

WEBSTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Newsletter

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2009

From the Administrator's Desk . . .

Welcome Back! WOW. Where does the time go? As I was growing up, many times I heard the phrase, "As you get older, time seems to go faster." Well, my Dad was right. The summer is flying by for all of us.

We are preparing for the start of our 32nd year at WCS this fall. All the normal painting, rug cleaning and waxing are underway. Other changes will also be evident as we freshen up, repair, and clean in preparation for the new school year.

On September 9th we will be welcoming many new students and some new faculty members. Mrs. Kimberly Mantz, who was our Elementary Teacher's Aide last year, will be joining us as the new second grade teacher. Mrs. Mantz has taught at WCS in the past. Miss Lori Miranda will be joining the high school faculty taking on the responsibilities of the English program. Mrs. Debbie Ludwig will be our new Elementary Teacher's Aide.

Missy Bork has taken on different responsibilities outside of WCS and we thank her for her many years of service and ministry.

Our goal for this year is simple, yet important: Honor the Lord in all we do and support our families the best we can. With the addition of new staff, targeted subject adjustments, and an endless desire to train up students in God's ways, we are excited again for the start of another new year. Thank you for your incredible support of WCS. We all look forward to ministering alongside our families in the training of each child.

Keith Bell

Enrollment Increases Still Possible

Please **PRAY** along with us to reach our enrollment goal. We are still asking the Lord for ten to fifteen additional students. Currently, the enrollment count is at 226 with several prospects. Looking to this coming year, we have no less expectation of seeing God move in our midst. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

New Fleece Jackets!

One of the significant changes to the WCS dress code for the 2009-2010 school year is the standardization on two fleece jacket styles that will be permitted during the school year.

The styles are shown below and are available in red or black, in a full zipper style and a half zipper style. Students can also select a choice of WCS emblem or lettering. The jackets will be available within a few weeks of ordering, so we would appreciate having your order by August 17th so your student's jacket will be here in time for the start of school.

We have decided to go this route to eliminate questions as to what is acceptable, as well as to continue to promote neatness as an integral part of the WCS dress code.

Students always have the option of wearing proper dress sweaters (with no advertisements), as well as the WCS team athletic jackets. However, when it comes to any other form of jacket or "hooded sweatshirt", these fleece jackets will be the only acceptable items to be worn on regular school days.





From the
desk of
Keith Bell

Thirty-Two Years and Counting!

The blessings of the Lord are far too many to list over these many years. It is a great testimony for His school to be entering the 32nd year of ministry and we rejoice in His faithfulness.

As the school year begins, I want to thank our families who sacrifice so much to have their children at WCS. It is an honor to serve alongside each of you in the education of your children.

Although the blessings WCS has received over the years are numerous, one I want to mention is the initiation of four separate Bible studies in the middle school and high school. These groups met during lunch time and were very well attended. These were faculty led, or student led with a faculty monitor, and we look forward to continuing these during the 2009-10 school year.

We are also blessed with a faithful faculty who use their gifts in such unique and important ways each and every day to make the school a better place.

This year we will continue to impress upon each child the importance of their lives' decisions and choices, recognizing the implications of reward or consequence with each choice.

Please pray along with us that the school year will be a successful, safe and God-honoring endeavor. Thanks for being a part of WCS.

Tuition Payments – Please remember that we are dependent on the **TIMELY AND FAITHFUL TUITION PAYMENTS** from our families. Our ability to accomplish the school goals and meet our obligations requires each family to remain current with their monetary commitments. Thank you for your understanding and helping us each month.

Rule Reminders . . .

Put it Away! Cell phones of students must be off and stored away when entering the school. Messages can be forwarded to students through the main office, ext. 223. Cell phone use by the student is *only* allowed in the school office with permission.

Turn it Off! Distractions such as iPods, MP3 players, headphones, etc. must be off and stored away throughout the entire day. Use of these items on school buses is at the discretion of the driver, but don't be surprised if they are banned from the bus too.



Off Limits! Use of faculty and staff telephones is denied to students for personal, non-emergency reasons. Exceptions to this rule are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Use of phones without teacher permission is strictly forbidden.

Dress Code! You received an updated Dress Code letter in July. Please make sure that you read it carefully. We are asking that you ensure that your children understand the dress code and also follow it. **Parents, please help us enforce the basic, simple rules of the policy so that we can maintain an atmosphere of respect and modesty in our school.** Remember, by monitoring your child before they leave for school, we will enable our teachers and staff to be able to focus on teaching your child, rather than wasting time re-educating them on policies that they should already be aware of.

PARENT ORIENTATION

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Welcome Begins In
The Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

- Prayer for families and students
- Classroom visits
- Meeting the teachers
- Brief overview of the school year
- School handbooks distributed
- Refreshments and fellowship time

Hands in Prayer, Hands in Labor

It is impossible to acknowledge all the wonderful works that are accomplished by the many volunteers and their selfless



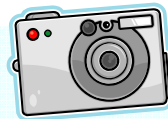
efforts that make such a great contribution to this school. WCS faculty and staff are grateful to the amazing people who help so graciously throughout the school year. To these volunteers: How does one recognize the **time** you spend in this ministry without pay? Or the **help** you have given without receiving acknowledgement? Or the **sacrifices** you have made both in labor and in dollars without recognition or fanfare? We thank you for your hands clasped in prayer and in labor, and we pray for special blessings for you as God is given the glory. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

You Should Know . . .

- **Be Careful!** Loading and unloading of students should only be done at the front of the building (straight ahead from entrance at Holt Road). Anyone being transported by car should be picked up and dropped off at the loop by the flag pole. **Do not** let your child off at the back of the school before school has started. It is dangerous because of the volume of traffic and lack of supervision. After 8:05 you **MUST** come into the office to sign your student in.



- **Excused Absences** – Is your student late or won't be in school at all? There are **only three** legitimate reasons to be out of school: (1) sickness or health issues, (2) funeral or death in family, (3) weather-related or district transportation problems. If your student is out for any other reason (such as a vacation), a tag of **unexcused absence** will be added to his permanent file. Please schedule all vacations during non-school days.
- **Collecting** – The school is still collecting Box Tops For Education and UPC labels from Campbell products. Classes will be rewarded for the largest donations. Make sure your child's class is clearly marked when you turn these in. Thank you for helping with this fundraiser!



Just a few reminders . . .

Students will need to be camera-ready in just a few weeks!
September 28 – School pictures will be taken.
October 29 – Seniors need to turn in their individual photos and information to Mrs. Sandy Christen in preparation for 2010 graduation.
October 30 – School picture absentee date.



WCS Parent Phone

Directories will be available September 18th.



FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Immunizations – Before your child begins school, the New York State Education Department requires written proof of the required immunizations as follows:

- DPT (3 doses), Polio (3 doses), Hepatitis B (3 doses).
- MMR (2 doses), Varicella (1 dose).
- Tdap when your child is 11 years old and entering Grade 6.

State mandated immunization records should be turned in to the school main office or the Health Office for all new students and anytime a mandated immunization is given to your child. Please submit your child's immunization record and current physical examination by August 14, 2009. Also, current medication orders for all medications would be appreciated by August 14, 2009. Especially important are emergency medication orders, i.e. Epi-pens, Benadryl, inhalers and glucagon. **All medication orders must be renewed every school year** (see the nurse for a form).

Screenings: All students are screened for vision, hearing and scoliosis according to the following schedule. Parents will be notified by letter if any of the nurse's findings need to be followed up by their child's healthcare provider.

- Vision: grades K, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 and all new students.
- Hearing: grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 10 and all new students.
- Scoliosis (curvature of the spine), grades 5-9. Children receiving physicals from their own healthcare provider are not re-screened for scoliosis because that is part of the physical exam. Scoliosis screening is usually conducted in February during gym class. A notice will be sent out either by newsletter or separate flier to notify parents of this.

Physical Examinations - All new entrants and re-enrolling students in Grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10 are required by state law to have a physical with the required form filled out, signed and dated by the doctor and returned to the school nurse by August 14, 2009. Physicals that were done on or after September 1, 2008 will count for this fall's exam requirements, but physicals done before that date are unacceptable according to state law. **Fall sports physicals must be dated no sooner than August 1, 2008.**

Summer Sign Up for Fall 2009 Sports – Students may bring completed sports related forms to the main office at Webster Christian School by August 14, 2009, or to Willink Middle School on August 11th, 12th or 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Aug 10	Sports forms accepted at school 10:00 am
Aug 14	Sports forms accepted at school 10:00 am
Aug 17	Varsity volleyball practice begins
Aug 17	Varsity soccer practice begins (boys and girls)
Aug 18	Sports forms accepted at school 9:30 am
Aug 25	Sports forms accepted at school 10:00 am
Sept 1	Sports forms accepted at school 9:30 am
Sept 4	Sports forms accepted at school 10:00 am
Oct 3	Homecoming volleyball/soccer games

**PLEASE NOTE:
VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE:**
The nurse will not be available to sign your Sports Sign Up form on the 1st day of practice, so please get your form in on time!!

Sports teams, coaches, and practice schedules are in full swing as we move through August. First practice is on Monday, August 17 for:

- Girls Varsity Volleyball, coach Mary Maltzahn.
- Girls Varsity Soccer, coaches Deb Ludwig and Lisa Fiorito.
- Boys Varsity Soccer, coach Gerry Holmes.

Modified sports practice will be announced during the first few days of school. Forms that must be completed and turned in to the health office include physical, medication, recertification, and emergency card. There is a \$100 sports fee for each student and for each sport. Students whose paperwork has not been turned in and approved by the school's health office will not be allowed to practice or play in the games.

Interested in WCS Sports? Call the School Office at 872-5150, ext. 222.



NEEDED: TRUMPETS!!
The Music Department has need of several trumpets for the 5th grade class. We will be glad to take loans or donations. Please contact the school office if you are able to supply us with a trumpet. If loaned to us, we will return it at the end of the year. THANK YOU!

Soccer Schedules' Boys/Girls



Need a few more Girls for the team!
Are you interested? Sign up Now!!!

Boys' Varsity Soccer

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
8-26	Jefferson	Away	4:00 scrimmage
9-4	Wellsville	Home	1:00
9-9	Lima	Away	4:15
9-11	Northstar	Away	4:00
9-14	Finney	Away	4:15
9-17	Dansville	Away	4:30
9-19	S.O.T.A.	Home	1:00
9-22	Honeoye	Home	4:30
9-24	East	Away	4:00
9-30	Bishop Kearney	Home	4:30
10-3	Lima	Home	2:00
10-6	Northstar	Home	4:30
10-10	Wilson	Home	12:00
10-12	East Rochester	Away	4:30
10-17	Warsaw	Away	6:30
10-20	Finney	Home	4:15
10-22	Charlotte	Away	4:00

Girls Varsity Soccer

9-9	Mt. Morris	Home	4:00
9-10	Northstar	Away	4:00
9-17	Bishop Kearney	Away	4:00
9-22	Lima	Away	4:00
9-24	Finney	Home	4:00
9-25	East High	Away	4:00
9-29	Northstar	Home	4:00
10-1	Bishop Kearney	Home	4:00
10-3	Lima	Home	12:00
10-15	Finney	Away	4:00
10-16	East High	Home	4:00
10-21	S.O.T.A.	Away	4:00

VolleyBall Schedule Girls



Girl's Varsity Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
8-17	Practice Begins	Home	
9-3	Allendale-Columbia (scrimmage)	Away	10:00
9-8	Nazareth	Home	4:00
9-10	North Rose-Wolcott	Home	4:30
9-12	Pavillion	Away	12:00
9-15	Finney	Home	4:00
9-17	RSD	Away	4:00
9-22	Nazareth	Away	4:00
9-24	Bishop Kearney	Away	4:00
9-28	North Rose-Wolcott	Away	6:00
9-29	East Irondequoit	Home	4:30
10-2	Wheatland-Chili	Home	4:30
10-3	Charlotte (homecoming)	Home	11:00
10-6	Bishop Kearney	Home	4:00
10-10	Finney (homecoming)	Away	12:00
10-13	RSD	Home	4:00
10-14	East Irondequoit (At Middle School)	Away	6:00
10-19	Pavillion	Home	5:00

Jefferson will schedule one game at a later date.

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SPORTS FUNDRAISERS!

Webster Christian School will be sponsoring two fundraisers to benefit our Athletic Programs. Money raised goes directly to support general team expenses such as uniform purchase, coach and referee payments. **SAVE THESE DATES!!**



Flapjack Fundraiser – We will be having some fun at Applebees on August 29th from 8 am – 10 am. Tickets are \$5. \$4 of each ticket sold will be donated to the WCS Athletic Programs. Come out and enjoy some breakfast with us!



Bottle and Can Drive – **SAVE THOSE RETURNABLES.** We will be Collecting bottles and cans September 14 – 18.