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MS/HS Principal Announcement

Western Christian School (WCS) is pleased to announce that Dr. Rachael Harms has accepted the call to serve as the school’s next Middle and High School Principal. She will officially begin her position in December 2022.

Dr. Rachael Harms has worked in education for the past 32 years in a variety of roles. She has been a teacher in grades K-12, instructional mentor, director of professional development, and school principal. She is also a professor of education at Corban University, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses. Rachael holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from University of Oregon, a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Portland State University, and a Doctor of Education in School Leadership from George Fox University.



Rachael has been married to her husband and best friend, Shane, for nearly 30 years and they have four grown children and two grand-dogs. In her free time she enjoys gardening and canning, kayaking, quilting, knitting, and reading.

Dr. Harms comes to WCS with a strong foundation in education and leadership as well as a commitment to Christian education. Her passion for students, families, and team is commendable and will be an asset to our school.

On behalf of the WCS School Board, I am excited to introduce Dr. Rachael Harms to the Western Community. She is looking forward to being on campus to begin building relationships with the MS/HS Team as well as getting to know the members of the WCS community. Rachael will begin transitioning to her new role in October and will come on board full time in mid-December.

Join me in welcoming Rachael to the WCS family.

Dr. Janie Andrich
Superintendent

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About Western

Western Christian School (WCS) was originally founded by the Mennonite Church in 1945 as Western Mennonite School. In 2017, the school’s name changed to Western Christian School. WCS is located just northwest of Salem, Oregon, on a beautiful 45-acre wooded campus and currently serves over 400 students in grades K through 12. By partnering with families our mission is equipping students for a life of faith and learning by providing a Christ-centered educational experience highlighted by four key distinctions: academic excellence, nurturing community, enrichment opportunities, along with peacebuilding & service. Nearly 20 Christian denominations are represented on campus and WCS is accredited by Mennonite Education Agency and Cognia.