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UPCOMING DATES

September 8

School Begins
(No Live Classes this Week)

September 10

Parent Q&A Session @ 6pm

<https://zoom.us/j/94295673222>

September 14

All Live Classes Begin

September 16

All-School Assembly 8:40am

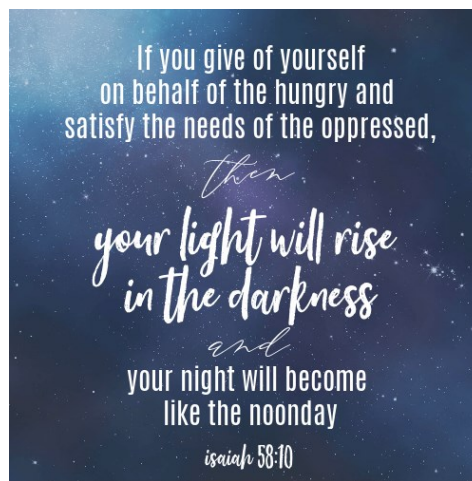
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2020/2021 school year at West Coast Adventist DL School! We are so pleased to be able to welcome all of our students, both new and returning, to this school year. Our prayer for each of you is that this year is one of your best ever and that it shines brightly in your memories as a time in your lives where you came to know yourselves better and focused your goals to becoming just who God meant each of you to be!

As we begin this school year, I would like to turn our attention to our theme verse for this year:



Last year, we learned that we are each God's masterpiece and that He loves us all individually for our unique gifts. This year, we will spend time pondering how we can use those gifts to help those around us, particularly those who are marginalized, oppressed, and alone. Isn't Isaiah 58:10 a beautiful promise? It tells us that when we help others, our own dark-

ness becomes like the brightest light. This year, my prayer is that we each come to know Jesus better as we strive to make the world a better place, by filling our little corner with the light of His love. —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.