



Worthington  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL




# MEDIA REFERENCE GUIDE



6675 Worthington Galena Road



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# CAMPUSES & CONTACTS

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

### Head of School

Dr. Mike Hayes  
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### Dean of Student Life

Dr. Erica Van Dop  
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### Advancement Director

Polly Shoemaker  
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## WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SERVES STUDENTS ON THREE CAMPUSES.

The Administrative Offices and K-2 Campus are located on the same property.

### Administrative Office

614-431-8215  
6675 Worthington Galena Road  
Worthington, OH 43085

### Lower School Campus (K-2)

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6675 Worthington Galena Road  
Worthington, OH 43085

### Lower School Campus (3-6)

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6670 Worthington Galena Road  
Worthington, OH 43085

### Upper School Campus (7-12)

614-431-8210  
1485 Lazelle Road  
Westerville, OH 43081



**Worthington**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FOUNDED  
**1973**

# ABOUT WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Worthington Christian School develops the mind of Christ in students through rigorous intellectual, creative, and physical pursuits.*

Founded in 1973, Worthington Christian School (WC) is Central Ohio's leader in Christian education, offering a rigorous, college-preparatory kindergarten to 12-grade academic program dedicated to developing the mind of Christ in students through rigorous intellectual, creative, and physical pursuits. WC serves 1,035 students representing 120 local churches. Our 150 faculty, staff, and coaches profess faith in Jesus Christ.

WC is chartered by the state of Ohio and is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia. We are members of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and compete as part of the Central Ohio Buckeye League.



**70% of grades 7-12 students  
participate in the Warrior athletic  
program.**



**65% of grades 7-12 students  
participate in dramatic, musical,  
and fine arts.**

## OUR AWARDS

Two-Time Recipient of  
the National Blue Ribbon  
School of Excellence for  
Exemplary High  
Performance.

Worthington Christian Alumni

**3,300**



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# DR. MIKE HAYES

## Head of School

Dr. Mike Hayes Began his tenure as Worthington Christian School's head of school in July 2022. Before joining WC, Dr. Hayes had a distinguished career at Lee University in Cleveland, TN where he held significant roles since 1995.

Dr. Hayes' early career at Lee included positions as Counselor, Coordinator of Academic Assessment, and Director of Student Development. He became a member of the President's Cabinet in 2006 as an Assistant Vice President and was promoted to Vice President for Student Development in 2010, the position he held before coming to WC.

Dr. Hayes has an Ed.D. (Doctorate) in Educational Administration and Policy Studies from the University of Tennessee, an M.Ed. in Counseling from the University of Tennessee, and a BA from Lee College in Psychology.

Dr. Hayes is an Ohio native born and raised in the small town of Sidney in western Ohio, north of Dayton. Dr. Hayes played "every sport with a ball" in Sidney, where his young life revolved around school, athletics, and church. While at Lee, Mike met his wife Angela, who is from South Georgia. Angela has served for many years in K-12 education and is leading an elementary school in the Westerville District.

Mike and Angela have two children: Nicole, who is finishing her Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics at Michigan State University, and Aaron, who recently moved to Nashville to pursue his career as a talented producer and instrumentalist.





## **DR. ERICA VAN DOP**

### **Dean of Student Life**

Dr. Erica Van Dop was named Dean of Student Life in 2023 after a one-year stint as an assistant principal at the Upper School. Dr. Van Dop's portfolio includes school safety, faith integration, and strategic and intentional out-of-class and co-curricular experiences for K-12 students.



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## **TIM KRAYNAK**

### **Upper School (Grades 7-12) Principal**

Tim Kraynak, a 1994 WC graduate, serves as the Upper School Principal, overseeing the day-to-day operations, interfacing with students, and leading the faculty and staff. Tim is an active WC leadership team member and has served at WC since 2000.



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## **NANCI GRIFFITH**

### **Lower School (Grades K-6) Principal**

Nanci Griffith serves as the Lower School Principal, overseeing the daily operations of grades kindergarten to six, and is an active member of the WC leadership team. Nanci has 30-plus years of teaching and administrative experience. Nanci has served in her current capacity since 2020.



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## **TOM BURNS**

### **Director of Teaching and Learning**

Tom Burns is the Director of Teaching and Learning at Worthington Christian School and oversees the school's curricular and instructional programs. This includes courses for all levels, grades K-12, across all disciplines. Tom has been at Worthington Christian for 25 years as a teacher and a chaplain, and for the last ten years in his current role.



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## **TONY EARP**

### **Director of Athletics**

Tony Earp is the athletic director at Worthington Christian School and oversees all the school's athletic activities and processes. This includes high school and middle school athletic events and practices and the rental and use of athletic facilities of organizations and groups outside of Worthington Christian. Tony has been involved in sports management for the past 15 years and has been at WC since 2023.



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## **POLLY SHOEMAKER**

### **Director of Advancement**

With 25-plus years of Christian education and advancement experience, Polly Shoemaker oversees alumni relations, communications, development, and marketing. A 1980 WC graduate, Polly served at WC from 1995-1999 and then returned in 2014 after a 15-year stint in South Carolina.



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