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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, December 15th, 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 morning. 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

- *Middle School Christmas Banquet at Faith Chapel December 4.*
- *Band/Choir Christmas Concert at First United Methodist Church December 11.*
- *Exams are Dec. 17-22. All four days are 1/2 days.*
- *Christmas break is Dec. 22 - Jan. 4. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!*

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TRUE EDUCATION

I propose that Christian education is true education. Let's take a brief look at the learning process, teaching methods and the teacher to consider this theory.

When Benjamin Bloom and his team did the research that eventually became his taxonomy of learning, the moral aspects of education were so overwhelming that it was given its own domain: the affective. The taxonomy, which I reference often, was composed of three main domains of learning: the cognitive or thinking domain, the psychomotor or the movement domain and the affective or morality domain. Education, without a moral foundation, is not true education, in my opinion, and is not true education according to Bloom's Taxonomy.

William H. Young tells us that "teaching methods are based in part on what teachers (or schools) think are the most fundamental characteristics of human beings and how they will respond in teaching situations." Effective methods match the true nature of how students learn. Young goes on to say that teachers typically approach student motivation and discipline in ways that reflect their views of human nature. All teachers teach from a world-

view, and that is why WCA goes to great lengths to hire Christian faculty and staff.

What is Christian education? It is first, true education because it connects us to Jesus, the truth, and provides us a moral foundation that begins and ends with the truth. Secondly, it is a process that instills in each student the tenets of the truth by way of method and relationships. Again, it is why we hire Christian teachers who teach with excellence and disciple. Finally, it promotes a worldview through educators that teach, encourage and admonish from a worldview that is rooted in the truth, Jesus Christ. We believe that true education is that which is consistently within the framework of the Christian worldview in all aspects of the educational process. May God be Glorified!

Mr. Bouvier

Christmas Office Hours:

The Brockway office will be open December 23, 28, 29, and 30 from 9:00 - 12:00. For athletic questions, please call 705-8205. For all other questions, you may leave a message on the answering machine or you may email tracey.sexton@wca-hsv.org.

STUDENT NEWS



Westminster sent students from fourth and sixth grade to the Math Mania Competition at the Space and Rocket Center last Saturday. In fourth grade, **Lilly Stevens** won 7th place overall, and a fourth grade team (**Henry Lynn, Sarah Madison, Taylor Pell, and Lilly Stevens**) won 9th place overall. In sixth grade, **Ryan Ford** won 11th place overall,

and a sixth grade team (**Emily Deng, Ryan Ford, Jonathan Hall, and Sarah Williams**) won 6th place overall. Both teams were awarded trophies. Congratulations!!!



Senior **Evan Blocker** is a Quarter Finalist in the 2009 FTF Teen Travel Writing Scholarship. Evan and his family took a Mediterranean cruise this summer, then he wrote an essay about his experiences. Way to go, Evan!!

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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
January 5, 2010	Students return for 2nd semester

EXAM SCHEDULE, DECEMBER 2009

Thursday, December 17	2 nd period and 6 th period
Friday, December 18	3 rd period and 7 th period
Monday, December 21	4 th period and 5 th period
Tuesday, December 22	1 st period and 8 th period

Time Schedule for December 17 through December 22

Exam 1 7:55 – 9:30
Break 9:30 – 9:45
Exam 2 9:50 – 11:25

Teachers will be available in the mornings for review. Immediately after their last exam of the day, students should leave campus if at all possible. Students who finish an exam before the designated time is over will not be dismissed from that exam to leave campus. The campus will be open until 1:00 p.m. for students who do not drive and cannot be picked up immediately after their last exam. All students must be off campus by 1:00 p.m. If a student does not have an exam during a given time period, they are not required to be on campus during that time.

**Merry
Christmas
And
Happy
New
Year!**