

Upper School
NEWSLETTER

November 9, 2020



Counting it All Joy!



Students were blessed with “outside time” during last week’s warm temperatures.

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)

“Instead of a river, God often gives us a brook, which may be running today and dried up tomorrow. Why? To teach us not to rest in our blessings, but in the blesser Himself.”

— Arthur W. Pink

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

Calendar Items (Deo Volente...God Willing)

- Tuesday, November 10 - PTF Virtual Meeting 6:30
- Tuesday, November 10 - Lipscomb University meet and greet 6:00pm To register, click [HERE](#). For the session, click [HERE](#) (Zoom account needed).
- Friday, November 13 - Forms and fees are due for 5-8th basketball: [Forms and fees](#)
- Friday, November 13 - Staff Inservice [NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS]
- 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.
- 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.

Academic Updates and Highlights

Humanities Update: Humanities Day, which was scheduled to take place tomorrow, will be rescheduled and once we know when that is going to happen we will let you know.

Students in our classes will continue with all of their learning remotely. They will continue with textbook assignments, poetry work, memorization and reading. Mr. Sasser's class will continue to study *Hamlet*. Miss Prentis's class will soon move to a profitable study of Paul's epistle to the Romans.

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.

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](#)

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)

When Our Routine Changes

Sometimes children wish for the superpower of being able to tell the future. Adults know that this gift would be difficult to bear when the future held challenges. We rejoice because the One who holds the future in His hands is sovereignly ruling over all things— school included. So, we willingly sit under God’s providences and continue to rejoice in all of the ways he is working— both invisibly and visibly.

Here are a few additional tips/revisions for this transfer to remote learning:

1. Parents’ and teachers’ attitudes about this shift will be reflected in how students respond. May we enter this period with humble and thankful hearts. I, for one, will be VERY thankful to see my students’ beautiful smiles!
2. The **REMOTE MASTER SCHEDULE IS REVISED**. Please refer to the schedule in this document. Here is how it works: Students will follow their normal schedules by period. So, if a student has Mr. Sasser for Dialectic Humanities first period, he/she will be in LIVE instruction sessions first period on the days listed on the schedule. Questions? Email Mrs. Zuccola.
3. Students will access their classes with the meeting codes on their Google Classroom pages.
4. Please make sure that your student can log into Google Classroom tonight. Check that he/she is enrolled in all of their classes. If not, there is a plus button in the top right with which he/she can add the class. The codes can be accessed [HERE](#).
5. ALL students should be in the WCA Upper School Students classroom in which they will receive announcements, lecture, and chapel. If the entire student body needs to be made aware of anything, teachers will post there.
6. Note that the online live instruction ends at 2:00pm; HOWEVER, a teacher may request to meet with a student between 2-3:30 to give extra help or administer a quiz.
7. Remind students that attendance is MANDATORY for live classes. Missed classes will result in zeros for work missed during that class.
8. All students should log into Classroom each day as assignments may be posted that can be completed without live instruction.
9. Pray with and for your students and their teachers! Ask that the Lord would be pleased to accomplish much while we are physically away from the building, that any affected individuals would heal completely, and that we would have hearts all-the-more grateful to be together when we are able to return to live instruction.

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

- The hands that put together and transported materials for remote learning
- For the clean lockers and well cared for chrome books
- For the WCA families' grace towards one another
- For Mr. Sasser's presentation at the Classical Parent University event last Friday
- 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
- For the duration of remote learning to be short and fruitful
- 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
