

WESTBURY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Half-Century of Shaping Future Leaders: A Legacy of Faith, Wisdom, and Diversity

ADMISSIONS GUIDE





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Welcome to Westbury Christian School!

We are excited that you are considering Westbury Christian as a partner in educating your children. At WCS, your children will be surrounded by a loving faculty that is committed to their spiritual and intellectual growth. Your child will faithfully pursue Truth, cultivating a deep curiosity and strong understanding of academics as they grow intellectually. Your child will grow in wisdom and leadership, learning to use their gifts and talents to influence others and impact the world for Christ. Your child will develop strong relationships, embracing the value of diverse experiences, backgrounds, and abilities in growing together.

We pray that each of our students is transformed by Christ through the experiences they have at our school, and we can't wait for your family to be a part of our community.

We look forward to supporting, facilitating, and witnessing the incredible growth in your students in the years to come.

Welcome to the Wildcat community! I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Nathan Wagner

Head of School

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ADMISSIONS PROCESS

APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER	Applications Open
END OF FEBRUARY	First Round Admissions Deadline
END OF MARCH	Second Round Admissions Deadline
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR	Applications will be accepted for grades as space allow. Call the Admissions Department for more information. (713) 551-8100.

LEARN

Westbury Christian School provides a private Christian education for students in grades K3 – 12 in Southwest Houston.

A vibrant community of learners, WCS is a reflection of the Kingdom — faithful, wise, and diverse. We are faithful in our pursuit of Truth, cultivating a deep curiosity and establishing strong knowledge of the disciplines. We are wise in leadership, intelligently pursuing courageous purpose and vision. We are diverse like the Kingdom, contributing our unique backgrounds, talents, and experiences in growing together.

WCS proudly continues our over 50-year commitment to excellence in academics, student activities, and spiritual development. Competitive tuition provides working families the opportunity to give their children a Biblically-based education. We also actively work to maintain student diversity that reflects the current populace of southwest Houston. WCS is privileged to serve families from a variety of religious faiths, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

VISIT

Families can attend one of our admissions events which includes:

- **Private Tour**

By appointment; schedule on our website.

- **Coffee Talk and Tour**

Group morning tours for our registered prospective families.

- **Attend a Preview Day**

Offered twice a year

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APPLY

□ Application & Fees

An online application must be submitted for each child for whom you are applying. Fees collected at time of application include a non-refundable Application Processing Fee.

□ Required Forms

All required forms can be submitted via email to admissions@westburychristian.org or fax (713) 551-8117.

Provided by Schools:

- Student's most recent report card of the current school year
- Student's final report cards for the previous 2 years
- Student's Achievement Test Scores for the previous 2 years

Provided by Parents/Guardians:

- Student's full and complete immunization record (birth to present)
- Student's birth certificate
- Evaluation/diagnostic paperwork, if applicable
- Divorce/Custody documents, if applicable

□ Recommendations

Recommendation forms will be emailed directly to the teachers listed in the application and provided directly from the current school to Westbury Christian School.

□ Admissions Testing

• **Pre-K3, Pre-K4, Kindergarten, & 1st Grade:**

In-house developmental and academic assessments and observation to determine readiness and placement.

• **2nd–4th Grade:** Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE)

• **5th–12th Grade:** Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE); Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)

□ Observation/Shadow Visit

Students applying for K3–4th grade will have an observation/classroom visit and meet with the Lower School Principal. Shadow visits are required for Middle School and High School. Admissions will contact families to schedule and provide more details after a completed records file has been gathered.

□ Family Interview

All applications and records are reviewed by the Admissions Committee. If approved, the family is given an appointment for the Family-Principal Interview. Both parents, as well as the applicant, must attend the interview. Prior to this interview, families should review the Parent-Student Handbook located on the website.

□ Submit

Submit Enrollment Contract & New Student Enrollment Fee

Families will be notified via email from the Admissions Committee with the admissions decision. Accepted students will receive a link to the Continuous Enrollment Contract. Once the contract and enrollment fee is submitted, your student is officially enrolled as a Wildcat!

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Welcome to Westbury Christian School!

18,720. That's approximately how many hours a student will spend in school from kindergarten through high school.

The number is even higher if you include preschool or after-school activities. Selecting a school to partner with in raising your children is a big decision. They will be with their teachers, coaches, and administrators for a significant portion of their day.

At Westbury Christian, our students spend those hours with dedicated Christian educators who prioritize positive relationships with students. We believe that qualified Christian educators create great experiences for students, which drives learning and growth.

Our dedicated faculty will support students as they grow intellectually, and they will encourage and challenge them to grow in their faith, ultimately preparing them for here and eternity.

Nathan Wagner

Head of School

What Makes WCS Academics Different?

- **Purposefully Small Class Sizes.** A 9:1 student-teacher ratio and small classes. 12 in Preschool, 18 in K–4th, up to about 22 in Middle/High School. This means every student is known and supported.
- **Christian Perspective, Whole-Child Focus.** Every subject, core and elective, is taught through a Christian lens, forming students academically and spiritually.
- **1:1 Technology Program.** K–6th student laptops stay in the classroom for age-appropriate use; 7th–12th grade students manage their own. Technology supports, but never replaces textbooks, pencil-and-paper work, and hands-on learning, with screen time kept limited and age-appropriate.
- **4 Science Labs.** Three labs plus a Makerspace, open to all students and teachers K3–12th, let students explore and discover God's creation, test ideas, and collaborate. This includes hands-on work with three 3D printers.

Portrait of a Graduate

A Westbury Christian School graduate will strive to make intentional and virtuous decisions in their walk with Christ, deepening their understanding of Him.

A WCS graduate will courageously accept challenges as opportunities for growth while they explore their God-given potential with resilience and tenacity, striving to always give their best effort in each situation. They strive to glorify God by displaying a Christ-centered love in their service to others.

They seek Him in order to be a light in the world. A WCS graduate will be a compassionate member of society who honors cultural diversity to lead and support others with empathy.

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LOWER SCHOOL

OVERVIEW

Westbury Christian’s Lower School consists of two sections: a Primary Department (Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st Grade) and an Elementary Department (2nd–4th Grade). Our Christian teachers are trained to teach from a holistic, Christ-centered curriculum that provides an enriched learning experience to enhance the child’s age-appropriate development. Our primary department nurtures each child by offering carefully selected learning experiences that develop your child socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. As they progress through the primary years, we foster their love for learning and use many concrete and sequential strategies to support your student’s personalized needs. Our elementary program is designed to help your child think critically and apply their learning in cross-curricular ways. Our teachers will guide students in the transition from learning how to read to reading to learn and becoming more responsible and mature learners.

THE HEART OF LOWER SCHOOL

“We believe that every child is created in the image of God and has unique gifts and talents. Our goal is to provide a nurturing and supportive environment where each child can thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. Our curriculum is designed to challenge students and prepare them for success in college and beyond. We offer a variety of extracurricular activities and field trips to help students explore their interests and develop their skills. We are committed to partnering with parents to provide the best possible education for your child. We encourage you to be involved in your child’s education and to communicate with us regularly.”



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LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE	BIBLE	LANGUAGE ARTS	HISTORY	MATH	SCIENCE
PRE-K	OT/NT Overview	Centers, Unit Studies and Play-Based Learning			
K	OT/NT Overview	Phonics, Writing, Literature	Local History	Go Math! Texas	Studies Weekly Science
1	OT Overview	Phonics, Grammar, Writing, Literature	United States	Go Math! Texas	Purposeful Design
2	Gospels	Phonics, Grammar, Writing, Literature	Government	Go Math! Texas	Purposeful Design
3	OT/ Israel	Reading, Grammar, Writing Skills, Vocabulary	American History	Go Math! Texas	Purposeful Design
4	Acts/ History of Early Church	Novel Studies, Writing, Vocabulary	Texas History	Go Math! Texas	Purposeful Design

In addition to the core classes in Lower School, students are given many opportunities to learn and grow in our enrichment activities:

Art — Twice a week
P.E. — Three times a week
Music — Three times a week

Spanish Library — Twice a week
 — Visits once a week

Community Service
All grades complete a service project to serve our community outside the classroom.

Field Trips
Students in Kindergarten–4th grade take educational field trips throughout the school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

OVERVIEW

The Westbury Christian Middle School serves students in 5th through 8th grade. Every facet of our middle school program is intentionally crafted to foster your child's spiritual, mental, and physical preparation for high school.

Our teachers train students to analyze and think critically about real-world problems. We believe Middle School should be a time of exploration of your student's passions, interests, and gifts. Our curriculum allows students to also participate in after-school activities like theatre and sports teams. Students as young as 5th grade can compete in non-contact sports. Middle school students also have a variety of elective offerings. From coding to art to strength and conditioning, WCS offers a variety of electives for Middle School students to pursue and discover their talents. Our Middle School students also have many class bonding experiences throughout the year. In the beginning of the school year, all students attend the Middle School retreat, which allows students to build relationships with one another.

WCS MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

"We can all remember the fear and excitement of approaching our teenage years and the feeling of not knowing what was coming around the next corner. We want to help make the high school transition as smooth as possible for your child. Our students are really at a time of discovery. They are experiencing independence and responsibility in a way they never have before. Our staff does a great job of nurturing your child while at the same time pushing them at a slightly uncomfortable pace, helping them to grow and mature in ways that will make you proud to be their parents. As a diverse school, our Wildcat teachers build a culture that celebrates, recognizes, and honors the unique gifts, qualities, backgrounds, and personalities of all our students, enriching their understanding of the world God created."



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MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE	BIBLE	LANGUAGE ARTS	HISTORY	MATH	SCIENCE
5	OT/NT Overview	Literature/Composition	United States	Math 5	Physical Science
6	Gospels	Literature/Composition	World History	Math 6	Earth Science
7	OT Overview	Literature/Composition	History of Texas	Math 7	Life Science
8	Luke	Literature/Composition	Government, Civics, & US History	Pre Algebra / Algebra 1 (HS credit)	Earth Systems / IPC (HS credit)

In addition to the core classes in Middle School, students are given many opportunities to learn and grow in our elective offerings:

5th: PE and Band are required.
6th: PE and Band are required.
(Pick 1) Art, Athletics*, Theatre, Engineering I, Introduction to Spanish

7th: (Pick 2) Art, Athletics*, Coding, Band, Theatre, P.E., Engineering I, Introduction to Spanish, Study Hall

8th: (Pick 2) Art, Athletics*, Band, Coding, Theatre, P.E., Study Hall, Spanish I (for HS credit), Engineering I, Engineering II

**Girls: Basketball/ Boys: Strength & Conditioning*

HIGH SCHOOL

OVERVIEW

Westbury Christian's High School consists of grades 9–12th grade. Beginning in 9th grade, students participate in our quarterly Freshmen Symposium, which develops skill sets for high school and beyond.

Our personalized approach allows us to know our students and challenge them. Each grade prepares your student for a successful college and career beyond Westbury Christian. We prepare students for college by our rigorous academic program and allow them the chance to get ahead in college with our Honors, AP and Dual Credit Program with over 30 advanced-level course opportunities. While academics are important, we believe in a holistic approach to education.

We encourage our students to participate in new clubs, compete on sports teams, and discover their talents in Fine Arts. We want our students to graduate from Westbury Christian informed, well rounded and strong Christian leaders.

WCS HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Be known. Be seen. Be More.

“Westbury Christian School’s High School program is focused on developing independence in the hearts and minds of young adults. Beginning in 9th grade, students are expected to move toward self-motivation and self-control in their spiritual, academic, and behavioral choices. Ultimately, exhibiting spiritual maturity and the ability to transition successfully into a collegiate program demonstrates success.

Having Bible classes every day as part of our required curriculum, as well as chapel twice a week, promotes spiritual maturity, while a rigorous academic program, which provides the opportunity for students to select from more than 30 advanced-level courses opportunities, develops academic excellence. Our educators care and disciple their students to prepare for life after WCS.”



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HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Fine Arts Offerings:

Visual Art
Performing Arts
Theatre Technology

Clubs and Leadership Opportunities:

ASL Club · Bible Club · Book Club · Drumline
HOSA · Interact Club · International Thespian Society
Mu Alpha Theta Club · National Art Honor Society
National Honor Society · Robotics ·
Spanish National Honor Society
Student Ambassador · Student Council · Yearbook

Sports Programs:

Baseball · Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football · Golf · Soccer
Softball · Track & Field
Volleyball



Applicants must be of good moral character, be eligible to re-enroll in the school last attended, and be free from behavioral problems. Report cards and test scores must indicate the student's ability to meet the high standards expected of students at Westbury Christian School.

Pre-K3—Kindergarten: For admission into Pre-K3, Pre-K4, and K, students must be 3, 4, and 5, respectively, before September 1st and must be toilet trained. Students are accepted on a six-week probation period. The Lower School Principal has the right to immediately dismiss any child that is not a good fit for our program. In this event, tuition will be prorated. Should a parent remove the child on their own for any reason, the parents may be responsible for the full year's tuition.



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