## FAQ - Academics

When is the first day of school? Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

When is Fall Orientation? Our SOS Day (Schedules, Orientation, and Supplies) is Thursday, August 12th. Eighth graders must attend between 9am – 10:30am while Seventh Graders must attend between 10:30am – noon.

When is Back to School Night? Friday, August 20, 2021 at 7:00pm.

What time does school start and end? School starts at 8:25am and ends at 2:45pm.

**How many classes are there?** Six classes per day, not including lunch.

**How much homework will I have?** You will have about an hour of homework each night. That can vary depending on how well you use your time in class.

**How do I select my classes?** Complete the online course request form for your grade level. MS students choose one elective course for the entire year.

**Can I request a schedule change?** Change of heart requests are not permitted. However, if you believe a mistake has been made, notify the Middle School Office.

**How do I access my grades?** On Back to School Night, parents receive a PASS Code for each student to check their grades. Every week students and parents are required to check student grades to complete a PASS sheet. Grades are posted weekly making this a wonderful tool for parents and students alike!

**Do I have to purchase textbooks?** No, they are included in the cost of tuition. (With the exception of paperback novels and Bibles which are required in most English classes.)

When do I purchase the paperback novels/writing guide needed for my English class? You can buy them on SOS Day. Or, if you would like to purchase them on your own, your English teacher will tell you when you need them throughout the year.

## FAQ - Campus Life

**How early can I arrive on campus?** The gate opens at 7am. Childcare is not provided, however there are teachers and maintenance staff on campus at this time.

Is there a shuttle bus that I can ride to/from school? Yes, we offer two shuttle buses. The WCDS bus departs from WCDS at 7:50am to come to the WCS campus. The Harvest bus departs from Harvest at 7:45am to come to the WCS campus. The return afternoon buses load in the upper H.S. parking lot immediately after school. The buses leave at 2:55pm and arrive at WCDS at 3:15pm and Harvest at 3:20pm.

When is lunch and what is available? 11:20am – 12pm. Our Grub Hub offers a wide variety of hot and cold foods. We typically offer deli sandwiches, salads, fruit, instant soup, burritos, chips, and pizza. In addition, we have outside vendors providing various options on a rotating basis from Chick-fil-A, Panda Express, Viano's, and Del Taco.

If I take medication, where is it stored and who can help me? Medications are stored with the Middle School Secretary. All prescription and non-prescription medications require an authorization form. You can pick up the form in the office or download it from our website.

**Can I use the library on campus? What are the hours?** The library is available to students for study, research, and to complete make-up tests. It is open from 7:30am – 4:30pm.

How does the Middle School and High School share the campus? Sharing the campus brings many benefits including: M.S. students using first rate H.S. athletic facilities, participating in H.S. courses (Algebra I, II, and Geometry), and opportunities to participate in Choir and Drama programs. However, with the exception of the above listed situations, the two schools are separate in terms of PE, lunch, and other courses.

What security measures are available on campus? During the school day, our campus is completely secure. 24-hour surveillance cameras are always on and security staff is present on campus whenever students are present. The campus follows strict visitor guidelines and does not allow unauthorized guests.

## FAQ - Extracurriculars

Are there clubs I can join on campus? Yes! You can join Yearbook, Boys Bible Study, Girls Bible Study, Freelance Photography, Board Game Club, and more! Each year students are encouraged to create new clubs. Forms are available in the MS office.

What sports do you offer? Both the M.S. & H.S. offer Basketball, Soccer, Cheer, Baseball, Softball, Flag Football, Mountain Biking, Cross Country, Track & Field, and Volleyball. H.S. students also have the option to participate in Golf, Tennis, or Swim. The Middle School is a member of the Mountain Valley League, while the High School is a member of the CIF Ambassador League.

**Are there any summer athletics?** The only sport that practices during the summer is Cross Country. Contact Eric Reynolds at (951) 315-0101.

**How do I participate in sports?** All required forms to play sports are available online and need to be turned into the H.S. Athletic Director (Ryan Anderson) or the M.S. Athletic Director (Christy Johnson).

What are Community Service Hours? And do I have to complete them? Every student is privileged to serve their community. MS students must complete 10 Service hours which are <u>due the first week of December</u>. Download the Service Hours form on the WCMS website on the Service Requirements page. Service Hours can be completed over the summer, prior to the coming school year, if you would like to get a head start.