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# THE WESTMINSTER WORD

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Westminster Christian Academy will publish *The Westminster Word* by-monthly. *The Westminster Word* will now contain elements from the Westminster Weekly, Westminster Wonders and other related news of the school.

*The Word* will also have correspondence from the board, the administration and the director of athletics that is relevant and needy.

*The Westminster Word* is another effort on the part of the school to better communicate the events taking place in the school to our parents and friends.



How can you contribute to *The Westminster Word*? If you have wonders that your students are doing or have done, please send a quick email to Mrs. Tracey Sexton with the following in the subject line: **WWonders**. If you have

announcements to be made in *The Word*, please send an email to Mrs. Sexton with the following in the subject line: **WAnnounce**. Please put these codes in the subject line as it will make Mrs. Sexton's job all that much easier. Thanks so much!

## PRAYER GROUPS

Each month, ministers from different churches who have children/students who attend WCA and others meet together to pray for WCA. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We will meet at the Brockway campus in the first modular closest to Johns Road. You

are invited to attend and for more information contact Rickey Brewington (852-1606).



All WCA mothers are invited to join the Moms in Touch prayer group that meets in the new band room every Tuesday morn-

ing. We gather at 7:50 and pray from 8 - 9 a.m. You can park in the "front" parking lot and walk through the building to the middle modular. We would love to have you pray with us...feel free to bring your coffee or there is some available for purchase at the school.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

- *Fall Festival is November 7th from 10:00—2:00 at the Brockway Campus.*
- *7th graders to Dauphin Island Nov. 10th through Nov. 13th.*
- *Veteran's Day holiday is Wednesday, Nov. 11th*
- *Lab days Nov. 19th (2/4/6/8) and Nov. 20th (1/3/5/7)*
- *Thanksgiving holiday is Wednesday, Nov. 25th, through Friday, Nov. 27th.*

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## DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS BACK NOVEMBER 1ST

Although standard time in [time zones](#) was instituted in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads in 1883, it was not established in U.S. law until the Act of March 19, 1918, sometimes called the Standard Time Act. The act also established daylight saving time, a contentious idea then. Daylight saving time was repealed in 1919, but standard time in time zones remained in law. Daylight time became a local matter. It was re-established nationally early in World War II and was continuously observed from 9 February 1942 to 30 September 1945. After the war its use varied among states and localities. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 provided standardization in the dates of beginning and end of day-

light time in the U.S. but allowed for local exemptions from its observance. The act provided that daylight time begin on the last Sunday in April and end on the last Sunday in October, with the changeover to occur at 2 a.m. local time.

During the "energy crisis" years, Congress enacted earlier starting dates for daylight time. In 1974, daylight time began on 6 January and in 1975 it began on 23 February. After those two years the starting date reverted back to the last Sunday in April. In 1986, a law was passed that shifted the starting date of daylight time to the first Sunday in April, beginning in 1987. The ending date of daylight time was not subject to such

changes, and remained the last Sunday in October. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed both the starting and ending dates. Beginning in 2007, daylight time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.



## WHAT IS EDUCATION?

Jacques Maritan, a philosopher and educator, stated that, "every theory of education is based on a conception of life and, consequently, is associated necessarily with a system of philosophy." He goes on to write that education, the process, is a function of philosophy because every man, woman, and child worships something whether it be the God of the Universe, Nature, Liberty, Culture, or Man. I happen to believe he is right in his assessment of the epistemology of education.

In order to think about education in semantics, one must first begin with the conception of the world. As Christians, education must begin with the Christian worldview, which shapes all that we do. Education, the process, is about teaching and learning, and they, too, must be rooted in a Christian worldview. If any part of this process is not rooted in the Christian worldview, we run the risk of developing the foundational problem of consistency — a worldview inconsistent with that which we teach our children in our homes and our churches. The prob-

lem, if left unaddressed, becomes a major obstacle for several reasons. First, as children grow, the time they spend in school overtakes and exceeds the time they spend in church and home. Second, as they hit the middle school years, the influence of peers overwhelms all other influences in their lives. If that influence is dominated by secular post-modern worldviews...well, you can see the problem. Finally, as children grow their worldviews continue to become concrete. Most experts estimate that the worldview becomes concrete around 13 or 14 years of age. Most of the major development of that worldview occurs in the middle school grades, the precise time that children begin to spend more time at school.

Education is a process created and used by a Holy God to convey His expectations to His people. To Moses the Lord said in Exodus 4:12, "Now go; I will help you to speak and will teach you what to say."

In Deuteronomy chapter 4, God calls his people to hear Him and obey Him and to remember Him by way of teach-

ing. The later part of Deuteronomy 4:9 states, "Teach them (the things the Lord has done in the past) to your children and to their children after them."

Jesus, in John 14:26, states, "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

In my opinion, education is a process created by a Holy God to instill in His people His commands, His history, and His will for them. Education is, in its truest form, a process that shapes the way one views the world. Therefore, as Believers in the Lord Jesus, the education that we choose for our children should be one that reflects consistently our faith by way of our worldview; it also should instill this worldview in our children by way of daily teaching and learning. This is education, and why Christian education ought to be so important to Christian parents. May God be glorified!

## ATHLETIC NEWS

Did you know our very own **Jacob Parker** is ranked #48 on the Hoop Scoop's ranking of the nation's top 150 8th graders?! Hoop Scoop Online is a scouting service that travels the nation looking for good players and then compiles lists of who they feel are the best. Jacob has been to a couple of invitation only basketball camps where Hoop Scoop has had scouts. He has been to the Adidas Jr. Phenom camp in San Diego and the Jr. All American Camp in Orlando. Also the AAU (summer) team that he plays on (SE ELITE)

has won the state championship the last 2 years. Congratulations Jacob!



Congratulations to our varsity **Lady Wildcat Volleyball team** for advancing to the Sub-State Playoffs this year!



The Athletic Booster Club is currently preparing a **winter sports program** to be sold at

all of our home games. If you would like to purchase an ad, you may do so through Mrs. Deiss. The cost of a half page ad is \$50, and the cost of a full page ad is \$75. Those are the only sizes available in the winter program. The order form and payment are due by Monday, November 2nd. If purchasing an ad for an athlete and you wish to include a portrait of your athlete on the page, let Mrs. Deiss know. She will have copies from the photographer to use for such a purpose. Contact Kelly Deiss with any questions.

The Middle School Football team finished with a winning season (3-2-1). Congratulations to the boys for their hard work and success!! We look forward to seeing them continue to grow as young men in the years ahead!

## PTF NEWS

Thanks to everyone who contributed Box Tops this Fall. We were able to collect \$1,528 worth of Box Tops. Way to go WCA! I also want to thank all of the moms who helped clip and organize the Box Tops, as well as, the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade student council who helped count and bundle them. Congratulations to Mrs. Dunn's third grade class

for collecting the most Box Tops at the M & M campus. As you continue to collect Box Tops, please clip them neatly and check the expiration date. Also, please do not staple or tape them. It is best to send them to school in ziplock bags or envelopes. The next big collection will be in late February or early March.

**Fall Festival is Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 - 2:00 at the Brockway Campus. Come out and join us for lots of fun, food, and fellowship. Hope to see everyone there!**

Fall sports portraits will be on Monday, November 2nd for middle school, during 1st period, and Wednesday, November 4th, during 8th hour and after for jv and varsity sports, in the gymnasium.

## STUDENT NEWS

The best local arts performances of the 2007-2008 season won recognition at the annual Wings Awards ceremony at the Bon Braun Center on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. **Katie Fogle** received an award for Judges' Choice, Youth Performance for her roll as Clara in "The Nutcracker." Congratulations Katie!!

**Samantha Cypert** was one of only six Madison teenagers who got to expand their horizons in Spain earlier this year. On May 26, the six students departed for a 10-day tour of Spain. They visited places such as Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Seville, and Barcelona. The teens got to see such sites as Don Quixote's statue in the Plaza de Espana, Royal

Palace, Picasso's "Guernica" in the Reina Sofia Museum, the massive Alhambra fortress and palace, Cordoba's 1200 year old Mezquita Mosque with its 800 marble columns, and Gaudi's unfinished Sagrada Familia cathedral. They even got to enter the ring as a matador for a mock bullfight. What an experience!

Seniors who have already turned in your lunch release forms will be allowed to take their lunch release beginning immediately. Please remember to sign out and back in with the front office. There will be a specific sign out form for you. You must be on the approved list to sign out.

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**Academic Calendar—First Semester  
2009 - 2010**

August 5 and 6 (Wed and Thurs).....	Teacher In-Service
August 7 (Friday) .....	Teacher Work Day
August 10 (Monday) .....	First Day of School/ Half Day
September 4 (Friday) .....	Half Day
September 7 (Monday) .....	No School (Labor Day)
September 18 (Friday).....	Half day (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
September 25 (Friday).....	Homecoming
October 2 (Friday) .....	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 5 - 9 (Monday to Friday).....	No School (Fall Break)
November 11.....	Veteran's Day
November 25 - 27.....	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 22 (Tuesday).....	Half Day/End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
December 23 - January 4, 2010 .....	Christmas Break

**2009 HOMECOMING COURT**

This year, the freshman class was represented by Miss Amanda Colligan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Colligan and Hogan Ricks the son of Mr. James Ricks and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Elmore. Representing the Sophomore class were Miss Kensley Bumpas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bumpas and Michael McFadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian McFadden. The Junior representatives were Miss Caroline Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Roger Gibson and Zach Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Sullivan. Representing the senior class of 2009 were

Miss Carissa Hulling, the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Roy Hulling and Preston Lonis the son of Mr. Bob Lonis and Miss Sheila Atnip Lonis; Miss Caitlyn White, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy White and Mr. Tyler Hagood the son of Mr. Chuck Hagood and the late Jewel Hagood; Miss Amy Bumpas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bumpas and Mr. Grant Lowman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lowman; Miss Lauren Ford, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford and Mr. Bryan Zumbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Zumbach. Helping to crown this years queen and king was last year's queen Miss Whit-

ney Bumpas. Whitney was escorted by Student Body President Mr. Evan Broome.

And this year's homecoming Queen and King were Miss Amy Bumpas and Mr. Bryan Zumbach! Congratulations everyone!

