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THE WESTMINSTER WORD

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Westminster Christian Academy will publish *The Westminster Word* 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 needed.

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 you

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Homecoming week is September 21st thru September 25th.
- Homecoming football game vs. Woodville is Friday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Dyke Stadium.
- Homecoming court will be presented before the football game at 6:20 p.m.
- Basketball cheerleading tryouts are Saturday, September 26th. Please see Kelly Deiss for information.
- Fall portraits are Tuesday, September 29th.
- Fall Break is October 5th thru October 9th.

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HOMECOMING

Friday, September 25th is our 2009 Homecoming game here at Westminster Christian Academy. The Wildcats will line up against Woodville at the Earl Van Dyke Stadium. Game time is at 7:00 pm, but Homecoming activities begin at 6:20 pm.

Homecoming Spirit Week

	*Colors
Mon - PJ day (no sweats)/Penny Drop	12 - Black
Tues - Tacky day/Best Cookie	11 - White
Wed - Patriotic day/See You at the Pole	10 - Red
Thurs - Character day/School supply drive	9 - Stripes
Fri - *School colors/Class Banner	8 - Polka Dots
	6/7 - Plaid

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear WCA Parents,

As the president of the Board of Directors, I want to welcome everyone to the new school year and, for the middle and high school students, to a new campus. There have been some major changes in the structure of the Board. It's appropriate that I summarize those for you.

In the fall of 2008 the Board made the decision to reorganize. Two substantial changes were to reduce the size of the Board and to seek Board members with specific qualifications. Board members were recruited in the spring of this year, and the new Board began on July 1st.

The Board of Directors consists of seven members. Six of these members are selected for three year terms. During the initial transition period, two Board members will serve for one year and two will serve for two year terms. The seventh Board member is identified by the Westminster Presbyterian Church Session. The current board members are:

Tom Adams
(July 2009 – June 2010)
Carlos Bowden
(July 2009 – June 2012)
David King
(July 2009 – June 2011)
Ron Klein
(July 2009 – June 2011)
Curry Knight
(July 2009 – June 2010)
Scott Lynn
(July 2009 – June 2012)
Charlie Wingard
(appointed by session)

Three of the members are new: Carlos Bowden, Ron Klein, and Scott Lynn. The others served on the previous Board of Directors and provide important continuity.

The purpose of a Board of Directors is to provide the head of school with clear expectations and the resources to succeed. The head of school is the senior executive with responsibility for all operational aspects of the school. We are exceedingly fortunate to have Craig Bouvier filling this role, and the board has been working to provide resources that allow him to

spend more of his attention on the strategic direction of WCA.

During the first two months as a Board we have developed a master plan for the Board, identified additional funding for the new position of operations manager, and developed core objectives, and interim goals for the head of school. This month we'll be addressing the long term financial needs of the school. The five overriding, long term WCA *core objectives* are:

- Academic excellence
- Biblical emphasis
- Financially accessible
- Preparation of leaders
- Church based

We have developed more complete definitions for each of these points. Also, the Board has developed performance measures that we'll routinely use to assess our progress towards achieving these *core objectives*. The head of school is preparing a one-page description that will be posted on the WCA website. The intent is to clarify for the faculty, staff, par-

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ents, and students what is most important and then hold ourselves accountable to these objectives.

We understand that parents have options with respect to the schooling of their children. We constantly ask God for his guidance and assistance in making WCA His school. We are grateful for

your prayers and support as we all endeavor to do His work.

In His Service,

Ron Klein

HIGH SCHOOL WESTMINSTER WONDERS!!

Junior **Wesley Cobb** was one of only 80-plus students across the country accepted into the NASA Summer STEM Program Tier 2A this past summer. This was quite an honor. The students attended programs at the University of Virginia, the University of South Dakota, and the University of Puerto Rico. Wesley attended the training in Puerto Rico. They spoke with leaders from NASA about STEM careers, studied nanotechnology, biotechnology, robotics, and many other classes in different fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Since his experi-

ence was in Puerto Rico, the lectures were not only in English, but also Spanish. Great job Wesley!



Students who drive on campus must get a parking permit. Applications may be picked up in the front office. Please provide a copy of your driver's license and insurance card.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIPS!!

Our middle school students will be traveling on overnight field trips in the coming months. Our 6th graders will lead the way with a trip to Hargis September 22-25. Camp Hargis is a civics-based program that provides students with learning experiences related to our heritage as Americans and the freedoms we enjoy.

Eighth graders will travel in October to Crow's Neck in Mississippi. These students will participate in an environmental education program that emphasizes being good stewards of the planet on which we live through outdoor activities such as orienteering and exploring pond and stream life and survival skills.

Seventh graders round out the trips with a 3-day trip to Dauphin Island Sea Lab in November. These students study marine life through hands on activities and an enriching science curriculum.



NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF

This year we have several new faces in our midst on this campus.

Coach Stephen Hooks is our Head Football Coach, Bible and Science Teacher. Coach Garrett Keith is our Assistant Football Coach, Strength and Conditioning Coach and physical education teacher. Mrs. Leah Keith is our new science teacher. She will teach sciences in the middle and high schools. Mr. Mike Killian is our new chemistry teacher. He will teach both dual

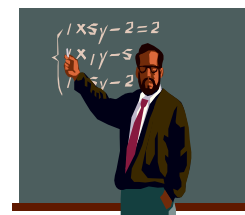
and regular chemistry. Mrs. Laura Ashcom is our new Band and Choir Teacher. She will teach band and choir to middle and high school students.

In sixth grade, we have Mrs. Caroline Sellers serving as a sixth grade teacher.

In our front office, we have Mrs. Cyndy Hooks who is serving as our school nurse and administrative assistant.

In our Admin/Library modular, we have Mr. Trey Gainous who is serving as Director of Operations and Finance, as well as an assistant football coach.

We give great praise to God for bringing such qualified personnel into our midst. Please begin now to pray for them. If you get the chance, stop by and introduce yourself to them; I know that they would appreciate it.



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Don't forget the Morning News and Announcements are posted every week-day morning to the website. Just go to the WCA website, scroll down, and click on News and Announcements.



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

August 3 (Monday).....	New Parent/New Student Orientation
August 4 (Tuesday)	New Teacher Orientation
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 st Quarter
October 5 - 9 (Monday to Friday).....	No School (Fall Break)
December 22 (Tuesday).....	Half Day/End of 1 st Semester
December 23 - January 4, 2010	Christmas Break

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Sixth graders recently selected their class officers for the 2009-2010 school year. This completed our Middle School Student Council. This year's officer are:

8th Grade:

President - Owen Devlin
Vice President - Christopher Thompson
Secretary - Andrew Nichols
Treasurer - Kelley Murphree

7th Grade:

President - Danielle Bradford
Vice President - Amy Denny
Secretary - Isabelle Lynn
Treasurer - Sarah Malone

6th Grade:

President - Jeremiah Cartwright
Vice President - Graham Bumpas
Secretary - Holland Ricks
Treasurers - Reid Sings/Madi Stevens

This group of students will lead out in various things throughout the year, including raising the flag each day, Homecoming week activities, and a Spring field day. Congratulations students!

