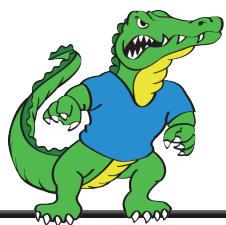


Now entering our 36<sup>th</sup> year!



**Our Mascot:** *Wes Gator*

WESTGATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# 4-Year-Old Kindergarten General Information

**2023-2024**

**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.

**Administration:** Our principal and administrator of the K4 program, Mr. Tim Makin, has been principal for 5 years and has taught at WCS for 7 years. He is a graduate of Ambassador Baptist College with a B.A. degree in Evangelism, an M.A. in Sacred Theology. He is certified by the state of Oregon to administer the K4 Program and an M. Ed in Teaching and Learning.

**Faculty:** WCS maintains the highest standards for our K4 Department. This facility is recognized and certified by the state of Oregon. All our K4 teachers have undergone background checks, and have each received and are maintaining relevant training in early education.

**Facilities:** WCS provides attractive classrooms with a library, playground and gym/auditorium available to K4 students. WCS also provides a computer lab, science lab, etc. for upper grades.

**Academic Program:** WCS provides a loving, yet challenging and instructional program in a conventional classroom setting with relaxing and educational play times. There is a strong phonics-based reading program using the A Beka Book curriculum (visit their website for more information); many students can read by the time they graduate from K4. In WCS upper grades, the program is largely college preparatory; the Iowa Assessments Program is used, and average academic test scores have been well above the national norms.

**Fine Arts Program:** Art and music are taught each year using the A Beka Book curriculum for art and the Majesty Music program for music instruction. In upper grades, there are two levels of band

and a Jr./Sr. High choir; private piano and brass lessons are available.

**Discipline:** Teachers use a system of positive and negative reinforcements. Good behavior awards are given out each month in chapel.

**Dress:** Appearance has a great affect on attitude, and hence, learning; therefore, students need to dress neatly, modestly, and appropriately. Girls in K4 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 also be worn. Leggings may be worn under dresses or skirts during cold weather. Boys in K4 may wear dress or casual pants (no blue denim or athletic-type pants) and shirts with collars. Boys are asked to keep hair length tapered, off the ears and collar.

**Lunch & Snacks:** Students provide their own lunches and snacks. The state of Oregon has provided a list of nutritional snacks and meal options designed for programs such as ours. The list is available at the school office. Snacks are scheduled at mid-morning and afternoon recess.

**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 24**—Orientation Day for Parents, 9:30-11:00 A.M. or 7:00-8:30 P.M.
- **Tuesday, August 29**—First Day of School

## Daily Schedule:

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

**School Colors:** Blue and White

**Reenrollment Policy:** We encourage enrollment into K5 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 enroll all present students; to date, we have always been able to do so during Enrollment 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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visit our website at [wbc-wcs.org](http://wbc-wcs.org)

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