

Upper School
NEWSLETTER

November 16, 2020



Well Done Students, Parents, and Teachers!



Humanities class LIVE with Mr. Sasser. Yes, they were invited to pose (note the cat!)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

-James 1:2-3 (ESV)

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

— Winston Churchill

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

Note for parents: Thank you for helping encourage your students! Your assistance has been invaluable. We anticipate adjustments (emotionally, academically etc.) to coming back to live instruction. Please pray for and with your students, that they would wholeheartedly seize the opportunity to learn in person and diligently check their progress on RenWeb and with teachers.

Calendar Items (Deo Volente...God Willing)

- November 16-19 - 4 days, 4 free sessions: Circe Institute's Classical Colleges Virtual College Fair 4:00-5:00 Click [HERE](#) to register. (Templeton Honors College, Grove City College, Thales College, and Belmont Abbey College)
- Wednesday, November 18 - Virtual college visit with Covenant College for any interested students from 11:40-12:15. Click [HERE](#) for the Google Meeting.
- Friday, November 20 - Anticipated date to return to in-person instruction.
- Tuesday, December 1 - Humanities Day RESCHEDULED
- Wednesday, December 2 - Virtual college visit with Pensacola Christian for grades 10 and up at lunch. (Younger students are welcome at any virtual college visit, space permitting).
- Saturday, December 5 - Upper School Christmas Celebration 7:00-9:00pm
- Tuesday, December 8 - Upper School STUDENT book club (*Wuthering Heights*) 3:40-5:00

Logistics / Communication

- **Look for access to the US Newsletter on the WCA App!**
- Upper School intends to provide an "outdoor" option time choice for students. Please note that it is the students' responsibility to come with the proper cold weather attire. Recess monitors will not check for proper gloves, hats, coats etc.
- **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) 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.

Can you help?

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

Change Wars Update

This update will be given on November 23rd.

Handbook Highlight

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

Remote Learning Handbook click [HERE](#)

Academic Updates and Highlights

Humanities Update: This week in Humanities our students will continue with excellent content even in a remote manner. Mr. Sasser's classes will continue their study of *Hamlet* as they wrap up enjoying the play and using it as a vehicle to think through some really interesting questions. "Is Hamlet justified in pretending to be mad?" What ought Hamlet to do? etc. Miss Prentis's class will be delving into a rich and profitable study of God's Word with the book of Romans.

Humanities Day has been rescheduled for December 1! We need volunteers to help us out with this event. Can you stick around for the entire day and be a supervisor? Let me know at csasser@westsideacademy.org.

Did You Know?

High school students have access to a large number of online resources including magazines, journals, texts, SAT/ACT test practice, and other resources through infohio.org, the library source used in high schools statewide. In addition, ANYONE in the state of Ohio can apply for a Cuyahoga County library card, with which you may access all libraries in the state with OhioLink? This is a fabulous resource to access books predominantly housed in both Christian and secular Colleges.

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 - Grades 11 and 12 - Thursday, February 11, 2021
 - CLT 10 - Grades 9 and 10 - Wednesday, April 28, 2021
 - CLT 8 - Grades 7 and 8 - Wednesday, May 5, 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.
 - Would your student like assistance analyzing his or her vocational calling? WCA teacher Mr. Eric Pfeiffer is Career Direct certified. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the program.
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Table Talk (What to talk about around the dinner table)

Well Done!

We are thankful that the Lord has provided a way for teachers and students to meet together, face-to-face, for live instruction. The abridged classes and day was appreciated by both teachers and students. The schedule of classes was tremendously helpful in keeping students on track. Special thank you to the students who logged in without prompting from parents, classmates or teachers. Thank you, parents, for supporting students and doing your best from home (or via text) to get students into classes on time so that they did not miss instruction. At the end of week 1, students had the opportunity to give feedback about remote learning. They were asked to let us know what worked best. Upper School teachers met on Friday to review their responses to better meet their needs.

Another question asked students to find the blessings in remote learning. Here are just a few comments about the blessing(s) of remote learning:

- Being able to work at my own pace
- Playing music while completing assignments
- Being able to not wear a mask
- More time for a morning devotional
- Lunch at home
- I can take walks and integrate projects throughout my day
- I get to spend time with my dog
- I have time to take on some of the jobs that my mom would usually do
- More time to myself
- I get to sit in a more comfortable chair all day long
- I like that the teachers post work that is due in a couple of days, but you can do it ahead of time so I have no work and can have a break.
- You can eat whenever
- Being with family
- We can get up and pet our pets whenever we want to.
- Being home with no siblings
- Getting to help my family
- Getting many work periods (When students do not have a live session scheduled, they have that time to work on their assignments.)

Ask: Have you been on time to all of your live sessions? Have you used the feed on Google Classroom to monitor and meet deadlines for assignments? What can we do at home to make remote learning an even better experience for you? How might the transition back to live instruction be a challenge? How might it be a blessing? How can we pray for you, your classmates, and your teachers to adjust?

Remote Learning Schedule:

2nd period Art Elective with Mrs. Ziegler will log into Google Classroom for instructions. She will not hold any live classes this session for the 2nd period. There will be no online PE classes for this session.

Mr. Hindall's classes will NOT meet Tuesdays after Nov 10.

		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8:45-9:20	1	Pre-Alg - MY Prentis Dial Hum Sasser Dial Hum Latin 103 (10th) Physics-Robins Physics-Hindall	Pre-Alg - MY Sasser Dial Hum Physics-Hindall	Pre-Alg - MY Prentis Dial Hum Latin 103 (10th) Physics-Robins Physics-Hindall	Pre-Alg - MY Prentis Dial Hum Sasser Dial Hum Latin 103 (10th)	Pre-Alg - MY Latin 103 (10th) Physics-Robins Physics-Hindall
9:20-9:55	2	Prentis Dial Hum Sasser Dial Hum Alg 2 Geometry Honors Geometry Senior Thesis Pre-Calc	Sasser Dial Hum Alg 2 Geometry Honors Geometry Pre-Calc	Prentis Dial Hum Alg 2 Honors Geometry Pre-Calc	Prentis Dial Hum Sasser Dial Hum Alg 2 Geometry Honors Geometry Senior Thesis	Alg 2 Honors Geometry Pre-Calc
9:55-10:30	3	Prentis Dial Hum Sasser Dial Hum Alg 2 Adv Consumer Math Algebra Pre-Alg - LR	Sasser Dial Hum Alg 2 Adv Consumer Math Algebra Rhetoric 1	Prentis Dial Hum Alg 2 Adv Consumer Math Pre-Alg - LR Rhetoric 1	Prentis Dial Hum Sasser Dial Hum Alg 2 Adv Consumer Math Algebra Rhetoric 1	Alg 2 Adv Consumer Math Pre-Alg - LR
10:30-11:05	4	Science 8 Latin 103 (9th) Chemistry Calculus Art 7th Grade Personal Finance	Science 8 Latin 103 (9th) Chemistry Personal Finance	Calculus Chemistry Music 8th Personal Finance	Latin 103 (9th) Music 8th Personal Finance	Science 8 Latin 103 (9th) Chemistry Calculus Personal Finance
11:05-11:40	6	Prentis Rhet Hum Sasser Rhet Hum Logic - Robins English 7	Sasser Rhet Hum 9th Logic	Prentis Rhet Hum Logic - Robins 9th Logic English 7	Prentis Rhet Hum Sasser Rhet Hum 9th Logic English 7	Logic - Robins Art 7th Grade
11:40-12:15	5	Lunch/Meetings	Lunch/Meetings	Lunch/Meetings	Lunch/Meetings	Lunch/Meetings
12:15-12:50	7	Prentis Rhet Hum Sasser Rhet Hum Latin 1 Biology	Sasser Rhet Hum Latin 1	Prentis Rhet Hum Latin 1 Biology	Prentis Rhet Hum Sasser Rhet Hum Latin 1	Latin 1 Biology Art 8th Grade
12:50-1:25	8	Rhetoric 2/Jr. Thesis Latin 2 Spanish 3	Latin 2 Spanish 3 9th Hon Hum	Rhetoric 2/Jr. Thesis Spanish 3 Art 8th Grade Music 7th	Rhetoric 2/Jr. Thesis Latin 2 Music 7th Rhet Hum Hon 10th	Latin 2
1:25-2:00	9	Rhetoric 2/Jr. Thesis Greek Spanish 2 Rhet Hum Honors 11-12 grades	Greek 7th Science Spanish 2 Art Elective	Greek Rhetoric 2/Jr. Thesis 7th Science Spanish 2 Chorale	Rhetoric 2/Jr. Thesis Greek 7th Science Art Elective Chorale	
2:00-2:45				CHAPEL (ALL STUDENTS)		

Praises

- Positive attitudes for learning remotely; students who love to learn
- For the clean lockers and well cared for Chromebooks
- For the WCA families' grace towards one another
- The provision of devices for remote learning
- Noema Lectures are available online at www.westsideacademy.org or click [HERE](#)
- Students staying committed to excellent academics and becoming leaders
- The progress being made with the modular unit's preparation

Prayer Requests

- For healing for any affected by COVID
- That the Lord would enable us to continue with live instruction again on Friday
- 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 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
