



THE WHITEFIELD MONTHLY

Newsletter March 2017

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Dawson, Sandy | 3/6 |
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From the Head of School

Students in Faith-Based School have advantages!

by Gary Mounce, Head of School

"Education is not received. It is achieved." – Albert Einstein

Of recent, there has been talk in Frankfort about the possible establishment of charter schools in the state. This reminded me of an article I read a few years back which provided interesting data for private Christian schools compared to both public and charter schools. The study stated that students in religious schools enjoy a significant academic advantage over their counterparts in traditional public schools (TPS) and charter schools. This was according to findings from a meta-analysis of 90 studies on the effects of schools conducted by William Jeynes, senior fellow at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton, New Jersey, and a professor at California State University, Long Beach. The study was published in issue 3 of volume 87 of the Peabody Journal of Education.

Examining results from all 90 studies, Jeynes found that the average standardized test score for students in faith-based schools is 11 percentile points higher than that for traditional public school (TPS) students, while charter school students score essentially the same as their TPS counterparts. In his communication with CAPE, Jeynes summarized the advantage this way: "Students who attend religious schools score at an academic level about 12 months ahead of their counterparts."



Although academic performance was a key focus in the report, the study also examined student behavior and found an even larger advantage, or effect size, for religious schools. As Jeynes told CAPE, "Students who attend religious schools have fewer behavioral problems than their counterparts, even when adjusting for socioeconomic status, race, and gender." Why are students more successful in religious schools? Jeynes believes that such schools "have higher expectations of students and encourage them to take hard courses," adding that religious schools subscribe to the notion that "students are often capable of achieving more than they realize."

I want to thank you for choosing Whitefield Academy to be your partner in the education of your student(s). As always, I am grateful.

Mr. Gary Mounce

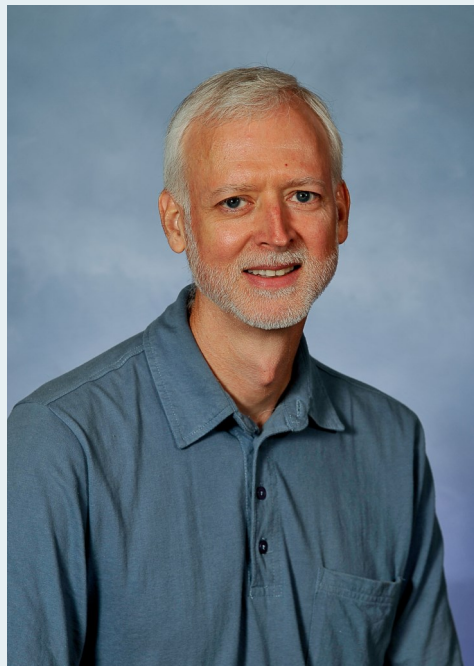
* You can read the full article at <http://www.capenet.org/pdf/Outlook385.pdf>.



Teacher Spotlight

Dr. Wayne Turbeville

High School
Chemistry and Physics



Where are you from:

Mostly Ohio, outside of Cincinnati.

What college/University did you attend:

Undergraduate: Miami University, Oxford, OH

Graduate: Ohio State University

Major in College

Major: Chemistry, Minor in Mathematics

Masters/PHD:

Ph.D. is in Analytical Chemistry

Hobbies, things you enjoy outside of school:

I enjoy spending time with my wife and family, watching football and basketball, and my son playing baseball. I also like to cook and keep tropical fish.

What do you love about Whitefield?

I love everyone, especially the students. (They know what I mean.)

Anything else you'd like to add:

Simply -- Be Good!



PTF INFORMATION



House of Boom

March 23 6-8pm

Open to All age/grade levels



Otis Spunkmeyer Family Collection

February 20 — March 6

This year, the catalog will include cookie dough, pretzels, soups, cheesecakes, dips and MUCH MORE!

There is no online ordering. TONS of PRIZES you will not want to miss out on!

Pick up: March 28th





ACSI Information



ACSI SPELLING BEE

Whitefield Academy student Heidi Heisler (8th gr) wins First place overall in the ACSI District Spelling Bee held on Fri., Feb. 24, 2017.

Heidi also placed 4th in the 8th gr. division to advance her to the final round. Aiden Goodwin (7th gr.) won 4th place overall and placed 1st in 7th grade.

Both students will advance to the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee on Mar. 17, 2017. Congratulations students!



ACSI Speech Meet Help session times: (in room 196, Mrs. Underwood's Classroom, Ministry Center Building):

1st and 2nd grade students: Tuesday, Feb. 28th and Tuesday, Mar. 7th from 3:00-3:30

3rd - 6th grade students: Monday, Feb. 27th and Monday, Mar. 6th from 3:00-3:30

- All students need to bring a copy of their speech with them to practice.
- Students need to be picked up either in the Kindergarten carline off of Glaser or will be taken to aftercare.
- The official Speech Meet will be held on Fri., Mar. 17 at The Frankfort Christian Academy in Frankfort, KY. Students will need to be there by 8:20 to be registered and get their name tags.
- Contact Kara Underwood for further questions at kunderwood@whitefield.org



Around the School

Preschool

by Lisa Hammond, Preschool Director

Both campuses spent time with our moms with our Muffins with Mom event on February 17th. Our Fegenbush campus hosted our mother's in the World Café with muffins for everyone. Our East campus had English Muffins and a movement class that moms could participate in with their child. It was a great way to start out a Friday morning.

Having events such as Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad are a great time for you and your child to bond but also a time to be involved in your child's preschool. Having opportunities like these allow for you to have better communication between you and your child's teacher. Having this communication has shown that it leads to higher achievement in students and links both experiences and allows them to share more of what is going on at home and at school.

Thank you to each of you that attended our events with our Mom's and Dad's. We are thankful that you took the time to invest in your child at their school. The benefit of this will last far longer than the preschool years.





Around the School

Elementary

by Dr. Bruce Jacobson, Elementary Principal

The elementary students have been busy throughout January and February with several different activities.



Mrs. Collins' kindergarten class dressed up as Super Heroes on the 100th Day celebrations.



Mrs. Cook reading to Mrs. Adkisson's 2nd grade class during library time.



Students from Mrs. Abbott's 4th grade class doing the Chapel program (The Full Armor of God) on February 2.



Students in Mrs. Coverdell's 1st grade class sharing Valentine cards.

GRANDPARENTS DAY:

Auditions are over and students are working on memorizing their lines and learning songs to present "Sermon on the Mound" for Grandparent's Day. Kindergarteners through 5th graders are preparing a program to present to Grandparents on March 24th. Please invite grandparents to get suited up for the 10 AM first pitch at 7711 Fegenbush Lane and follow the signs to the sanctuary on that day for a great program! Students will be allowed to leave with grandparents if permission forms are signed and turned in by March 17th. Look for them in Monday Packets on March 6th!

Parents, please look through your photo gallery for pictures of your children playing any sort of game or attending a ball game with your child and email it to jtedder@whitefield.org on or before March 17th. If a grandparent was a ball player, and you have a picture of them in uniform from the "old days," send that along as well.



Around the School

Middle School

by Dr. Bruce Jacobson, Middle School Principal

Congratulations to the four Whitefield Academy Elementary and Middle School teams which competed in the Kentucky State FLL Robotics tournament on Sat., February 4th hosted by Northern Kentucky University.



Team EMOJICS – 2nd place Innovation and Strategy Award.



Team Circuit Breakers – 2nd place Gracious Professionalism Award, 3rd place robot performance.



Team Fearless Minds – 1st place Programming Award and 7th place robot performance.



Team Blackout – Kentucky State Champions Award, 1st Place robot performance.



Middle School girls' basketball team winning the Anchorage tournament in February, 2017.



Around the School

High School

by Mr. Gary Mounce, High School Principal

SOMETIMES IT TAKES A BIT MORE EFFORT!

"My job is to get you to do what you don't want to do, in order for you to achieve what you've always wanted to achieve." – Legendary Football Coach, Tom Landry

During the junior and senior years, the conversation about college choice and scholarship monies for college picks up. To be honest though, the conversation needs to start earlier. One of the unique things at Whitefield is the one-on-one meetings, which take place with parents and their student, starting in the ninth grade. An important part of the conversation usually focuses on encouraging them to work with their students in developing a strong foundation on which to build their GPA and ACT scores. Ultimately, as a school, we strive to do our part by maintaining a strong curriculum, offering challenging courses and providing support through our counseling office. However, with the competitiveness in today's market, we continually encourage parents to provide support from home as well (especially as it relates to home use of the Method Test Prep software). A few things to think about are:

- Starting to prepare early (**freshman year**)
- Teach them to study (**for each hour spent studying trade off an hour or less of TV / game time**)
- Plan scheduled study times (**it has been said, we fail because we fail to plan**)
- Teach your student to take advantage of 'no homework' nights (**take advantage of Method Test Prep**)

The reality is colleges will look at a student's GPA and ACT scores as a deciding factor for admission and scholarship dollars (see example below).

Example of scholarship levels based on ACT scores and GPA: (not necessarily the same for all schools)

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| Full Tuition + stipend | 31-36 ACT and 3.75 GPA |
| \$1,000 – Full Tuition, renewable | 29-30 ACT and 3.5 GPA |
| One time award, amount can vary, nonrenewable | 26-28 ACT and 3.5 GPA |

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WE ARE BRINGING CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY AND A FREE DINNER TO YOU!



JOIN US!
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017
5:45–8 P.M.
AT HIGHVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH EAST CAMPUS
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
CEDARVILLE.EDU/CULOUISVILLE



Homecoming Royalty

HOMECOMING 2017

by Derek Hopperton, Director of Student Life

Homecoming is always one of the most exciting events of the school year, and 2017 was no exception. Whitefield Academy is proud to be represented by this year's court:

Freshmen: Jacob Zabenco & Baylee Campbell

Sophomores: Noelle Edwards & Cole Wittmer

Juniors: Haley Heisler, Madison Cahill, Avery Evans, & Tyler Nauert

Seniors: Kyle Cissell, Tyler Linton, Jakob Sutter, Savannah Malone, Hannah Tuell, & Grace Vazquez

A special thanks to Student Council and all the teachers, staff, and parents who worked so hard to make this year's Homecoming another great success!

2017 Homecoming King and Queen: Tyler Linton and Grace Vazquez



2017 Homecoming Prince and Princess: Tyler Nauert and Madison Cahill





Reminders

From the Health Office

We are still experiencing quite a bit of sickness throughout the building in various classes. Below, are the main illness's I am seeing in the students.

| <u>Symptom</u> | <u>Cold</u> | <u>Flu</u> | <u>Norovirus (stomach flu)</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---|
| Cough | Cough | Cough | Symptoms: fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. Can last for 24-48 hours |
| Chest discomfort/pain | Mild | Severe | |
| Fatigue, weakness | Mild | Severe | |
| Fever/chills | Rare | High (101-104 degrees) | |
| Gen. aches and pains | Mild | Common, severe | |
| Headache | Rare | Common, severe | <u>Strep Throat</u> Symptoms: fever, red sore throat (white patches), swollen glands, nausea, stomachache with vomiting, back and leg pain |
| Sneezing | Common | Rare | |
| Sore throat | Common | Common | |
| Stuffy/runny nose | Common | Common | |
| Duration | 2-14 days | 7-14 days | |

Stay Healthy

- Wash hands with soap and water at least 20 seconds.
- Don't touch your face (the T-Zone) when you're out in public. This is how all germs enter our bodies. Keep hand sanitizer with you.
- Colds and viruses can live for a few hours on phones, doorknobs and surfaces. The influenza virus may live up to six hours. This is very important for the elderly and those at high risk. The flu occurs at higher rate in people with asthma, diabetes or heart conditions.

Control Stress-

Get plenty of rest, eat healthy, drink plenty of water to keep your body hydrated. Remember the flu season can run until May.

In the event you become ill and think it's the flu, go to your doctor where, if diagnosed in the early stages, you can get a prescription for antiviral meds like Tamiflu. This will cut down on duration of the flu if it is caught early.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY ARE NOT WELL. If they are diagnosed with the flu or strep, a doctor's note is required to return back to class.

Spread the word not the germ. <><

Class and Club Pictures

Class and Club Pictures will be taken on March 14th.



Important Dates

March 2017

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| 3 | ACT registration Deadline for April 8th ACT |
| 9 | Incoming Freshman Parent meeting: Room 101 7:00pm |
| 9 | RSVP Deadline for Cedarville University CU@Louisville Event |
| 10 | Quarter 3 ends |
| 14 | Class/Club Pictures |
| 14 | Senior Parent Meeting Room 210 7:00pm |
| 15 | Report Cards |
| 16 | CU @ Louisville– Cedarville University @ Highview East Campus |
| 20-24 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 23 | Junior Ring Ceremony 9:45am |
| 23-25 | Spring Drama Production |
| 24 | Grandparents' Day |
| 27 | MS/HS Course Requests turned ON |
| 29-30 | Terra Nova Achievement Testing– 9th grade |
| 30 | Practice ACT - 10th grade |
| 30 | ASVAB Testing—11th grade |
| 31 | No School or Snow Make Up Day |

April 2017

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| 3-7 | No School – Spring Break |
| 10-13 | AP US History Trip |
| 10-15 | Senior Trip |