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Westminster Christian Academy will publish *The Westminster Word* bi-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, February 9th, 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 (256/852-1606).



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

- Re-enrollment online now through February 12th.
- 11th grade fieldtrip February 10th.
- 1/2 day school February 12th...conferences.
- No school February 15th...President's Day.
- 1/2 day school February 16th...make up snow day.
- Lab days February 25th and 26th.

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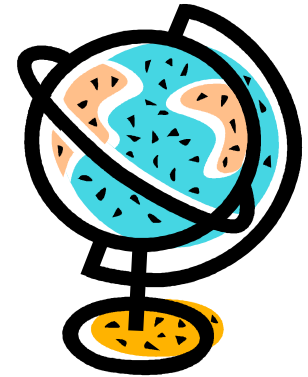
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GEOGRAPHY BEE

The Geography Bee, sponsored by National Geographic, was held at the M&M Campus on January 11. Ten students from 4th – 8th grades competed in the school's bee. Each of the ten students had previously won their grade level bee. The questions for the Geography Bee are wide-ranging and far reaching, dealing with any continent on Planet Earth. Questions range from topographical features like rivers and moun-

tain ranges to graphs and charts related to topics such as population or travel. A student who participates in the geography bee has to have a true interest in the topic or a great memory of their studies of countries around the world. After a lengthy series of questions, the top two contestants were determined. Jacob Parker (8th grade) and Ben Kromann (7th grade) competed for the top spot. The two students were asked

to write their answers to a series of 3 questions. The student who answered the most questions correctly would then advance to the next level. That student was Jacob Parker. Jacob took a written exam on January 21 to determine if he qualifies for the state Geography Bee, generally held the first part of April at Samford University. The school will be notified in March of Jacob's status for participating in the state bee.



Parent/Teachers Conferences are quickly approaching: Thursday, February 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday, February 12, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our faculty will be available to you during these times for scheduled appointments. We are aware of the fact that faculty have been meeting with parents quite regularly this semester; therefore, if you feel no need to schedule a conference then do not feel obligated to do so. However, if you have not met with your student's teachers in over a month, we would encourage you to take advantage of this time. To schedule a conference, simply contact your teacher prior to February 11th via email or phone and set a time with them during either of the above time periods. Most teachers will meet in their rooms, but some of our rooms are shared; therefore, a teacher may need to make other arrangements regarding a meeting space.

SPELLING BEE

WCA held its annual spelling bee for 4th – 8th graders on January 12, also at the M&M Campus. There were 19 students from the 5 grades who qualified for the school bee



after winning their grade level bee. Mrs. Mary Rozendal served as

the word caller. Ms. Mary Hoogwerf, Mrs. Heidi Knowling, and Mrs. Katie Willis served as judges. Mrs. Karen Boyd was the spelling bee coordinator. This was the best group of spellers in our spelling bee from recent years. The spelling bee started off very well with all the students spelling correctly in the first round. Each subsequent round saw the num-

bers dwindle down to the final two contestants – Emily Deng (6th grade) and Teddy Gaj (8th grade). Emily and Teddy squared off for 8 rounds before the winner, Emily Deng, was declared. Emily will now advance to the County Spelling Bee, which will be held at the Academy for Academics and Arts on February 2.

SNOW DAYS MADE UP

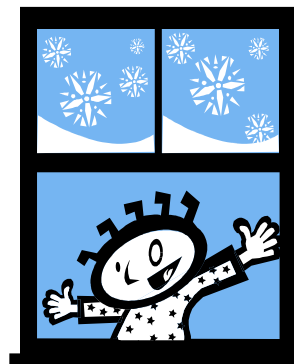
Many of you have inquired about which days we will be using to make up our two missed snow days.

First day -- the students will now come to school HALF DAY on Tuesday, February 16. For upper school, it will be considered a Half-day "B" day, which is periods 2/4/6/8. The teachers will

be required to come back that afternoon for teacher in-service from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Second day -- the students will now be in school FULL DAY on Monday, May 10.

These changes are reflected on the calendar.



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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.



2009-2010 Academic Calendar

Second Semester

January 5 (Tuesday)	First day of 2 nd Semester
January 18 (Monday)	No School (M. L. King Day)
February 11 (Thursday)	After-school Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 12 (Friday)	Half day "A" (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
February 15 (Monday)	No School (Presidents' Day)
February 16 (Tuesday)	*Half day "B" for students/Teacher In-Service
March 12 (Friday)	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 15 - 19 (Monday – Friday)	No School (Spring Break)
March 22 (Monday)	First Day of 4 th Quarter
April 2 (Friday)	No School (Good Friday)
April 5 (Monday)	No School
May 10 (Monday)	*School in Session Full Day (snow day utilized)
May 24 – 27	Semester Exams for 6 th – 12 th grades
May 28 (Friday)	Half Day, Senior Graduation, Last Day of School for the Year

SCIENCE FAIR

The Third Annual Westminster Christian Academy Science and Mathematics Fair was held this past Tuesday, January 19th, at the new Brockway Campus just off Research Park Boulevard. There were 150 projects from 7th-11th grades competing for top honors in their fields of interest. The 200+ students were distributed across eleven categories in two divisions: Junior Division (7th and 8th grades) and Senior Division (9th – 11th grades). There were also over \$1000 in Special Achievement Awards given by Healthcare Office Solutions, Rwandan Coffee To Go, Nelson Management Consultants, Torch Technologies, Belzon and private donors.

To judge the enthusiastic students, WCA was pleased to welcome fifty

professionals from the local Huntsville area, Georgia, Tennessee and even Maryland. This esteemed group of both currently employed and retired individuals included medical doctors and nurses; DOD and NASA program managers, engineers & researchers; college professors and graduate students; professional counselors and social workers; master gardeners; professional landscapers; private business owners and more! The judges were allowed a morning of optional project preview followed by a hearty lunch and an afternoon of interviews and award decisions.

The formal Awards Ceremony for each division was held on Wednesday, January 20th. Those projects placing First in their category as well as a handful of other outstanding judge-recommended projects will represent WCA at the North

Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair (NARSEF) to be held in early March at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

For a complete listing/photos of winners, please visit www.wca-scienceandmathematicsfair.com

