

Cougar Cats Chronicle

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West Valley Christian Academy
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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Sept 4 - First Day of School
- ◆ Sept 9 - Staff Introduction at TCC 10:45am
- ◆ Sept 20 - P.T.F. Meeting 7p.m.
- ◆ Sept 25 - School Picture Day/Free Dress
- ◆ Oct 8 - No School
- ◆ Oct 10 - Awards Chapel
- ◆ Oct 11-12 - No School Teacher Conference
- ◆ Oct 15 - Progress Reports
- ◆ Oct 18 P.T.F. Meeting 7p.m.
- ◆ Oct 31 Middle School Chapel Presentation

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Project Fit America / C.A.T.C.H. News

WVCA is a Project Fit school. We received state-of-the-art outdoor fitness equipment, indoor mobile fitness equipment, age-appropriate health and fitness curriculum, and on-site teacher training through a grant. The students will go through pre and post testing in order to determine their fitness level at the beginning and end of the year. It is very important parents encourage their child to participate in all aspects of the physical fitness program in order to achieve success. Please don't request your child be excused from any PE classes unless absolutely necessary. A doctors note will be required if requests are ongoing or there seems to be a medical condition that necessitates missing PE class. All fourth – eighth grade students will be required to wear a PE uniform.

We are also a CATCH school (Coordinated Approach to Child Health). This program teaches children to eat healthy foods and adopt a physically active lifestyle. The program successfully changes children's behaviors by actively involving children, parents and teachers in nutrition and physical fitness activities. All of our teachers attended CATCH training during the summer.

The following themes are planned to help encourage and promote participation in both programs:

Moving Monday – Walk around the campus with your child from 8:15 – 8:30

Twistin Tuesday – Do 20 reps of twists at the hip

Wellness Wednesday – Send a piece of fruit with your child which they will eat with their teacher after chapel

Thirsty Thursday – Bring water to drink

Fitness Friday – Touch your toes 20 times

Please watch for your students CATCH & PROJECT FIT information packets within the next few weeks.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit." -Aristotle

P.T.F. Corner

September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

All parents are cordially invited to attend all of our P.T.F. meetings. It's a great way to participate in what is happening at our school, and to meet other parents and faculty. Child care is provided.

PTF Board:

President: Matt Laiolo

Vice President: Jeff Veilleux

Secretary: Brooke Gant & Michelle Seals

Treasurer: Donna Mailhot

Reminders for 2007/2008 School Year

- Schoolwork pick up spot for absentee's is on the table across the lobby from the secretaries.
- We hope that you read your handbook thoroughly.
- Faculty badges. All faculty will wear picture ID badges. Please help your children recognize the importance of talking only to adults that are recognized as employees by seeing their ID badge.
- Lost & found is located outside. Please label all clothing, jackets, sweaters, and lunch boxes.
- Payment Drop Box. This system has worked out very well for everyone. No more standing in line to drop off a payment! Please make sure you do not put cash in the drop box. Those payments require a receipt from the office. To avoid late fees, a tuition payment is considered late if received after the 10th of each month.
- All medication must be given to the secretaries. The appropriate form must be filled out. Forms are available in the office.

Dress Code Policy

Thank you for supporting W.V.C.A.'s uniform policy guidelines.

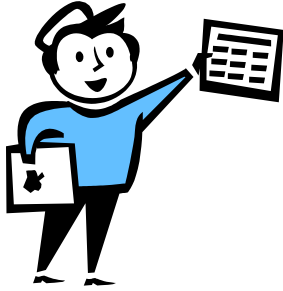
Uniforms are to be worn on Wednesday. Skirt or dresses for girls and uniform pants & shirts with tie for boys.

Denim can be worn with a WVCA Logo shirt on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Uniforms are required if students choose not to wear a Logo shirt with denim.

French Toast gives a broader selection of UNIFORMS than those that come from the UNIFORM line in a department store. WVCA School Source code is QSF473PF

The following are department store UNIFORM lines that are approved: Marshall's - IZOD uniforms, Target - @Class uniforms, Mervyn's - Lee uniforms, Old Navy - uniforms, JC Penney's - IZOD uniforms, Nordstrom's - NKids uniforms, Burlington Coat Factory - Lee, U.S. Polo and Oxford uniforms.

Please refer to the catalog for approved School colors.



*Extra... Extra...
Read All About It!*

Cougar Traits

Obedience:

Doing what I'm told, when I'm told, and with a happy Spirit.

Bible Character:
Anna

&

Flexibility:

Conserving my time and energy to complete my priorities.

Bible Character:
Abraham's servant

School Safety / Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Drop off is no earlier than 8:15 a.m. If your child arrives between 8:15 and 8:24 they are to wait in the security of the cafeteria. They are *NOT ALLOWED* to wait by the classrooms. School begins at 8:30. Students are marked tardy at 8:35.

Please use the crosswalk when walking your children to class. Do not walk through the parking lot or drop your children off in front of the church or multi-purpose building. If you are dropping off your child, drive through the line; please have them get out of the car after you drive past the crosswalk. Make sure your children have their backpacks and other items they need ready before they get out of the car. This will help move the line more efficiently.

Please make sure that all pick-up arrangements are made prior to school. We will discourage the use of the office phone by any students for special arrangements.

Pick up times are as follows:

Kindergarten	2:50 p.m.
1 st - 5 th Grade	3:00 p.m.
Middle School	3:15 p.m.

If your children are not picked up after 3:05 for Kindergarten, after 3:15 for 1st -5th grades, and 3:30 for middle school, you will be charged \$10.00 for every 15 minutes. Please be prepared to make this payment at the time you arrive.

School Rewards

Box Tops for Education - Look for these on participating General Mills products. Also, shopping online boxtops4education.com or using the Box Tops for Education Visa Card helps our school. Please check with your child's teacher or the school office for more information.

Target - If you currently have a Target Credit card or are considering getting one, the school can earn money through your purchases. All you need to do is put WVCA as your school of choice.

Washington Mutual - Every purchase you make with a Washington Mutual Check Card can benefit our school. Enroll for free in the WaMoola for Schools program and choose our school. For more information visit a Washington Mutual financial center or go to wamoolaforschools.com.

Script - Paper script is available! Place your order for a gift certificate on Thursday in the office and have it by Wednesday! (This is done on a monthly basis; however we do carry some Script on hand) This is a great way for our school to earn money. Here are just a few vendors from our list: Bath and Body 18%, Old Navy 8%, Big 5 8%, Olive Garden 8%, Blockbuster 15%

Absent/Tardy Slips

The day following an absence each student must stop by the office before returning to class to receive an admit slip. The students cannot go back to class without a slip. Please send a note with your child to explain why the child was out. **Reminder:** Your child cannot return to school if it has not yet been 24 hours since vomiting or having diarrhea.

After 8:45 K-5th students and 8:31 6th -8th students will have to come to the office for a tardy pass. If a student arrives after 8:45 a.m. a parent needs to come to the office and sign the child in.

Lunch Fee

Please make checks payable to WEE CARE and do not include lunch fee with tuition payments. The cost for hot lunch is \$2.50 with or without milk. Milk is available at lunchtime for \$0.25 for those bringing sack lunches.

Payments

When making your checks out to the school or day care please be sure to put your child's name on the check.

The office will not be able to make change, please bring the correct amount for payment.

Payments are due by the 10th of each month, August through May. Thank you.

School Pictures

School pictures will be September 25th. This will be a free dress day, Please refer to your handbook for dress code guidelines. Pictures will be taken by Burgad Imaging. They are offering awesome packages!

Before & After School Daycare

Parents please remember; if your child needs before and after school daycare you need to call the daycare office and speak with Diane regarding re-enrollment forms for 2007-2008 school year.

Always Invited...

Parents are always invited to our chapel services every Wednesday. Kindergarten through 8th Grade has chapel at 8:45-9:15. Awards chapel is on the second Wednesday of the month. You will receive a phone call the week before your child is going to receive their award. Don't forget to send your child to school in proper chapel attire EVERY Wednesday.