M. or 7:00-8:30 P.M.
- **Tuesday, August 31**—First Day of School

Daily Schedule:

- **8:25 A.M.**—School Begins
- **3:00 P.M.**—School Ends
- **3:00 P.M.**—After School Activities Begins

School Colors: Blue and White

Reenrollment Policy: We encourage reenrollment for the following school year during February. This early registration helps us to know how many teachers to hire, books to order, etc. for the new school year. We hope to be able to reenroll all present students; to date, we have always been able to do so during Reenrollment Month.

Non-Discriminatory Policy: WCS admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally afforded or made available to students at the school.

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