

# THE WHITEFIELD MONTHLY

Whitefield Academy Monthly Newsletter

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## IT'S A WONDERFUL STUDY!

*"Well, you look about the kind of angel I'd get. Sort of a fallen angel, aren't you? What happened to your wings?"*  
— George Bailey

One of the top 100 movies of all time (Film Institute) is "It's a Wonderful Life"; which was based on the short story "The Greatest Gift" by Philip Van Doren Stern. At a pivotal point in the movie, James Stewart's character, George Bailey, argues to the Board of Directors that the Bailey Building and Loan needed to remain open if only to give people some other place to go so they didn't have to crawl to Mr. Potter. For Potter and others, the Building and Loan was seen as a hindrance to growth and moving the town forward.



There seems to be a similar sentiment growing about Christian Education. A recent article, based on Richard Edlin's book, "The Cause of Christian Education", indicates there is a growing philosophy which states, "that faith-based schools are causing the fracturing of society and are a blight on the educational landscape." Obviously I couldn't disagree more. A recent study undertaken by the Cardus group identified that Christian School graduates' goals and social engagement in young adulthood benefited their communities and society as a whole. Furthermore, the study found "compared to their public school, Catholic school, and non-religious private school peers, Protestant Christian school graduates are uniquely compliant, generous, outwardly-focused individuals who stabilize their communities by their uncommon commitment to their families, their churches, and larger society."

This is wonderful news! Having interacted with the graduating class of 2015 over the past two years, I am confident our graduates will live up to these findings as well. Congratulations graduates and God's blessings on your continued walk with Him.

You can read the full article at <http://cace.org/christian-schools-are-good-news-for-society-at-large/>. As always, I am grateful you allow us to partner with you in the education of your student(s). Have a blessed summer.

*Mr. Gary Mounce*

Whitefield Academy would like to recognize the graduating class for their academic accomplishments. Ninety-eight percent of the Class of 2015 is planning to attend a two year or four year college or university upon graduation. The Class of 2015 has also worked diligently to achieve a significant number of scholarships, earning a high scholarship total of \$4,042,161 in scholarships. This total averages to \$79,258 per student.

Furthermore, this class has maintained a high ACT composite average of 24, compared to the State average of 19.9 and the national average of 21.

Including the graduating Class of 2015, Whitefield Academy now has an alumni base of over 1,000 graduates.

Congrats also to the "lifers"; 45% of this class has attended Whitefield Academy since Kindergarten!

Please join me in applauding the Class of 2015's outstanding accomplishments!



# Around the School



**SUMMER**  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
9:00am-3:00pm

**\*USED UNIFORM SALE\***  
**TUESDAY JULY 7, 2015**  
**4:00-7:30PM**  
**EAST WING FOYER**  
More details to come!

## STUDENT ATHLETES

*Just a reminder to make sure your student has a current KHSAA Sports Physical on file!  
Not sure? Call and ask for the Athletic Office 502-239-2509*

## **EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT WHITEFIELD ALL SUMMER LONG!**

**Kroger:** Please visit [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and register your Kroger Plus card with Whitefield Academy! Our school will be rewarded just for scanning your Kroger Plus card; and you will still get your Kroger Points!

**Target REDcard:** For cardholders enrolled in the program, TARGET donates 1% of all Target Visa Credit Card and Target Debit Card purchases. These purchases can be made at a TARGET store or [target.com](http://target.com)

**Gordon's Food Service - FunFunds:** Sign up at your local GFS for the FunFunds program. Whitefield Academy's FunFunds number is 2305985 and WA will receive 10% of your FunFunds purchases. FunFund items are clearly marked near the price of the product .

**Amazonsmile.com:** Are you an Amazon shopper? Just go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and add Whitefield Academy to your current (or new) Amazon account. WA receives back .05% of all purchases.

Collect Box tops and Campbell's soup labels all summer!

**Office Depot:** Whitefield receives 5% of your sales toward the purchase of supplies. WA's School ID number is 70040513.

# Spiritual Life Office

## 2014-15 Spiritual Life – Year in Review

Our theme for the 2014-15 school year has been “Stand Firm,” based on Ephesians 6:13: “Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”

While this school year has had its share of ups and downs, trials and challenges, our students have certainly displayed the kind of strength and perseverance that Paul talks about when he calls us to “Stand Firm.”

### **Here is a brief list of just a few of the ways our students have exemplified our theme this year:**

- Our senior retreat this year was organized, planned, and led by a group of our own seniors!
- Several students gave testimonies, devotions, and two seniors (Nathan Robertson & Chris Harrod) gave excellent sermons.
- Our student praise band (led by the one and only Josh Reimann) led every chapel with excellent music.
- The Beta Club and newly formed Student Leadership Team led their student body by serving in various service/missions events.
- Our Middle School students completed a successful “Service Day” by writing encouragement cards to children at Kosair (6<sup>th</sup> graders), volunteering to serve other teachers and church staff (7<sup>th</sup> graders), and packaging over 8,000 meals for impoverished families overseas (8<sup>th</sup> graders).
- Donated over 700 canned food items for Louisville Rescue Mission.
- Donated over 300 pairs of flip-flops for students with Eyes that See in Ethiopia.
- Donated over 15 boxes full of school supplies for students with Eyes that See in Ethiopia.
- Elementary students gave over \$2,000 to support Eyes that See!

Most importantly, I know there were several students who were impacted this year by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At various points this year, students at all age levels repented of their sins and placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. This is what it truly means to Stand Firm!

Thank you for seizing every opportunity to encourage your students to grow in their relationship with Christ and follow His example of service and love! Please continue praying for them and our school faculty/staff as we prepare for another big year to come!

Derek Hopperton  
Spiritual Life Coordinator

# School Level News

## Preschool

We hope everyone has a fun summer! Thanks for spreading the word regarding our preschool; both campuses are growing. A special thanks to all the teachers, staff and parents at Whitefield for all the hard work this school year, and we are looking forward to many more.

Continue to read and teach your children during summer break. Supply lists for both campuses are on our website [www.whitefield.org](http://www.whitefield.org).

Fegenbush Campus – Parent Orientation is Aug. 10, 2015

East Campus – Parent – Student Orientation is Aug. 11, 2015

More information to come in July. Be safe and have fun!

Mrs. Carmen Welty & Miss Lisa Hammond



## Elementary

It was a great school year, the students worked hard and now deserve a nice summer break. As with previous years, planning for the next school year starts the day after school is out. A couple of quick reminders for over the summer:

- Supply lists from each grade level have been updated and can be viewed from the Whitefield web page under **Academics** and then select **Elementary** and the supply lists are broken down by each grade. The lists can also be found on ParentsWeb.
- Class assignments for the 2015-2016 school year will be emailed to parents by teachers sometime during teacher orientation week in August.
- Encourage your student(s) to continue reading throughout the summer months. A 2001 report of the National Reading Panel, which reviewed hundreds of studies, states that “the more students read, the better their fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension”.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL

As your student(s) plan and prepare over the summer for the 2015-2016 school year, there are a few reminders and recommendations that will be beneficial to them:

- A physical is mandatory by the state of Kentucky for all students going into the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- For students going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade it would be very helpful for them to practice opening a combination lock. It will help the anxiety level during the first couple weeks of school.
- Being organized is one of the keys to success in middle school. We recommend that you purchase an organizational filing system (expandable file, 3 ring binders with two-pocket folders for each subject area, etc.) which works best for your student.

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### FALSE FREEDOM!

***“For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” — Nelson Mandela***

As we embark on the summer months most students are thinking of rest, relaxation and a break from school. Then there are the seniors who want to enjoy the break; but are probably a bit anxious, excited and eager to see what college holds.



Parents, college can hold a lot of firsts for your students. The most significant one will be freedom. Freedom to make choices, but also, freedom from the guidance and supervision they have experienced for years. This is not a bad thing, but they should experience it gradually. I encourage you to stay in contact, (don't smother them) drop them a card, send an email, and let them know they can call. When the opportunity presents itself, strike up a conversation with them about how they are doing with their freedom of choice. Finally, don't be afraid to ensure they have found a home church or at least a Christian organization on campus to be part of – their faith and your peace of mind needs it.

June 6      SAT  
June 8-12   ACT Workshop  
June 13     ACT

July 21    Senior Parent Meeting, Room 101 7:00pm (choose one)  
July 28    Senior Parent Meeting, Room 101 7:00pm (choose one)  
July 30    New HS Student/Family Meeting, Room 101 7:00pm  
August 3   High School Schedules out this week

Please remember that Community Service Hours need to be documented and turned in to Mrs. Moon within 30 days. The form is on Parents Web.



### Congratulations to the following Wildcat Seniors who have committed to playing collegiate athletics next year:

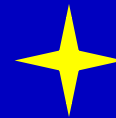
Andrew Patterson	Univ. of the Cumberlands	Baseball
Nathan Hepburn	Univ. of the Cumberlands	Soccer
Spencer Griffis	Union College	Volleyball
Kyle Jackson	IU-Southeast	Basketball
Kennedy Ward	Spalding University	Volleyball
Micah Smith	Univ. of the Cumberlands	Soccer
Matthew Prather	Univ. of the Cumberlands	Soccer
Moriah Tedder	Union College	Softball

# Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF)

\*\*\*HAPPY BIRTHDAY\*\*\*



## Student Spotlight



Whitefield student, Dash James, placed first in the 9th Annual Kentucky State USBC Youth Bowling Tournament, Singles Division 1. There were 89 competitors from all over the state of Kentucky in his division. On April 12th, he shot for a 3 game series an actual 694: 202, 279, 213. He shot 805 total with handicap. After the tournament ended and the scores had been posted, it showed that he placed first! This is a major achievement for Dash. He is competing against boys who compete regularly with their high school teams.

Great job Dash!

