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K2 – 12th Grade

Accredited by
Florida Association of Christian
Colleges and Schools, the
National Council for Private School Accreditation, and Middle States Association of Colleges
and Schools

Dear Parents:

Thank you for inquiring about the availability of a Christian education for your child at Westwood Christian School. WCS offers an academic program that is fully accredited by the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, The National Council for Private School Accreditation and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. This covers preschool and kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Our program is based upon the Word of God as the center of all truth.

We at WCS acknowledge a difference in the education we offer. For over five decades, both the atmosphere and the curriculum at WCS have been distinctively Christ-centered. Jesus Christ is preeminent (Col. 1:18) and students are taught to love the Lord their God with all their hearts (Deut. 6:5-7).

We would like to show you our facilities and tell you more about our day-to-day, pre-planned curriculum, character training, and extra-curricular activities. Please call to arrange a personal tour. We will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

If you have any further interest in enrolling your child at WCS, please call or come by the office to receive an application packet. If your family can respond positively to our philosophy and the criteria for admission, complete the application and return it to the school office to begin the admissions process. The administration will review your application; test your child, and notify you of your child's status as quickly as possible. Thank you again for your interest.

Yours for Christian Education,

The Administration of WCS

WHAT IS WESTWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?

Organized in 1958, Westwood Christian School is a private, non-profit Christian school, a ministry of the First Baptist Church of Westwood Lake, Inc., which teaches high spiritual and academic standards each year.

The purpose of the school is to establish a solid academic foundation in the fundamentals of learning for the average and above-average student, and to provide Christian training taught from a Biblical foundation. Our teachers are educationally prepared to give each student a thorough scholastic foundation. Westwood Christian School strives to put the Lord first with an emphasis on patriotism, character building, and discipline.

RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2012-2013

	Annual Charges	10 Payments
Registration Fees:		
Kindergarten (2, 3, 4 years old)	\$200.00	
K-5 through Grade 12	\$250.00	
Books Fees: (Due July 1)		
Kindergarten (2 & 3 years old)	\$100.00	
Kindergarten (4 years old)	\$100.00	
Kindergarten (5 years old)	\$190.00	
Elementary (1st - 5th)	\$290.00	
High School (6th – 12th)	Purchase in	Bookstore
Tuition: (Due August 1)		
K-2 & K-3 - until 12:00	\$4,200.00	\$420.00
K-2 & K-3 - until 3:00	\$5,600.00	\$560.00
K-4 - until 12:00	\$4,200.00	\$420.00
K-4 - until 3:00	\$5,600.00	\$560.00
K-5 - until 12:30	\$4,500.00	\$450.00
K-5 - until 3:00	\$6,200.00	\$620.00
Elementary (1st - 5th)	\$7,470.00	\$747.00
Middle School (6 th - 8th)	\$8,100.00	\$810.00
High School (9 th - 12 th)	\$8,200.00	\$820.00
Other Fees: (Due July 1)		
School Improvement (K5 - 12 th)	\$175.00	
Art Fees (1 st - 5 th)	\$40.00	
Band Fee (5 th - 12 th)	\$60.00	
Chorus (5 th - 12 th)	\$55.00	
Graduation (K5)	\$55.00	
Graduation (12 th)	\$85.00	
Insurance (K2 - 12 th)	\$40.00	
Pillow and Blanket (K2 – K4)	\$30.00	
Retreat (11 th , 12 th)	\$85.00	
PLAN (10 th) PSAT (11 th) ACT (12 th)	\$40.00	
SAT (K5 - 11 th)	\$20.00	
Technology (K5 - 12 th)	\$60.00	
Class Fees (6th-12th):		
Lab	\$75.00	
Sports Fee Depending the Sport	\$70-\$150	

PAYMENT METHODS

Tuition is based on a **180-day** school year. Unless paid in advance, tuition payments are due on the 5th or 20th of each month according to your scheduled payment plan. *There is a \$15.00 late fee for all payments received after their due date. There is a \$30.00 charge for returned checks.*

- **Ten Payment Plan** - 10 monthly payments according to your scheduled payment plan.
- **Annual Payment Plan** - One payment, due on or before August 1, with a **5% discount** of the tuition.

All payments are to be made via your FACTS account.

School Lunch Program

Lunch is included for K-2 through K-5. Lunch is \$3.50 per day for students in grades 1-12. Lunch must be prepaid using your myschoolaccount.com account. Student ID Cards may be replenished at the school business office or on-line.

BEFORE/AFTER CARE FEES

Before Care 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM
After Care 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Our BEFORE/AFTER CARE program is open until 6:30 PM every day that school is in session. This service is provided to you at a weekly rate of \$35.00 per child in addition to your tuition charges. Daily fee \$7.00.

Late Pick-up (after 6:30 PM)

\$15.00 every 15 fifteen minutes

The above before and after care fees are based on days when school is in session. The before and after care charge for the three days of teachers' convention is \$15.00 per day (Lunch is not provided). Before and after care is not available for 6th-12th grade students on days that school is not in session. Before and after care will be closed during all holidays. *Athletes not picked up on time will be charged aftercare fees.*

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Parents of preschool and K-5 children

Complete an application for admission, registration form, parent/student agreement form, and pay the registration fee. This fee will hold a place for your child until August 1.

A current immunization form and certified birth certificate must be presented before the student is admitted to class.

Parents of 1st-12th grade children

Complete an application form; return it to the school office with the testing fee of \$60.00. The office will schedule an appointment for the entrance test. Before the testing date the following items must be presented to the office:

1. Application with both sides signed by both parents.
2. Student Registration form
3. Signed and initialed Parent/student agreement
4. Certified birth certificate
5. Immunization Records
6. Proof of residence , if foreign born
7. Copy of current report card and achievement test scores
8. Complete year-to-date transcript for students entering grade 8-12
9. Academic evaluation given to child's current school to be returned to our office

Admittance is based on the results of the test, former records and an interview. Once your child is accepted, you may pay the registration fee. This fee is non-refundable and will hold a place for your child until August 1. You must also register in FACTS Tuition Management and create an account on myschoolaccount.com for lunch payments.

An immunization record and the certified birth certificate must be presented before a student is admitted to class.

All new middle school and high school students entering 6th through 12th grade are accepted on a probationary status only. New 9th through 12th grade high school students must attend one service a week at the First Baptist Church of Westwood Lake.

WHAT ARE THE TIMES FOR A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY?

Typical Arrival/Departure Times (Subject to change)

K-2 through K-4 (half day)	8:15 AM - 12:00 PM
K-2 through K-4 (full day)	8:15 AM - 3:00 PM
K-5 (half day)	8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
K-5 (full day)	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
1st through 5th grade	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
6th through 12th grades	7:55 AM - 2:50 PM

Students arriving before 7:45 AM or are not picked up by 3:15 PM will be placed in before/after care and parents will be charged accordingly.

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE?

Students are required to wear the school uniform, which must be purchased at:

Sunshine School Uniform and Supply Company
9658 SW 72 Street
(305) 595-5200

Girls' skirts and dresses must come to the knee. Shoes must have at least a strap in the back for safety purposes.

Boys are required to have a traditional haircut (no mushroom cut, tails, spiked hair, shaved heads or shaved sides) which is to be cut neatly above the collar and ears and at least one-inch above the eyebrows. No earrings are to be worn by boys; necklaces must not be visible.

Students attending after school activities, including any athletic events in the evening or weekends, are to follow the school dress code.

On special days, elementary school students may wear uniform knee-length khaki shorts. Students choosing to wear the uniform shorts must wear the current year's spirit shirt, which will be sold through the elementary school.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Music Lessons (Grades 1-12)

Beginning students will have semi-private lessons at \$20.00 per child, per lesson (half hour) or private lessons at \$25.00 (half hour). The more advanced and older students will have private lessons at \$50.00 per lesson (one hour). Registration forms will be sent home during the first week of school.

ASPIRE

Elementary students may elect to participate in the school's After School Program for Instructional and Recreational Enrichment (ASPIRE). Different ASPIRE classes are offered each month; they include basketball, kid fitness, technology, foreign language, roving reporters, etc.

Athletics

A full high school athletic program is available to students in 6th-12th grades. Young men can participate in football, soccer, cross country, basketball, volleyball and baseball; young ladies can participate in volleyball, cross country, basketball, softball, and soccer.

POSITION ON DISCIPLINE

Discipline problems will be handled in the following ways: warnings to students, notes to parents, phone calls to parents, detentions, parent-teacher-principal conferences, probation, suspension or expulsion. The teacher and administration use discretion in the classroom discipline of the children.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

According to Florida State Law, Westwood Christian School reserves the right to search a student's locker or possessions upon reasonable suspicion for prohibited or illegally possessed substances or objects and to conduct random drug tests.

Westwood Christian School reserves the right to refuse admittance to class students who are carriers of any communicable diseases such as: measles, chicken pox, mumps, AIDS, diphtheria, tuberculosis.

Westwood Christian School admits students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnicity.

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