

Walnut News!

August 2017



PARKING

As you have experienced, the Walnut parking lot can be a challenge in the mornings and afternoons. We are anticipating that the parking lot will be getting easier to manage this year as another 75 students have moved to our Akers campus. We ask that you remain patient and drive with extreme caution in and around the parking lot. Student safety must remain a number one priority for all stakeholders. In order to be good neighbors, we also ask that you do not park in Faith Baptist's parking lot or the spaces directly in front of Mart-N-Bottle. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in this matter.

HOURS

The gate will open at 7:30am and will close at 8:10am. Students join the staff at 8:00am each morning in the gym for the flag salute and announcements. Students will be considered tardy once the gate is locked. Parents need to walk their student to the office if they are tardy.

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| ◆ STANDARD SCHOOL DAY
-3rd-8th 8:00am-3:45pm | ◆ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
-M, T, W, F 3:45pm-5:20pm
(pick up by 5:30pm) | ◆ MAIN OFFICE HOURS
- M, T, W, F 7:30am-4:15pm
- Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm |
| ◆ MINIMUM DAY (Every Thursday)
- 3rd-8th 8:00am-2:00pm | - Thursday 2:00pm-5:20pm
(pick up by 5:30pm) | ◆ HALF DAYS
- 3rd-8th 8:00am-12:00pm (no lunch) |

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

VLCS believes that it takes a village to raise a child. Our students and staff LOVE parent volunteers. All volunteers are **REQUIRED** to attend a parent volunteer training before working in classrooms or chaperoning fieldtrips. This training must be renewed every two years. If you did your training during the 2015-16 school year, it is now **EXPIRED!** Trainings will be offered twice a month. Please be proactive in receiving your training so that you are able to attend field trips. If you have questions regarding your status, please contact Jodi Mixer (jmixer@vlcs.org).

We also ask that parents do not volunteer for the first two weeks of the school year, so that students and teachers can establish relationships and routines. Parents may begin working in classrooms on **Monday, August 28**. All classroom volunteer hours must be arranged with the classroom teacher in advance. This will allow the teacher adequate time to prepare meaningful work for the volunteer. We cannot thank you enough for your partnership!

TRAINING DATES

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| AUG 9 - Akers@9:00am | Oct 6 - Walnut@9:00am | Jan 18 - Akers@5:45pm | April 6 - Walnut@9:00am |
| AUG 11 - Walnut@9:00am | Oct 19 - Akers@5:45pm | Feb 2 - Walnut@9:00am | April 19 - Akers@5:45pm |
| AUG 17 - Akers@5:45pm | Nov 3 - Walnut@9:00am | Feb 15 - Akers@5:45pm | May 4 - Walnut@9:00am |
| SEPT 1 - Walnut@9:00am | Nov 16 - Akers@5:45pm | Mar 2 - Walnut@9:00am | |
| SEPT 21 - Akers@5:45pm | Dec 1 - Walnut@9:00am | Mar 15 - Akers@5:45pm | |

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CELL PHONES

Students are not allowed to have their cell phones out between 7:30am & 3:45pm. If this is a habitual problem your student's cell phone will be confiscated and a parent will be required to pick it up from the front office for each offense. Please see the parent/student handbook for more information.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION



The VLCS administration will be hosting monthly meetings to informally get to know our VLCS families. Walnut will have it's first Coffee & Conversation on Friday, August 11th (8:30). This is a great time to say hello to Mrs. Lackey (Principal) and Mrs. Brazil (VP). Typically, this time is spent updating families on VLCS happenings, growth and answering questions. Join us for coffee, pastries and good conversation. The remainder of the year our Coffee & Conversation will be held on the first Friday of the month at the Walnut campus (8:30am).

FALL SPORTS (August-October)

FOOTBALL

Co-Ed Flag Football Grades 6-8

Coaches: Ray and Ty

Football Camp occurred the last week of Summer vacation. If you are new to VLCS, please contact Mrs. Richardson (jrichardson@vlcs.org) for more information.

VOLLEYBALL

Co-Ed Volleyball Grades 6-8

Coaches: Eddie and Stevan

Tryouts: Aug. 10 & 11th (3:45-5:00pm)
Students MUST attend BOTH days.

Contact Mrs. Richardson (jrichardson@vlcs.org) for more information.

UPCOMING DATES

8/8 - Meet & Greet - 2:30-4:00pm

8/8 - Board Mtg - Walnut@5:30pm

8/9 - First Day of School

8/9 - Volunteer Training - Akers@9:00am

8/11 - Coffee & Conversation - Walnut@8:30am

8/11 - Volunteer Training - Walnut@9:00am

8/17 - Volunteer Training - Akers@5:45pm

8/17 - Parent Group Mtg. - Akers@6:15pm

8/25 - \$1 Dress Day

9/4 - Labor Day - No School