

# WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## **Transportation Plan Information For 2012 – 2013 School Year**

The WCA Transportation Plan is part of the legal obligations we must meet in order to occupy and service our home on Batchellors Forest Road. The county has placed restrictions on the number of trips that come in and out of the campus during peak traffic hours. Our transportation plan must adhere to those limitations. Please read through this document as it will describe our transportation plans and provide the information you need to complete the Transportation Request Form. We are seeking to optimally fulfill two purposes:

- 1) to maximize convenience for school families
- 2) to meet county mandated traffic restrictions

To that end, the WCA plan includes two major components:

- 1) a no-cost bus service provided by an outside bussing company
- 2) strong encouragement and support for carpooling

To adequately plan for next year's transportation and ensure we are within the compliance limits, WCA needs to track and regulate the to/from school transportation for every student. Therefore, each family must complete a Transportation Request Form and return it with your reenrollment/enrollment packet. Please note that your packet is not complete without this form.

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. As we approve requests for the bus service, we will be giving preference to families that live furthest away from the school. For those who selected carpooling, we will be giving preference to the carpools that have the most students.

School will once again begin at 8:00 am during the 2012-2013 school year. Students will be able to arrive at school beginning at 7:30 am.

### **Bus Service Information**

If the bus is your first choice, select the stops convenient for you in order of preference by putting sequential numbers (1,2,3...) in the "Preferred Order" column. List the names of the students that will be riding the bus. The busses are scheduled to arrive at WCA by 7:50 a.m. and depart in the afternoon at 3:05 p.m.

### **Carpool Information**

If you live closer than the bus routes, or if the bus routes are not convenient for you, carpooling is another option. Each carpool needs to have a minimum of three 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!

We recognize that it is still early to create a carpool for next school year. However, if you know now who will be in your carpool you may list them. To help you organize convenient carpools, we will make zip codes lists available. Please notify the school when you know who is in your carpool, but no later than August 15, 2012.

When planning your carpool routes, please be aware of one important issue. As a condition of our county approval, we have agreed to minimize the traffic on Batchellors Forest Road by having our school families enter and exit the school property from the west, toward Georgia Avenue.

### **Students Driving**

We will continue allowing students to drive to school, but this will be limited by our traffic restrictions and the number of parking spaces available at the campus. To minimize traffic, any student driver needs to have at least one additional student riding along. (Please see above for additional information about determining who will ride in your car). As we approve student drivers, preference will be given in grade order (seniors first) and then to student drivers bringing the most students in their vehicle.

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. Students not assigned parking spaces should not be driving onto or parking on the campus.

### **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.

### **Approval**

You will be notified of your approved method of transportation with your Enrollment Confirmation Letter.