

July 4, 2017

Welcome to summer! I hope you and your family are off to a good start and that you enjoy the beauty and blessings of God's gifts of creation and family time this summer. We are wrapping up some end-of-year assignments here at Woodstock Christian. Meetings have been held, rooms and storage areas are being emptied and reorganized. Our cleaning and maintenance crews will be busy with summer cleaning and property & building matters. Woodstock District Developmental Services will be moving in and sharing our building again as they host their annual summer camp. There are a few items that we at WCS would like to share with you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Construction News: As part of accessibility improvements (due to a government grant) WCS will be under construction this summer. There may be days when the front door is not available and you may need to use the door from the bus parking area. We are looking forward to sidewalk, front door, office door, and adult washroom improvements.

Office Hours & Vouchers: The WCS front office will be open on Tuesdays between 10 am and 2 pm through the summer except August 8 & 15. You will be able to purchase your vouchers from Mrs. Koopman during those hours.

For finance matters, Mrs. Angeline VanderBoom will be working on Tuesdays & Thursdays for most weeks during the summer. If you wish to meet or connect with her, it is advisable to communicate with her via email: finance@woodstockchristian.ca. For those of you who have not yet brought in your Tuition Payment Agreement please connect with Angeline a.s.a.p.

Mrs. Dawn Streutker will be working most Wednesdays throughout the summer. If you have questions for her or wish to refer friends and neighbours who have inquiries about the school, please refer to Dawn at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

Transportation Update: Our transportation committee is exploring buses for purchase so that we can add another to our fleet for September. Thank you so much for your cooperation this year in driving your children to and from school on days when one (or more) of our buses was out of circulation. Your support in this was very much appreciated.

Also note that it is very likely that there will be significant route changes and adjustments to pick up and dropoff times for next school year. The transportation committee is examining route possibilities and will connect with parents later in the summer.

Employment: There is potential employment at WCS in the following areas:

- educational assistant
- bus driver

We encourage members of the WCS community to consider the following positions and to forward information to qualified and interested individuals who are uniquely gifted to fill these roles. If you are interested in being trained as a bus driver and in being available as a spare or possibly a regular bus driver, please indicate your interest to principal@woodstockchristian.ca.

More information about positions as an Educational Assistant are available on the lightbringers.oacs.org website.

Board of Directors & Committee Assignments: With the retirement and election of Directors for the WCS Board occurring in May, there have been changes to committee assignments. Here is the updated list of Directors:

Director/Member	Committee	Contact
Albert Renkema	Chair & Executive	a.renkema@woodstockchristian.ca
Tim Bakker	Vice-chair, Executive, Property & Building	t.bakker@woodstockchristian.ca
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Carol Verbeek	Principal & COO	c.verbeek@woodstockchristian.ca
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Sonbeams Program @ WCS: Are you looking for childcare on Tuesdays and Fridays? We have openings!! SONbeams is a Tuesday and Friday play-based program which includes scheduled and supervised activities in the classroom, recreational time outside, fun in the school gym and learning on class trips. SONbeams builds upon the teaching offered in our Kindergarten classrooms. Our SONbeams program is rooted in God's Word, and offers Christ-centered learning that supports the Christian education our students receive at Woodstock Christian School. Students from both Junior and Senior Kindergarten come together on these days in a small group environment to play, learn and grow. It includes bus transportation to and from school. Children must be enrolled in Kindergarten at WCS. Please contact the office if you have any questions, or to register. admissions@woodstockchristian.ca or 519 539 1492.

School Quality Survey: Thank you again for your participation in the recent School Quality Survey administered by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. There were 97 individuals who commented on the main strengths of the school (which is a high rate of response - thank you!). Of course, there are also areas of improvement, but at this point we wish to celebrate the strengths. More information about the survey will follow later in the year.

In summary:

- 45 comments were made regarding the school's Christian perspective being of great importance to them
- 44 positive comments were made regarding the teachers. Some descriptive words used for teachers included supportive, caring, dedicated, and inclusive.
- 43 comments were made regarding the sense of community among the parents and school staff
- an appreciation for the high academic standards were mentioned 28 times
- 26 comments made reference to the welcoming and warm presence that one feels in the school