

Upper School  
**NEWSLETTER**

January 11, 2021



## New Spaces! New Art Room!



Our new art room (Room 118).

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**Thy will be done. . . .**

**-Matthew 6:10 (ESV)**

**“We do not segment our lives, giving some time to God, some to our God, some to our business or schooling, while keeping parts to ourselves. The idea is to give all of our lives in the presence of God, under the authority of God, and for the honor and glory of God. That is what the Christian life is all about.”**

**— RC Sproul**

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

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

- Tuesday, January 12 - Book Club on Wuthering Heights in Room 209, 3:45-4:45 (RSVP [kzuccola@westsideacademy.org](mailto:kzuccola@westsideacademy.org))
- Friday, January 15 - US Annual Art Museum Field Trip *CANCELLED* because the museum is currently closed
- Friday, January 15 - Deadline to register for the February 6 ACT (*Students intending to qualify for the first time for CCP coursework to begin this summer should register for this.*)
- Monday, January 18 - No school in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesday, January 26 - Virtual College Credit Plus meeting (*for information on the process for registering for college credit classes*) 7:00pm Click [HERE](#) for the link.
- Friday, February 12 - No school for STUDENTS; teacher professional development day
- Monday, February 15 - No school in observance of President's Day

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### Logistics / Communication

- Any students who are absent due to illness or quarantining should email teachers to find out how they should collect their work. Some will post recordings; others will broadcast live; still others will distribute work via email. If student materials need to be gathered from lockers, or if due to an extended absence, student needs a Chromebook, please email [kzuccola@westsideacademy.org](mailto:kzuccola@westsideacademy.org) to request materials be left at the receptionist desk.
  - Look for school closures/delays on the WCA app, text alerts, or local news sources.
  - **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](mailto:wca@westsideacademy.org)) and she will get the information passed along to your student as soon as possible.
  - 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 week in Humanities your Dialectic students will continue with their study of King Arthur in Mr. Sasser's class. They will be studying Arthur through Geoffrey of Monmouth's book *The History of the Kings of Britain*. Ask your students about Gogmagog! Rhetoric students will begin studying the origins of Chivalry and the great tale of the *Song of Roland*.

In Miss Prentis's class all of the students are studying Renaissance thought and culture as revealed through the beautiful artwork of the time. It is an exciting study!

Lecture this week will be delivered by WCA alum and former WCA teacher Emilie Sandham on the topic of the reformer Jan Huss. Join us on the livestream link at [westsideacademy.org/lecture](https://westsideacademy.org/lecture).

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### Did You Know?

The schedule for Tuesdays has changed a bit. In order to provide more fruitful and consistent instruction in all areas, an additional period was added to support the Noema Lecture series and the students' daily coursework. Please see the schedules on this document for an updated schedule.

Student musicians are invited and welcome to share their musical talents on Tuesday mornings as students enter the Sanctuary before lecture begins. Ask you son or daughter if they have signed up!

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## College Counseling Office News

- Tuesday, January 26 will be an online CCP information session.
- 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)**Resolutions**

New Year's resolutions mean the opportunity to "reset". Common resolutions include eating healthier, budgeting more wisely, losing weight, organizing life better, ultimately living more disciplined lives. So many of the resolutions we make include limiting or decreasing things, especially things of the world. Most resolutions are made for good reasons; however, instead of doing less of something, consider instead doing more—surrendering unto the Lord. Seeking first God's kingdom means that all else will follow. So here is the challenge: Resolve, as a family one way to prioritize abiding in God's Word. Discuss with your children ways that your family can prioritize this and commit to staying in the Word. Here are a few ideas:

- Family devotions in the evenings (before or after dinner, mornings, or before bed)
- Study a book of the Bible together as a family
- Commit a passage of scripture to memory as a family

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**Handbook Highlight****Dress Code Rationale**

The Bible says that "man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (I Samuel 16:7). God knows the spiritual condition of a person's heart, but people initially see only the physical body and how it is attired. Being properly attired is important, must be appropriate for the occasion, can affect behavior and development. Wearing uniforms helps minimize social competition and self-consciousness.

WCA students wear uniforms in an effort to:

- Promote an atmosphere of order and neatness that suggests a readiness for learning,
- Eliminate the temptation for students to discriminate against others who don't dress "a certain way" or buy specific brands.
- To promote a serious academic atmosphere by encouraging the students to think of their attire as an aspect of their work.
- To promote a sense of identity with the school and fellow students and to reinforce the concept that one's identity is based on who God says he/she is and not on what he/she wears.
- To provide financial and social benefits for parents by limiting students' school clothing needs.

Parents' full support of this dress code is imperative. Parents' monitoring of the dress code from home minimizes uniform concerns interrupting instructional time.

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## Schedules

Weekly Bell Schedule \*REVISED for Semester 2

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

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## Praises

- For Christian education
  - Basketball season for our students
  - For a new start in the second semester
  - Noema Lectures are available online at [www.westsideacademy.org](http://www.westsideacademy.org) or click [HERE](#)
  - Students staying committed to excellent academics and becoming leaders
  - New art room space and modular space for the GS
  - For the safe return of 2 of our families' fathers who have been stationed elsewhere over the larger part of the year. God is so good!
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## Prayer Requests

- For WCA families and teachers to steadfastly hold to God, the one who never changes
- For the continued ability to meet for in-person instruction
- For new drivers in inclement weather
- For restoration (physical and financial) for any affected by COVID
- 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 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

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

*Micah 6:8*

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