

May 28, 2019

Dear Future 8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

We all made it through another school year and have seen some amazing ways that God has worked this year! Can you believe your child will be entering their final year at West Bay Christian Academy? I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to move up with your students during their 8th grade year and be their advisor! This note provides a supply list for next year, as well as information on the summer reading, math, and keyboarding requirements. **Please encourage your child to keep up with these each week, as students retain the most when assignments are paced throughout the summer.** We hope you and your family enjoy the summer months, and look forward to working with your student in the fall!

Blessings,
Mrs. Keith and the Middle School Team
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REQUIRED READING:

- ***Death on the Nile*** by Agatha Christie

Complete a book project that includes the following elements:

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| ○ Title | ○ Plot Summary |
| ○ Author | ○ Conflict & Resolution |
| ○ Genre | ○ Personal Review |
| ○ Characters | ○ Visuals |

Sample project types include: book report or journal, poster, digital presentation, foldable, hanging mobile, pamphlet, movie pitch... get creative, just include all required elements!

- ***The Hiding Place*** by Corrie ten Boom

When students return in the fall, they will be asked to complete a reflection piece to show evidence of having read the book.

REQUIRED MATH:

- **Using their school Google account, students should work on their 7th grade mission in Khan Academy.**

Categories that should be focused on first are "Negative Numbers" and "Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities." Students who complete a **minimum of three hours** will receive a quiz score of 100 in the fall. *Your child has already been assigned to their math class for next year, including the assigned summer homework. If you would like to keep track of your child's work, please follow these steps: 1) In Khan Academy, Parent creates a PARENT account. 2) Child logs in with Google to student's account and click own name at top right. 3) At Menu, click Profile. 4) Click on Coaches tab. 5) Under Add a coach, enter parent's email address used with Khan Academy, then click on Add as coach. If your child is starting new in the fall: Create a student account and use the class join code*

KVKY3N2Q, which leads to the Pre-Algebra mission.

- *Algebra I students and parents will follow the same instructions and requirements but use the code **J864A7NC** to work on 8th grade mission in Khan Academy.* Categories that should be focused on are "Exponents", "Linear Equations" and "Functions."

REQUIRED KEYBOARDING:

- **Minimum of three hours of TypingClub practice.** It is increasingly important for students to develop and maintain typing skills. TypingClub is an educational program that will help students learn and practice their keyboarding. The program is fully web-based so students can use it anywhere with an internet connection. Summer practice time is tracked within the program and will

count as a quiz score in R&TI class in September: complete a **minimum of three hours** and receive an S+ (above average); complete **4 or more hours** to receive an O (Outstanding).

- **West Bay's TypingClub account is found at <https://westbaychristianacademy.typingclub.com>** Login with Google (select to link with student's WBCA account). Be sure you are in Class of 2020 to receive credit.

REQUIRED YEARBOOK

- Each eighth grade student creates his/her own page for the yearbook, starting in early fall. Students should place digital pictures for the page on a flash drive. (Pictures can include family, friends, pets, etc.) If you need photos scanned, we can do that at the school. Include at least one baby/toddler picture and one current picture to be used for the yearbook and graduation slideshow.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

Homeroom/General Supplies

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 containers of antibacterial wipes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- Blue or black pens, and red or green correcting pens (Standard, not gel or cartridge)
- Pencils and erasers
- A pencil case/pouch with the student's name on it
- A pencil sharpener with attached well
- 2 highlighters
- White lined paper for all binders
- Earbuds / earphones
- Chromebook case (to be purchased after start of school year)

Bible Supplies

- Zondervan *NIV Study Bible*
- 1 binder (1 in.)
- 5 page dividers

Math Supplies

- 3 ring binder with loose leaf
- 2 page dividers (any style or color)
- Matching pocket folder
- SCIENTIFIC calculator (Algebra students need sin, cos, and tan functions; graphing not necessary)
- Eighth grade math students: protractor and compass

English Supplies

- Notebook and matching folder (blue)

Science Supplies

- 1 Marble-style composition notebook (green, for students who do not wish to continue to use last year's)
- Pocket folder (green)

Social Studies Supplies

- 1 binder (1 ½ inch) red
- 5 page dividers
- 1 pack of lined loose leaf paper

Research & Technology Integration

- One box of Kleenex for Library/Computer Lab
- One 2-pocket folder with pattern/image (ie make it different from core subjects)

Foreign Language

- Three ring binder with page dividers

Music

- One 2-pocket folder with any design or pattern