

WELCOME TO OUR WCGS SCHOOL FAMILY



SCROLL DOWN

The Wheaton Christian Grammar School Auxiliary is so excited to have you be a part of our WCGS family! It's an awesome community and we can't wait for you to experience it yourself! To help you navigate your way, we have compiled a list of common questions and answers that we hope you'll find helpful. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions as we are eager to help welcome you into our family!

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How does the school COMMUNICATE with parents?

You will receive two school emails each week, both sent from Beth Wright. On Mondays, you will receive the Monday Auxiliary Announcements. These notes include information on all Auxiliary run committees (you can read about all we do [here!](#)) Each week you will find highlights and reminders, volunteer opportunities and upcoming important dates and events. On Thursdays, you will receive the Thursday Notes. These notes are published by the school and include updates from our administration and additional information on events not run by the Auxiliary.

What is the best way to contact the SCHOOL NURSE?

Our school nurse can be reached at: nurse@wheatonchristian.org

What are the TRAFFIC PATTERNS for drop-off and pick-up?

At the beginning of the school year, parents will receive an email with details regarding the school's traffic patterns. We also are given maps (which are SO helpful) so everyone is on the same page when it comes to entering and exiting our beautiful campus.

As far as pick-up, it's important to communicate with your child(ren) where you'd like to meet them each day. This just helps the overall process and will hopefully eliminate confusion... with you or them!

What online resources does the LIBRARY offer?

The WCGS Library Media Center program exists to provide students with literature that supports the WCGS mission and curriculum, challenges students to develop and engage their Christian worldview, and encourages and fosters a lifelong love of reading and ongoing discernment as a follower of Christ. The WCGS Library Media Center offers SO many resources that can be accessed at home! Also, check out Mrs. Brown's BLOG! All resources can be found online at the [Library Media Center](#).

How do we submit the completed SUMMER READING PROGRAM form?

Your child will turn this form in to the homeroom teacher during the first week of school. The reading program is required for 6th-8th graders.

How and when do I receive a SUPPLY LIST?

The school will send a supply list near the start of the school year. Good news! You will notice there aren't too many items for you to purchase! The school provides many supplies for your child(ren). If you would like to find the list on the school website, you can find it [here](#), along with many other important documents.

Note: Many parents ask, why does my child need a pair of shoes at school?!? At WCGS, we teach our students to care for the gifts we have been given! So, your child will change shoes throughout the day to help keep certain areas of our school clean!

When and how do I purchase BOOK COVERS? Does my child(ren) need them?

Book covers will be available for purchase at the beginning of the year at various events including: the Open House, First Day Welcome, and in the office (during the first week or so of school). Reference your student(s) supply list to see if your teacher prefers for your books to be covered!

How and when will we receive CLASS LISTS and TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS?

Class lists and teacher assignments are typically communicated to families about one week before school begins. Be on the lookout for communication in August.

What do students WEAR TO SCHOOL?

We recommend referencing the WCGS Parent Handbook for all the specifics; however, a highlight is that our students can wear SPIRIT WEAR every day! GO SPARTANS!

How can I order SPIRIT WEAR?

The Auxiliary hosts in-person Spirit Wear sales events a few times throughout the year. The largest event is at the K-5 Open House and Junior High orientation held the day before school begins. Spirit Wear also might be sold at Back to School Nights, Frozen Treats on the Playground, and at the Spartan Social. There is also an online store through an outside company, Squadlocker. You can find this store [here](#). (Note: Shipping can take A VERY LONG TIME, so be sure to order well in advance of when you will need your items.) Finally, the Auxiliary hosts a Used School Appropriate Clothing Sale each Fall. Many parents will be selling used Spirit Wear at the sale (Note: Spirit Wear is always a hot item and will sell quickly!).

How do I order HOT LUNCH?

Hot Lunch is offered 3 times a week: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Hot lunch is ordered through an online platform, <https://www.ezschoollapps.com/>. At the start of each quarter, look for ordering information in the Monday Auxiliary Notes, sent by Beth Wright. There you will find ordering dates and a detailed attachment that walks you through the ordering process.

How do I order POPCORN and SLUSH DAY?

When you order hot lunch in the first quarter, you will have the opportunity to add several other “one time order” items to your order. These include slush, popcorn (order once for the entire year), teacher blessing donations, and staff gift card donations. If you select to order popcorn in the first quarter, your child will receive it for the entire year. All orders are placed through an online platform, <https://www.ezschoollapps.com/>. At the start of each quarter, look for ordering information in the Monday Auxiliary Notes, sent by Beth Wright. There you will find ordering dates and a detailed attachment that walks you through the ordering process.

What is the TEACHER BLESSING FUND and how can I contribute?

Teacher Blessings are donations collected from each child to be used by the room parents for teacher birthdays, Christmas, and year-end gifts. This contribution helps to avoid multiple requests for money during the school year, allowing us to pool our funds to generously bless the homeroom teachers with group gifts from their class. Teacher blessings are not a mandatory expense, so please give as you feel led. You can contribute to the Teacher Blessing Fund when ordering hot lunch for the First Quarter or you may stop by the office to fill out a form and make a donation.

What is the Back to School OPEN HOUSE?

You're not going to want to miss the Back to School Open House! The day before school starts, WCGS opens its doors to host an all-school open house and orientation.

What is the FIRST DAY PARENT WELCOME?

The WCGS Auxiliary has been a tradition at Wheaton Christian Grammar School for more than 50 years. Its purpose is to “serve God by helping to meet the spiritual, social, and practical needs of the school and its families.” Our many volunteers, in partnership with the staff and faculty, bring to life the spirit of the school as they give their time and energy graciously with servant's hearts. All school parents are welcome to be part of the Auxiliary – the First Day Parent Welcome is a great opportunity to find your place to join! The First Day Parent Welcome is filled with fellowship, food, a chance to learn more about the many Auxiliary Committees we have, and there will be opportunities to sign up to get involved! This is one of the first events of the year where you're able to plug into the WCGS community! All school families are encouraged to attend and younger siblings are welcome, too! Please take this opportunity to connect with other school parents and find out more about the Auxiliary and how you can become involved in your child(ren)s school!

What are FALL FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS?

You're not going to want to miss your class Fellowship Gathering! These events are hosted by your class Room Parents early in the school year (September). This will be an opportunity for you to socialize with other parents in your student(s) class. They typically last an hour and a half and are super fun and relaxed. You will also learn more specifics about your student(s) class (field trips, volunteer opportunities within the classroom, etc.). This is a great time to ask questions to veteran parents!

What is BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT? Who attends?

Back to School Night is a kid-free evening where parents have the opportunity to connect with their student(s) teachers and learn more about the upcoming year. Make this evening a priority and find a sitter for a school-sponsored date night!

What are TREATS ON THE PLAYGROUND?

We love fellowship!! At various times of the year, the Auxiliary sponsors treat days after school on the playground to encourage families to stick around and spend a little time together. We offer popsicles in the Fall and on the last day of school, and hot cocoa in the winter. Be sure to watch your inbox for the Monday Auxiliary Announcements for the dates!

What SPECIAL EVENTS does Wheaton Christian Grammar School Auxiliary offer?

We LOVE fellowship! Between our Special Events Auxiliary Committee (providing several memorable events throughout the year) and school functions, there will be multiple opportunities for fellowship outside normal school hours.

Our Auxiliary Special Events Committee provides several memorable events throughout the year including: Spartan Social (September), Mother Son Night (October), Father Daughter Night (February), and Jr. High Gala (May).

Other exciting events include the Children's Christmas Sale (December), which is an Auxiliary run event where Christmas gifts are available for students to buy at a low cost for their family members. Proceeds from this annual sale supports monetary Christmas gifts for WCGS staff members.

What is FATHERS' PRAYER BREAKFAST? Who can attend?

Fathers' Prayer Breakfast is a quarterly opportunity for fathers to fellowship together. They typically meet on Saturday mornings from 7:30 am - 8:30 am to share a meal, hear a devotional, and pray together as fathers of the WCGS community.