



Dear Prospective Family,

We extend our warmest greetings and gratitude for your interest in West Valley Christian School!

At West Valley Christian School and Summer Camp, we're privileged to uphold a legacy of educational excellence since our establishment in 1978. It's with immense excitement that we welcome you to experience our enriching journey through a comprehensive college preparatory program spanning from preschool to 8th grade.

Our core philosophy embodies an educational experience that harmoniously blends academic rigor with a strong Biblical Worldview. We take pride in offering an innovative and inspiring learning environment, attracting students with diverse talents, creative ideas, and robust work ethics.

The success story of WVCS resonates through our thriving campus, where we consistently meet our enrollment goals of maintaining a conducive learning environment with 25 students per classroom annually. Parents marvel at their children's heightened participation levels and discover latent strengths they never knew existed.

How do we achieve this? By providing students with all necessary resources, fostering a loving and supportive staff, employing data-driven strategies, and nurturing their passions by identifying strengths and encouraging further development.

What sets us apart, as echoed by our existing parents, is our unwavering commitment to Christian character development across all educational facets. Our diverse and dynamic programs encompass creative expression, servant leadership, spiritual growth, athletic distinction, advanced technology, and academic excellence.

In addition to fundamental subjects like math, language arts, science, and history, our students benefit from a rich array of enrichment classes and activities. These include PE, art, Spanish, theater arts, dance, STEM education, library usage,

computer skills, chapel skits, field trips, celebratory events like Veterans Day and Grandparents Day, choral concerts, play productions, and competitive sports.

Beyond the curriculum, our extracurricular offerings encompass girls' and boys' athletic teams, theater productions, piano lessons, and after-school programs ranging from dance and sports to academic chess and homework clubs.

Our commitment to academic excellence is fortified by a robust strategic plan and financial development initiatives. Over the past five years, WVCS has received substantial cash donations totaling \$3,000,000 from a local foundation, which has empowered us to enhance our educational resources significantly. With this continued support we have every opportunity to provide our teachers and students with state of the art educational resources. Some of the recent additions and upgrades include: new playground for preschool, new playground for Elementary, STEM Makerspace, science lab; outdoor sports court, bleachers in the gym, renovated athletic field, new technology network to increase campus bandwidth and technology infrastructure; 15 Promethean boards for all classrooms; one-to-one access for classroom personal devices; STEM curriculum with educational resources; sports equipment and uniforms; outdoor education patio with shade and seating; full renovation of preschool including: floors, ceilings, lights heating, air conditioning, new windows and lighting, classroom furnishings, storage, Discovery Zone, outdoor sandbox, sound system, outdoor patio rubber playing surface, entry gates, resource room for educational resources; Follet inventory management system; teacher funding for classroom educational resources; security perimeter fencing; security intercom system; door management system; remote wireless locking devices; controlled entry points; electric security gates; new flooring in 20 classrooms; new math, writing and science curriculums; nation-leading benchmark-testing resource to target each students' math and language arts skill gap; painted exterior buildings; indoor and outdoor all-campus sound/music system, carline dismissal intercom system; portable outdoor sound systems; new classroom bell system; safety all-call system for active shooter emergency situations; 7000 square feet of playground shade structures; a 30x60 fenced-in soccer arena; and leveling and resurfacing grass sports field.

#### Advancing into 2024: Enhancing Campus Security and Infrastructure

In the upcoming year of 2024, West Valley Christian School (WVCS) is dedicated to fortifying campus security measures by integrating advanced AI-driven features into our surveillance systems. These enhancements aim to proactively identify and

monitor foot traffic on the premises and swiftly recognize new vehicle entries onto campus. Additionally, the implementation of a sophisticated door management system will enable remote locking capabilities, reinforcing our commitment to ensuring a secure environment for our students, staff, and visitors. Alongside these security initiatives, plans are underway to revitalize the school office and teacher lounge, providing refreshed and conducive spaces for administrative tasks and faculty collaboration.

### Looking Ahead to 2025: Fostering Innovation through the STEAM Studio Program

Stepping into 2025, WVCS is embarking on an ambitious initiative, allocating a substantial budget of \$500,000 towards the creation of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Studio Program. This innovative endeavor involves renovating six classrooms to facilitate a dynamic learning environment conducive to developing life skills in various domains. These reimaged spaces will nurture competencies in technology, web design, health services, business acumen, language acquisition, sound and light engineering, literacy, critical thinking, and the integration of Biblical principles into everyday learning. The primary goal is to immerse our students in real-world problem-solving experiences, empowering them to become proactive agents of change and cultivating future leaders with a deep sense of purpose. As part of this initiative, WVCS seeks collaboration with a prominent national non-profit to explore sustainable solutions aimed at addressing global poverty. Our aspiration is to harness our students' STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) resources and capabilities to foster innovative approaches towards alleviating societal challenges.

### Envisioning Future Development:

Looking beyond physical infrastructure, WVCS remains committed to nurturing and empowering our faculty through comprehensive professional development initiatives. Recent strides include equipping our staff with STEM-focused training, introducing specialized math tracks for 7th and 8th graders, engaging writing experts for evaluating diverse genres of middle school writing assignments, appointing an Individual Academic Support Director to cater to varied learning needs, and conducting rigorous training sessions for teachers encompassing writing rubrics, critical thinking methodologies, and seamless integration of Biblical principles into education. These comprehensive measures underscore our commitment to

academic excellence and holistic student development, ensuring our educators are equipped to guide and support all learners in their educational journey at WVCS.

This rewritten passage underscores WVCS's proactive approach towards enhancing campus security, fostering innovative educational initiatives, and continually investing in faculty development to maintain academic excellence and a holistic learning environment.

**Accreditation:** West Valley Christian School holds accreditation from WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and is a proud member of ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), aligning us with esteemed institutions like Stanford, UCLA, UC Berkeley, USC, and Pepperdine University. This accreditation underscores our commitment to an educational framework endorsed by a reputable third party, assuring parents of our fidelity to our mission and fostering an inclusive learning environment.

**Affordable Tuition:** Your investment in your child's education is a great commitment towards their successful future. We offer 10 or 12 month tuition payment plans through FACTS per month. We offer tuition assistance to approximately 20% of our families based on financial need through Covenant Tuition.

**Educational Program Goals:**

Exploring the Distinctive Educational Programs at West Valley Christian School

We're thrilled to introduce you to the diverse and comprehensive educational programs at West Valley Christian School (WVCS) that foster creativity, athletic prowess, servant leadership, technological adeptness, spiritual growth, and academic excellence.

**Creative Expression:** Beyond textbooks, we recognize the transformative power of arts and creativity in education, often overlooked in recent times. At WVCS, we cultivate an environment where music, arts, and theater not only enhance learning but also provide a creative outlet. Through these avenues, students unleash their imaginative faculties, refine articulation, and prepare for potential careers in the arts or multimedia communication. Our mission is to unearth and nurture each student's God-given talents, instilling a profound appreciation for the fine arts and fostering innovative problem-solving skills.

**Athletic Distinction:** Embracing physical activities is integral to our ethos at WVCS. Our sports programs are a cornerstone for developing self-discipline, pursuing excellence, and promoting camaraderie. Engaging in games not only hones athletic abilities but also cultivates an inclusive environment where students interact across diverse backgrounds, fostering sportsmanship, grace, and fairness. Through physical education, students discover and explore their athletic potentials while imbibing essential life skills.

**Servant Leadership:** Beyond academic prowess, our commitment lies in nurturing future leaders who excel not just in academia but also in life. WVCS provides ample opportunities for students to develop and practice leadership skills, emphasizing the importance of humble and gracious leadership. We believe that true leadership emanates from service, and our goal is to shape students who perpetuate a culture of service, initiate meaningful projects, mentor peers, and contribute positively to their local and global communities.

**Technology Advancement:** Recognizing the evolving role of technology in education, our school prioritizes staying at the forefront of technological integration. Despite challenges like cost and training, we're proactive in adopting best practices, ensuring teachers, students, and parents are well-equipped to navigate and harness the potential of technology for enriched learning experiences.

**-Spiritual Development:** We believe students should demonstrate their faith in active ways as they desire to serve others, honor their parents, and respect their teachers. We purposely teach students to use their gifts for God's glory and to love the Lord their God with all their heart, mind, and soul. As teachers explain the Bible and help students see life through the word of scripture, students will embrace a Christian worldview. Children must be given simple truths, with an understanding of how they can grow in their personal relationship with the Lord, otherwise their faith is not going to last a lifetime!

**-Academic Excellence:** The goal of a Christian school is to not only teach about God, but about God's creation and what mankind has produced and revealed about Him through literature, mathematics, science, and history. We hold ourselves to the highest standards and seek to execute everything with excellence, not because the state or federal government requires it, but because of the God we worship. We want to surpass standards and improve our visibility in the community so that more people can hear about WVCS and see what God is doing on our campus. We want to send our students into the world well equipped to think clearly, give and defend

their views and faith, work hard, and stand strong before the world. Our goal is to develop students who seek to be independent learners, critical thinkers, and can write and speak effectively. So that students can discover their gifts and seek to hone their skills, WVCS will instill in them a balanced and dynamic education.

Amidst our diverse student body from varied backgrounds, WVCS offers daycare services from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our campus boasts modern amenities, including purpose-built facilities, a state-of-the-art auditorium, gymnasium, playgrounds, sports fields, security infrastructure, cafeteria, science lab, Makerspace, and comprehensive resources for arts, media, and library.

We cordially invite you to experience our vibrant campus firsthand. Join us for a campus tour and weekly assemblies to meet our esteemed educators and immerse yourself in the distinctive WVCS culture while exploring our exceptional educational programs.

Thank you for considering WVCS as your partner in providing a holistic and exceptional Christian education.

Kindly,

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