

WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Transportation Plan Information

As part of our approval to build the school, WCA agreed to restrictions on the number of trips that come in and out of the campus during peak traffic hours. Please read through this document so that you will understand our traffic restrictions and how they might affect your family and your decision to enroll at WCA.

To ensure that we are meeting our obligation, WCA needs to track and regulate the to/from school transportation for every student. To manage this, we have every family submit a Transportation Request Form during the enrollment process. Families list their preferred transportation options including a no-cost bus service, carpooling, student drivers and public transportation. It is our goal to approve each family's preferred alternative. If our legal obligations do not allow us to approve a family's preferred alternative, we will work individually with that family to find an alternative that is as convenient as possible.

Bus Service Information

WCA operates several busses that provide transportation to and from the school each day. On the back of this document we have listed the bus stops and times for the current school year. These are typically very similar year to year, though we do make annual evaluations of the locations of our families and the bus schedules. In selecting the stops we work to maximize the convenience for as many families as possible and minimize the time that students will have to spend on the bus. As we approve requests for the bus service, we prioritize based on the order in which we receive the requests and the distance that families live from the school.

Carpool Information

For those students that don't ride the bus, we minimize the number of trips by having families participate in carpools. Each carpool needs to have a minimum of three WCA students, but isn't required to have students from more than one family. That is, if you have three (or more) WCA students in your family, then you could be your own carpool! To help you organize convenient carpools, we can make family zip codes lists available.

Students Driving

Students are allowed to drive to school, but are limited by our trip restrictions and the number of parking spaces available at the campus. To minimize trips, any student driver needs to have at least one additional student riding along. Preference is given in grade order (seniors first) and then to student drivers bringing the most students in their vehicle. Students approved to drive will receive a parking pass and be assigned a parking space. Due to the limited number of student parking spaces, some student drivers may be placed on the waiting list for an on-campus parking space. If you are placed on the waiting list you may still drive to school, but you must park across the street at Olney Manor Park.

Other Alternatives

Students are welcome to arrive at school using public transportation, riding a bike or walking. There are convenient Metro/Ride-On bus stops on Georgia Ave. close to Batchellors Forest Rd.

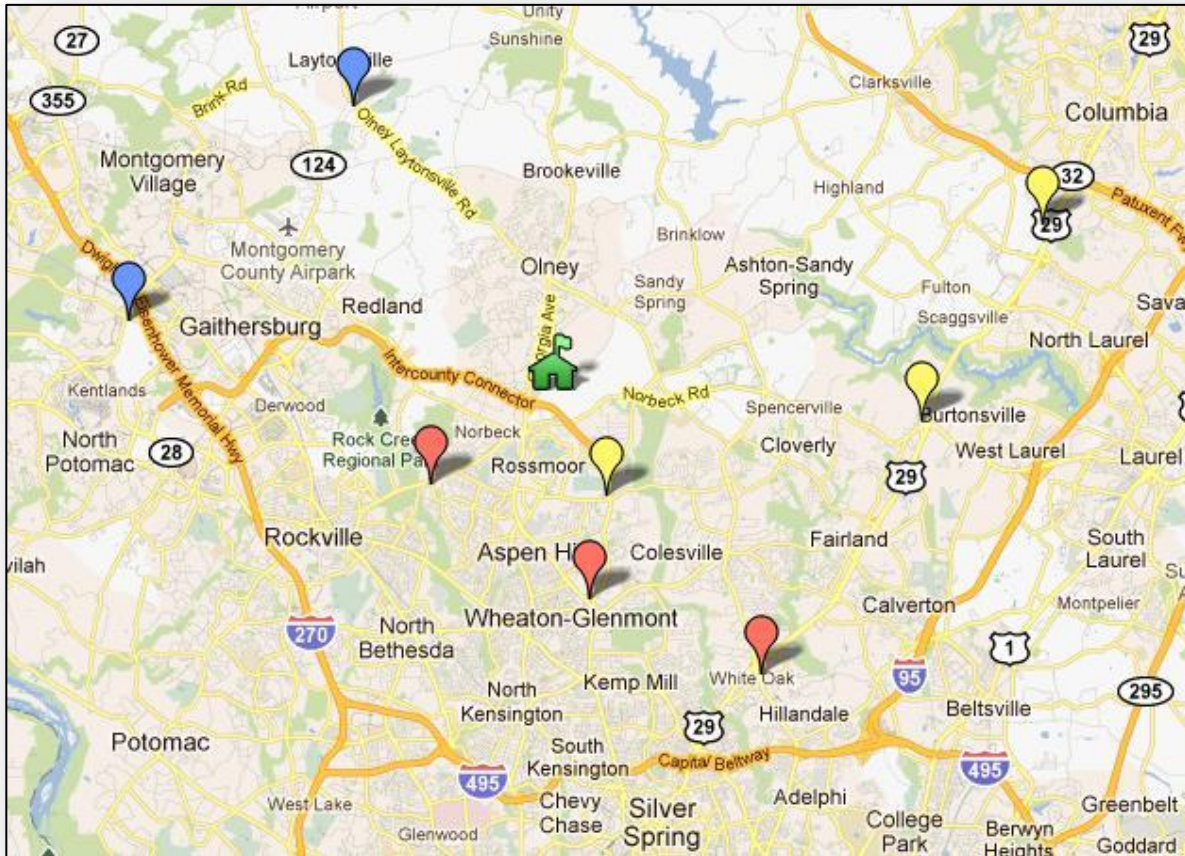
Batchellors Forest Road Restriction

As another condition of our county approval, we have agreed to minimize the traffic on Batchellors Forest Road. Unless your family lives on Batchellors Forest Road, you will need to enter and exit the school property from the west, toward Georgia Avenue.

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Bus Stops for the 2011 – 2012 School Year



Bus Route	Bus Stop	Pick Up Time	Drop Off Time
# 1 – South County	A - White Oak Shopping Center	6:50 am	3:55 pm
# 1 – South County	B - Glenmont Metro	7:10 am	3:35 pm
# 1 – South County	C – Rock Creek Village Center	7:30 am	3:20 pm
# 2 – East County	A - Fulton/ Laurel/Maple Lawn	6:50 am	4:00 pm
# 2 – East County	B - Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center	7:10 am	3:40 pm
#2 – East County	C – Plaza Del Mercado - Bel Pre Road	7:35 am	3:20 pm
#3 – North County	A – Quince Orchard Plaza	6:55 am	3:40 pm
# 3 – North County	B - Laytonsville Village Shopping Center	7:25 am	3:20 pm