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UPCOMING DATES

August 29

Learning Supervisor Meeting 6pm

<https://zoom.us/j/123767685>

Parent Intro Night 7pm

<https://zoom.us/j/572257174>

September 2

Labour Day: Office Closed

September 3

School Begins
(No Live Classes this Week)

September 4

High School Student & Parent
Assembly 8:40am

<https://zoom.us/j/403191533>

September 9

All Live Classes Begin

September 11

All-School Assembly 8:40am

<https://zoom.us/j/363762067>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2019/20 school year! To all of our returning students: We have missed you over the summer! To our new students: We want to warmly welcome you! We are so glad that all of our students, parents, and learning supervisors have joined us this year, and this promises to be the best year at WCAS yet! As you begin this year, I want to share with you this year's theme verse, from **Ephesians 2:10**:

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.”

We are each an amazing creation, made in God’s image and loved completely by Him! As you grow in your learning this year, may you never forget this fact: You are adored by your Father, and He has placed you in this space and time (and at this school) for His purpose!

I hope you enjoy reading our new monthly newsletter, The Quest. Our intention is that it serves as a guidepost to you as you journey through home learning, but that it also serve as a space to celebrate student learning and progress throughout the year. I will be praying for each of our students and their families every day this year! Blessings to you all as you begin this new chapter! -Mrs. Kartik

STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT: TIPS FOR SUCCESS

DL can be a very overwhelming experience, for any parent and student, but especially for first-time participants. It can also be a wonderful journey, filled with many opportunities for bonding as a family and learning together. We are here to support you any time, but there are things you can do to get the year and this experience started off on the right foot. Here are some helpful tips:

- **Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!** As you take these first steps into the new year, please communicate with your child's teacher(s) right away if you have a question, a concern, or even just need some adult contact! We are here for you!
- **Set up your space.** The more conducive your child's learning environment is to learning, the better. Consider adding a designated workspace, along with alternate seating options. Good (natural) lighting is helpful, too.
- **The public library is your friend.** Not only that, but visiting that wonderful place may also be required in some of your child's classes. If s/he doesn't already have a library card, please ensure that this is taken care of before the school year is in full swing.
- **Take advantage of other community resources.** Extracurricular activities can be a wonderful opportunity for your child to interact socially, learn new things, and get out of the house every once in awhile.
- **Schedule realistically.** Scheduling each day and making a consistent routine will help you stay on track. Remember to plan quiet and play time, too.
- **Play off each other's strengths.** Someone in your house might be really creative. Someone else might be great at managing time or organizing. And another family member might be awesome with technology. Get busy doing the thing that you do best to make this DL experience as rewarding and enjoyable as possible—and remember, many hands make light work!
- **Stay up to date.** Your teachers provide you with deadlines and due dates for a reason: DL can quickly become extremely overwhelming and stressful if work to be scanned and handed in piles up. Schedule at least one hour per week to scan items, and (for elementary) at least one day at month to sort out handing assignments in. Older students should be able to help.
- **Have fun!** Remember to stop and smell the roses every once in awhile. While the year is sure to be stressful sometimes, we are praying that you will find joy in this experience, and that each of our students will grow in their relationship with Jesus—and with you—as they learn at home.