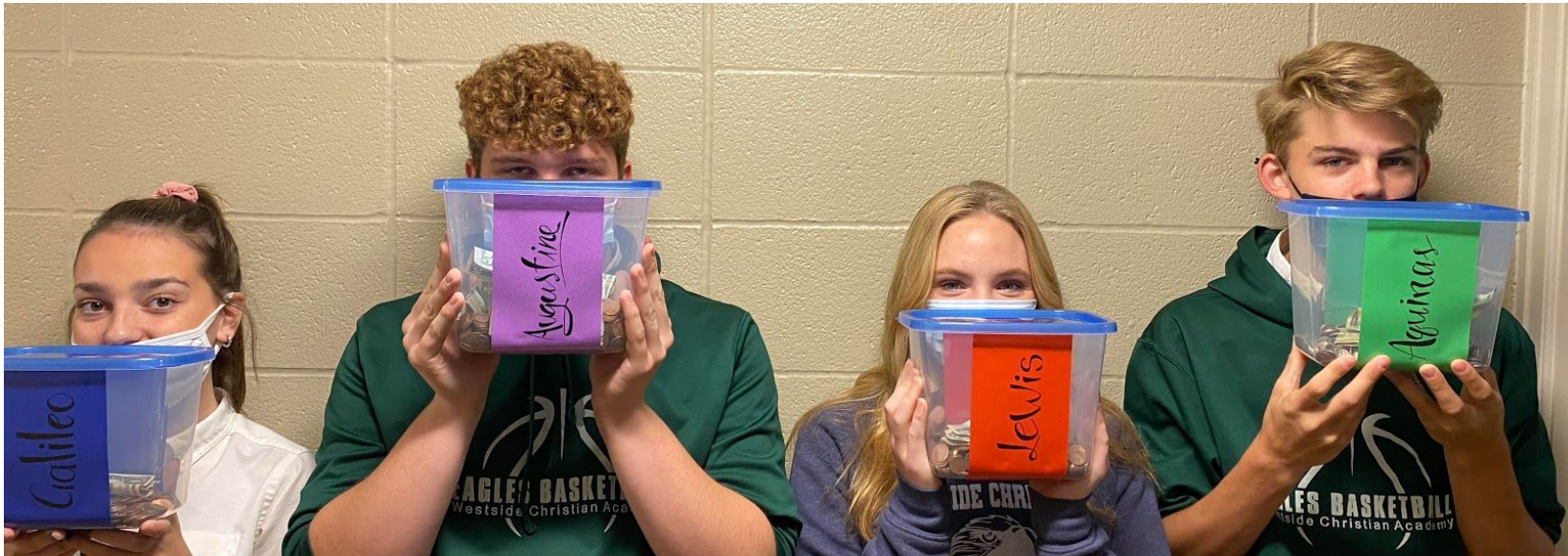




## Fundraising for Others: House Change Wars!



Houses are competing to raise money (change) to purchase gifts through World Vision for families in need! How can your student earn change at home? Click [HERE](#) to see the catalog of gifts.

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Do not let your adorning be external— the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.

1 Peter 3:3-4 (ESV)

“All things as they move toward God are beautiful, and they are ugly as they move away from Him.”

— A. W. Tozer

(for more on this topic, see the section entitled *Table Talk*)

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## Calendar Items (Deo Volente...God Willing)

- Tuesday, October 27 - Hot pretzels \$1.50 cash only - fundraiser for World Vision sponsored by House of Lewis
- Tuesday, October 27-October 30 - NACA (varsity volleyball and soccer tournament)
- Thursday, November 5 - Virtual College Fair (optional) click [HERE](#)
- Friday, November 6 - CLASSICAL PARENT UNIVERSITY 6:30-8:00pm at WCA. Visit <https://westsideacademy.org/cpu/> for more info and link for registration
- Friday, November 13 - Staff Inservice [NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS]
- Wednesday, December 2 - College representative visit from Pensacola Christian for grades 9-12. Seventh and eighth grade parents may request that their student attend.

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## Logistics / Communication

- *Thank you parents for attending Parent/Teacher conferences! It was a delight to establish an even stronger partnership, celebrate what the Lord is doing in students' lives, and speak with you about the students we care for so deeply!*
- **Look for access to the US Newsletter on the WCA App!**
- **LOST AND FOUND** is located between Miss Stein's and Mr. Whiteman's offices. Personal items left on the floor or on top of lockers will be placed there each evening.
- If your student must be dismissed early for a sporting event, please email Miss Stein, Mrs. Zuccola, and the student's teachers whose classes will be affected *with as much advance notice as possible*. Students should also check with classmates to get missed notes and with their teachers to get handouts or assignments and to schedule make up tests/quizzes.
- If a student needs to get a message from a parent, (if an appointment is cancelled or a ride has changed etc.), email Miss Stein ([wca@westsideacademy.org](mailto:wca@westsideacademy.org)) and she will get the information passed along to your student as soon as possible.
- If a student needs materials due to an absence, materials can be collected and sent home. Students OR parents may email Miss Stein listing all items to be retrieved from lockers. These items will be left at the reception desk for pick up.
- To protect teachers' time, in lieu of texting, please direct questions to teacher emails. Click [HERE](#) to access their email addresses.

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## Academic Updates and Highlights

**Humanities Update:** This is an exciting week in Upper School Humanities! Mr. Sasser's class will have a special guest helping us begin our study of what is possibly Shakespeare's greatest work, his tragedy *Hamlet*. Miss Prentis's class continues to move along with Erasmus's *Praise of Folly* and *Here I Stand* about the life of Martin Luther.

Lecture this week will be delivered by a friend of Mr. Sasser's. Mr. Kyle West, who is the doctoral program in Ancient History at The University of Pennsylvania. The lecture will be titled "Kingship in Shakespeare's History Plays." Join us online at [Westsideacademy.org/lecture](https://Westsideacademy.org/lecture).

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## Table Talk (What to talk about around the dinner table)

### Beauty: A Rhetorical Discussion

Last Wednesday, Rhetoric 2 students (all juniors) discussed 3 articles on beauty. Here are their conclusions in summary:

Overall, a creative God, who is himself beautiful, gives inherent beauty to all observers— of both the material and immaterial— to recognize, celebrate, and elevate. While the definition of “beauty” has been hijacked by mass marketing and distorted definitions of physical beauty, true, lasting beauty as created by God exists as an inherent quality, NOT something subjectively defined by each onlooker. Thus, beauty is everywhere; it is a responsibility, privilege even, for a person to recognize it in God’s creation. It can be found in the physical traits of an object, virtue of a person, or acts of human beings.

Augustine asked whether things are beautiful because they give delight or whether they give delight because they are beautiful. Augustine concluded that it was the latter. Viewing beauty through a biblical lens provides observers ample opportunity to see beauty. Students noted that beauty could be observed in the following:

- Seeing the Fruits of the Spirit in people
- The complexity of people and their full range of human emotions
- Telling someone about Christ
- Connecting with others
- Self-sacrifice, living in community, building one another up
- Acknowledgement that God created each person and each has a purpose
- The complexity of the systems of the human body; the solar system’s order
- God keeping everything in order yet taking an interest in every aspect of peoples’ lives

We are thankful for students who think well and process the big questions of this world through the lens of Scripture. Feel free to discuss the idea of beauty with your students (any age), asking them questions that they may see the world in a way that honors our Creator.

Ask: What is the difference between being “pretty” and being “beautiful”? What is the difference between one’s outward appearance and one’s inward appearance? How can a person work on his or her inward appearance? What are some beautiful acts you have witnessed? How can we find “beauty” in what the rest of the world considers “ugly”?

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## Did You Know?

We have rodents...gerbils, which are “classroom pets” that serve a very meaningful role in the biology students’ study of genetics. These critters also bring great joy to the animal lovers in the building!

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## Handbook Highlight

[This section highlights sections of the Upper School handbook as a reminder of school policy.]

### Church Attendance

Believing that our role at WCA is to assist the home and church in the task of training young people, we feel that it is of utmost importance for all students to be in regular attendance at their church along with their parents. We do not feel that we are working in harmony with the home if the family is not active in a local church body. Church participation is required for continued attendance at Westside Christian Academy.

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### Can you help?

The Upper School is looking for games for Option Time when we have to be indoors! Please send in any gently used games that you do not need returned. Uno, SkipBo and card games welcome.

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### Dress Down Day Guidelines

Uniforms encourage students to operate as a team and empower them to express themselves in the ways that we train: through their clear thinking and expression of ideas, not just their clothing. Dress down days are privileges, and are not intended to be opportunities to draw attention to oneself in a distracting manner. If a student is unsure about an item of apparel, he or she should bring a substitute item with him/her and immediately check with the US Dean or Headmaster and be prepared to change if it is deemed distracting or unsafe. Here are specifics:

- Students should wear pants [**no shorts**/ yoga/stretch pants or pants with tears].
- Text on shirts/sweatshirts should be appropriate; if text features the name of another school, it should only be one for whom a student participates as an athlete.
- No tight-fitting shirts, tank tops, cut offs, or short shirts.
- Skirts of modest length may be worn by young ladies.
- Footwear should not be high heels, flip flops, or sandals.
- No hats or sunglasses.
- No attire that is deemed by teachers to be distracting.

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### Change Wars Update

This week's winner with the most money raised is the House of Aquinas. For the heaviest contribution, the winner was the House of Lewis. Aquinas got breakfast treats and House of Lewis has the privilege of wearing out of dress code socks October 27 only.

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### Service Opportunity

Upper School Student babysitters are needed for the Classical Parent University event November 6. Time commitment is 6:10-8:10. This is a PAID service opportunity. Interested students should email Mrs. Anthony: [manthony@westsideacademy.org](mailto:manthony@westsideacademy.org)

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### Bell Schedules:

	Chapel Day (Wednesdays)		2020 Schedule (M, T, Th, F)
1	8:45-9:25	1	8:45-9:30
2	9:25-10:05	2	9:30-10:15
3	10:05-10:45	3	10:15-11:00
Chapel	10:45-11:30	4	11:00-11:45
5A Compass Group Lunch	11:30-12:10	5 Lunch	11:45-12:10
4	12:10-12:50	6	12:10-12:55
6	12:50-1:30	7	12:55-1:40
7	1:30-2:10	Option Time	1:40-2:00
8	2:10-2:50	8	2:00-2:45
9	2:50-3:25	9	2:45-3:30

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### College Counseling Office News

- For 2020-2021 CLT / SAT/ ACT test dates and registration deadlines, click [HERE](#).
  - WCA funds and administers on-campus testing for the CLT 8, CLT 10, and CLT tests:
    - CLT 8 - Grades 7 and 8 - Wednesday, May 5, 2021
    - CLT 10 - Grades 9 and 10 - Wednesday, April 28, 2021
    - CLT - Grades 11 and 12 - Thursday, February 11, 2021
  - Praying about where God is directing your student after graduating from WCA? There are many directions. While the world would elevate the vocational factors, finances, and “opportunity,” consider first and foremost the student’s spiritual development. Is there a bible-believing church that he or she can attend? While some are led to state schools, private schools can be as affordable. Here is a list of schools to consider touring virtually or in person: click [HERE](#).
  - Looking for ACT/SAT prep help from a Christian instructor? Bill Brown offers services. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
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## Praises

- Beautiful artwork created by our US students. Gallery coming soon!
- Noema Lectures are available online at [www.westsideacademy.org](http://www.westsideacademy.org) or click [HERE](#)
- Students, as evidenced in their prayers, are so thankful to be in school.
- Students' steadfast commitment to doing all that they can to keep learning in person.
- The progress being made with the modular unit's preparation.
- The progress the students have made academically, spiritually, and socially during this first quarter AT school.

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## Prayer Requests

- For this year's theme of humility to be lived out through the thoughts, attitudes of the heart, and actions of WCA's students, teachers, administration, staff, and families
- For God to provide the opportunity for students to continue meeting in person for second quarter
- For the timely completion of the modular units for Concordia, 5th, and 6th grades
- For WCA families to be united around their love for Christ, His promises, and WCA's mission
- For health for our students, teachers, faculty, and their families
- For teachers, parents, and students to teach, parent, and grow in all of the ways God desires to grow the students. To focus on what God can do in and among and through us
- For WCA families with parents serving in the military
- For the fundraising efforts for the US's goal of providing gifts through World Vision to those in need to be fruitful and Christlike

*Act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.*

*Micah 6:8*

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