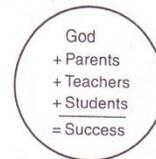




WESTCHESTER AREA SCHOOL

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Dear Westchester Area School Families and Staff:

Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 school year at the Westchester Area SDA School. I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. Welcome to our returning students and parents. Welcome especially to our new students, parents, and teachers. We consider ourselves a family because we have a common interest – giving each child the best possible education and accomplishing that by having the home and school join forces! We ask that you join us in that effort, by communicating with us often and making sure your child is keeping up with their schoolwork. I believe that children are our highest priority and that all children can learn when we have high expectations for their learning.

It is a great honor as it is a responsibility to partner with you in educating your child. I believe that the foundation of our future accomplishments will be found in our combined efforts – the home, school, community, and the strength of our combined efforts.

It is through your support that we make a significant difference in the lives of our students. As we endeavor to move Westchester forward, partnership with us becomes a critical issue. The Westchester Area community has dedicated itself completely to the education of its students and has placed great trust in our school. I understand the importance of this trust and vow to work for the best interests of our students and the community.

This school year teachers in all classrooms will continue to integrate technology into their teaching. This approach allows for the introduction of concepts, practices, and issues of technology use in the K-8 curriculum. We need your support in encouraging Internet safety and monitoring Internet safety and monitoring Internet use at home.

I would like you to sit down with your child and discuss their progress for the school year. Impress upon them the importance of doing well in their classes. Students who do poorly in class typically do so for one or more of the following reasons; 1) not attending class on time or having excessive absences, 2) not turning in all their assignments (including homework and classwork). Please help us make your child a success by closely monitoring their grades,

communicating with their teachers and visiting during Parent/Teacher conferences as well as other events.

Giving to Westchester is an investment in the school's mission and enriches the educational experience for all students. Like all church schools, tuition alone does not cover the full cost of educating our students. Charitable contributions enable the school to bridge the gap between tuition income and operating costs and are essential to the growth and sustainability of our school. To make this unique, high quality education possible, we rely on philanthropic support from parents, past parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty staff, friends, to provide a percentage of the operating budget. Thank you for your contributions and gifts.

School begins Tuesday, September 5, at 8:15 a.m. Our doors will be opened for all students; Pre-school to Grade at 8: Classes from Pre-School to Grade 8 will be dismissed at 3:45 p.m. If you need before and after-school service, please contact our office immediately.

All students should be attired in the Northeastern Conference approved uniform for the 2017 – 2018 school year. In the event that there is an unforeseen circumstance and you are unable to dress your child in FULL uniform, please send a note with your child to the class teacher, who will turn it in to the office promptly.

You will be receiving a copy of our school handbook so that you and your child can review it together. If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child are informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year.

There are many exciting events planned for the up-coming school year beginning with the Back to School Night, Thursday, September 7th. The FULL calendar of events will be distributed at the Parent Night.

If you have any questions, please call the office, at 914-235-5799. We look forward to seeing all students on September 5th as we work toward an academically successful school year.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Aaron
Principal