

Dear Lions Families,

We have been praying and planning for the coming school year and are excited to give you a look ahead into the 2022-23 school year at Water of Life Christian School. The calendar for the year is attached for you to review for important dates and events. This is not an exhaustive list of all we will be doing but contains important information for you as your family plans for the coming year. In addition, please watch for a newsletter every month that includes the upcoming lunch menu and other updates.

The school spiritual emphasis this year is taken from Romans 8:38, "Nothing shall separate us from the love of God." Check out this song we will be learning that goes along with our verse: [Nothing Ever Could Separate Us - Citizen Way \(Lyrics\)](#) Our first chapel will be held Thursday, August 11, at 9:00 AM in the Worship Center. We hope you are able to join us as Pastor Josh Orwick joins us to start our school year. We also look forward to Pastor Nate Womack being on campus regularly during the coming school year. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him on campus.

Uniform sales are *tentatively* scheduled to be held on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23 in B404.

Our Back-to-School Information Day will be held for all classes on **Friday, August 5.**

- Grades 5 - 8 will meet from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM beginning in their homerooms in the 2 Story building. Students should attend with their parents.
- Parent Teacher Fellowship is hosting a pizza lunch on a first come first serve, for anyone who would like to join us from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM and learn more about PTF. There will be a PTF table located in the 45 worship room. We hope to see you there!
- Our new catering service, Hope's Italian Catering, will also have a table with treats for you in the cafeteria. Please drop by to pick up information and speak with them.
- Kindergarten - Grade 4 will be held in two different time slots with the same information repeated for every class both times. This will allow you to attend two different sessions if you have children in multiple grade levels. Session 1 will be held from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM with Session 2 following from 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM. Both sessions will begin in the North Venue before dismissal to student classrooms.
- Uniforms will be sold from 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM at Back to School Day.

Student class assignment and teacher information will be emailed on August 1.

Our first day of classes will be Monday, August 8. It is a minimum day for grades 1-8 with dismissal at 1:00 PM. Class begins at 8:00 AM for grades 5-8 and at 8:15 AM for kindergarten - grade 4.

Kindergarten will attend a full day of classes on August 8 but with a staggered day start. Your class teacher will contact you with information on whether your student will attend on Monday,

August 8, **or** Tuesday, August 9. All kindergarten students will attend together beginning Wednesday, August 10.

Drop off this year for grades 5-8 will remain the same as the past two years. Beginning at 7:45, you may drop off in front of the 2 story building. Pick up will be at 3:15 in the parking lot behind the school for grade 5 and on the top of the parking structure for grades 6-8. If your child attends before and after school childcare, please park and walk into the building to drop off and pick up your child. See below maps for reference.

During the first week of school you are welcome to park in the parking structure and walk your kindergartener - 4th grade child(ren) into class. For the following weeks, we will have drop-off for kindergarten - 4th grade at the side of the building (where grades 3 and 4 dropped off last year) and at the back stairs. TA's will be there to greet your children and supervise on the playground until teachers take their classes in at 8:10. You may also park in the parking structure and walk your child to the playground. Arrangements may change as we are currently under construction in several areas and will reassess when that is completed. If your child attends before and after school childcare, please park and walk into the building to drop off and pick up your child.

Inclement weather drop off for kindergarten - 4th grade will be in the back of the parking area where 5th grade is picked up at the end of the day.

After school pickup will be curbside, with kindergarten on the curve by the flagpoles, grades 1 and 2 in front of the administration doors, and grades 3 and 4 in the alley. This is the same model as the last two years, for those who are returning. Please see the maps below for reference.

You will see the dates for our Cafe for a Cause on side 2 of the calendar. Please note we are holding these on Friday afternoons on the concourse this year to give families more time to fellowship. The first Cafe will be held Friday, August 26, and hosted by the administration team. The money you donate for smoothies and nachos that day will support Agua de Vida Orphanage and Hope Primary School in Uganda.

Our school will be partnering with CityLink this year for ministry in our community. We will be collecting items for distribution, making cards to encourage individuals, and putting together hygiene bags. Some classes will have the opportunity to serve on-site, as well. We are excited that our students will be making an impact where we live and work.

Monday morning pledges for the entire school will begin on Monday, August 15 at 8:05 AM on the concourse. Look for your teacher and line up by class. Our WOLCS middle school students will lead us in saying the pledges and an opening prayer each Monday we are in school, weather permitting. We would love for families to join us for this optional but encouraging time together as a school.

All classes will be taking baseline assessments during the first three weeks of classes which we will use to show academic growth through the school year. STAR reading assessments will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12. NWEA MAP assessments will take place the second and third weeks, August 15-26. These will measure reading, language usage, and math. Encourage your child to get plenty of sleep, eat a balanced breakfast, and try their best.

We hope you will join us Sunday, August 21, at 5 PM in the Worship Center for a Night of Prayer and Worship with our WOL church family.

May you all continue to enjoy the last month of summer. We look forward to seeing all of you on Friday, August 5 for Back-to-School Day!

Your Water of Life Christian School Administration Team

Morning Drop Off Map:



Afternoon Pick Up Map:

