

**Elementary/Middle School Newsletter**

“Pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 3:14



**November Events**



- 11/7-9 Parent-Teacher Conferences/Report Cards/  
**EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:00 p.m. all 3 days**
- 11/10 Staff Retreat-**NO SCHOOL/NO DAYCARE**
- 11/11 Veteran's Day-**NO SCHOOL/NO DAYCARE**
- 11/15 PTF Meeting @ 3:15 p.m./FREE Childcare
- 11/17 Awards Ceremony—1st Trimester (Times TBA)
- 11/21-23 ACSI Convention/**NO SCHOOL**
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday-**NO SCHOOL/NO DAYCARE**



**REMINDERS...**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

The first trimester ended October 21st.  
Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held November 7-9.  
**EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:00 P.M. ALL 3 DAYS.**

**NO SCHOOL November 10 & 11**

Staff Retreat & Veteran's Day

**NO SCHOOL November 21–25**

ACSI Convention & Thanksgiving Holiday

Daycare will be available on November 21-23 only.  
See attached flyer for details.

We are sorry but daycare will NOT be provided on any of the other days listed above-school is closed.

**Please pray for our teachers during November...**

- As they work on end of trimester assessments and report cards.
- As they conduct Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- As they spend time with their families during the Thanksgiving break.

**Parents: Gatekeepers of their Children's Hearts**

But the four principal **gatekeepers**, who were Levites, were entrusted with the responsibility for the rooms and treasuries in the house of God. 1 Chronicles 9:26 In ancient times gatekeepers gave or restricted access to walled cities or as in the verse above, the house of the Lord. Their job was to protect what was inside.

As parents and teachers we have something much more precious to guard. **We are gatekeepers for the hearts and minds of our children. Their lives are much more precious than brick and mortar buildings** but in so many ways much more vulnerable and much more complicated.

So, what is it exactly we need to guard against? **I believe the hardest task parents have today is to monitor what enters their children's lives through the electronic media** and even the printed word. TV, movies, the internet and video games keep pushing the envelope for what is acceptable for our kids to see, hear and interact with. And yes, their minds do interact with all of it. The onslaught is insidious in that it does not stop, and so after a while, it either lulls us to sleep or makes us want to look the other way and give up. We can't fault our children for being curious and wanting the next thing they see advertised, but it is necessary to remember that they are children. They cannot know what is best for them or what is harmful. That's why they have parents.

**So where can you start?** First, ask yourself questions like these. Do I really know what my children are exposed to by the media that touches their lives? Do I have an effective monitoring system in place? Am I willing to do the hard work with which I have been entrusted – *taking responsibility for the rooms and treasuries* of my child's heart and mind? Second, start looking carefully at the rating system on video games and movies and begin to restrict what is inappropriate. Be prepared for some fierce kickback from kids who love video games, but stand your ground. Third, you can go to [pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com) to read reviews on the latest movies before you allow your children to see them.

I'll have more on this next week. Thanks for taking the *gatekeeper challenge!* Your child is so worth it.

Mr. Schlecht

## Service Project—Food Baskets

Our school is partnering with our church to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to the less fortunate in our community. We ask that you please participate in this event. This is a great way to teach your child how to be thankful for what they have and to bless others less fortunate than ourselves. Flyer with details will be sent home soon!

### Thanksgiving Blessings



## Parent; Reminders;

Please notify the front office if you have any changes to your address or phone numbers.



Parents make sure you check the lost and found cart on a regular basis. All unclaimed items are bagged up and donated to needy families at the end of the month.

## We Need Your help!

If you have any gently used boys uniform bottoms size 5, 6 & 7 the office is in need of them. Please drop them off at the front desk. Thanks!

## Water of Life Community Church Service Times

Saturdays: 4:00 & 5:45 p.m.

Sundays: 8:50 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

*Childcare is provided at all services.*

## Accelerated Reader



AR excitement is sweeping through our school. Thank you parents for assisting your children to achieve their first trimester goals. Remind them to read for comprehension so they can pass their quizzes and move on.

## Spirit Shirts will arrive end of this week!

Kids don't forget to wear your shirts every Friday (with regular uniform bottoms). Show off your shirt and advertise our school to others. Wear them to the mall, to church and anywhere else to show everyone how much you love attending Water of Life Christian School! Thanks.



Water of Life Christian School Staff are so thankful for our students and their families. We wish you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

## Familv Fun Night



Wednesday, Nov. 30th

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Rancho Cucamonga Location  
(Day Creek/Foothill)

PTF  
Corner