



THE WHITEFIELD MONTHLY

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From the Head of School

Cats and Careers!

by Gary Mounce, Head of School

"The home is the ultimate career. All other careers exist for one purpose, and that is to support the ultimate career." — C.S. Lewis

In Lewis Carroll's, [Alice's Adventures In Wonderland](#), there is an encounter between Alice and the Cheshire Cat. Alice, in seeking options for the direction she could follow, ask the Cat which way she should take. The Cat tells her it depends on where she wants to go. Alice in return, says she does not much care where as long as she gets somewhere. The Cat quickly let her know, she is sure to do that.

The reality is many students across the nation have a similar mindset. Not knowing or caring where they are headed. They only hope to get somewhere. Which way are you to go? Does it really matter? Obviously, as believer we realize it is important to know where we are headed. We also understand God has gifted us; providing a path for us to follow as long as we trust in Him.

One of the ways God gives us direction is through others. This is why we recently provided our students the opportunity to spend some time interacting with career professionals as we had our second Career Day. The event was very successful, mostly due to the hard work from Mrs. Chrissie Moon, Mrs. Lori Fryling, Mrs. Marla Sanders, and our career professionals. We brought Christian professionals from numerous different careers areas on campus to speak with our students. The students were able to rotate through their top four career choices listening, engaging, and asking questions of these professionals.

Through this opportunity, we desired for our students to gain a degree of insight, understanding, and direction for their future. Maybe also hoping, if asked where they want to go, they will not respond as Alice did.

Mr. Gary Mounce



ACSI Information



ACSI CREATIVE WRITING

We sent 19 pieces of original writing entries on to the ACSI Regional Competition at Malone College using College English professors as judges.

This year 5 entries were deemed Superior which means their writing pieces will be published along with other Superior works from various schools in the Mid-America Region.

This is quite an honor for our students, as well as our school, since we were the only school to have that many winning entries!

Congratulations to:

Abby Wheatley (6th gr) Free Verse Poem "The Ups and Downs of Fall"

Ben Pierie (7th gr.) Free Verse Poem "Hiking With God"

Jack Vibbert (7th gr.) Short story "The Agent"

Ryan Cipkowski (8th gr.) Free Verse Poem "Camping Trip"

Grace Vazquez (12th gr.) Short story "The Reality of Christmas"

A copy of this book will be available in our school Library in late May. You will want to come by and check out these amazing writing pieces, along with ones completed in years past!



Around the School

Preschool

by Lisa Hammond, Preschool Director

Summer break is in sight and we have been planning and working on our summer care program for weeks now. Summer is a great time to break from the normal school year routine and do field trips and activities that cannot be done during the school day. Now is the time to start planning for the summer and to make sure that learning continues. It always important to continue to read to your child during the summer and the public library has an excellent summer program that encourages children to read as well as incentives for children that participate.

Trips to the local zoo and parks allow for hands on learning and memories that will last a lifetime. Rainy days in the summer are a great time to do activities at home like cooking and making simple crafts. Take time and work on websites like [starfall.com](https://www.starfall.com) or [funbrainjr.com](https://www.funbrainjr.com) to review skills learned in the classroom.

Summer break is a fun time for learning for the entire family. Start now planning fun and interactive activities and field trips with your child. Don't start the summer without some summer activities planned so that your children will learning throughout the year.

Dates to Remember-

May 23rd - Preschool Graduation- 7p.m.



Around the School

Elementary

by Dr. Bruce Jacobson, Elementary Principal

We find ourselves at the end of another wonderful school year which always seems to come so quickly. As we enter the month of May which is always jammed packed with one event after another with such activities as the annual prayer walk, various awards chapels, elementary field day activities, class parties and two graduation ceremonies to name some.

May 4 – K-5 Prayer Walk (nine separate prayer stations that classes will visit) from 8:30 – 11:30am

May 18 – Final awards chapel from 8:25am – 9:15am

May 22 - Field Day activities (K-2 grades) 9am-12pm

May 23 - Field Day activities (3-5 grades) 9am-12pm

May 24 – Fifth grade awards/graduation program (HBC Sanctuary) 1:30pm

May 25 – Kindergarten graduation program (HBC Sanctuary) 7pm

Middle School

by Dr. Bruce Jacobson, Middle School Principal

One of the four middle school robotics teams, **team Blackout**, who won the Kentucky State tournament back in February hosted at Northern Kentucky University participated in the Robotics World Championship tournament in St. Louis, MO in late April competing with several highly competitive teams throughout the world. *Results from the World tournament were not available at the time of this newsletter being printed.* Team Blackout chose as their **innovative solution** to a real world problem to help the declining bat population in Kentucky. They learned that the Kentucky bat population has decreased 83% between 2013 and 2015. One cause for this decline is due to destruction of their natural habitat. Team Blackout developed a way for anyone with access to a 3D printer to do a 3D printable bat house they call a Bat Bunker. The Bat Bunker is weather resistant, easy to 3D print and easily expanded to host thousands of bats.

Each year the 8th grade DC trip culminates in dress-up banquet, which is essentially their end-of-year awards and graduation program. This year the banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th at Wildwood country club from 7pm to 9pm. We wish our 8th graders well as they prepare to go on to high school.

Upcoming calendar events:

May 18th – 6th and 7th grade Awards Chapel (first session) in the HBC choir room at 9:45am

May 25th - 6th and 7th grade Awards Chapel (second session) in the HBC choir room at 9:45am

May 26th – 8th grade trip chapel program in the sanctuary from 8-9am



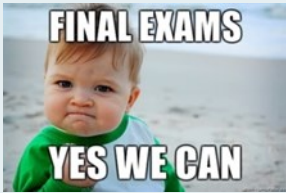
Around the School

High School

by Mr. Gary Mounce, High School Principal

FINALS CAN BE AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3 ...!

“The will to succeed is important, but what's more important is the will to prepare. – Unknown



As the school year quickly comes to an end, high school students are having visions of finals dancing in their heads. With everything else going on this can bring about unwanted stress. You can play a big part in making sure they are not only prepared but also successful in meeting the challenge of final exams. If asked, your student would say they want to walk into their finals feeling prepared and ready to do their best. Here is how you help them!

1. **Have them set priorities:** they need to understand what is most important at this time / each day
2. **Ensure they block out time to study:** because they are involved in many things they will need to look ahead (daily / weekly) and set aside time to study. This may mean not doing something else because it is not a priority.
3. **Help them understand the benefit of reviewing past tests:** this allows them to know what is expected of them and develop test-taking strategies.
4. **Make sure they study:** waiting to the night before to actually study is not the best option. This usually results in not doing numbers one and two. They need to begin now and review all the material over time. The night before the test should bring confidence in knowing you are prepared; not cramming to learn new material.

Obviously this same plan would aid your student with any type of testing; not just finals. Give your student the support they need by making plans to teach them finals can be as easy as 1, 2, 3

¹ adapted from an article by R. Flippo, Preparing Students for Testing

WHAT'S COMING UP?

May

- 11 HS Awards Day @ 9:45
- 13 Junior/Senior Prom
- 17 Senior Finals
- 18 Senior Finals
- 18 Baccalaureate Rehearsal - Fegenbush Campus
- 19 Graduation Rehearsal - East Campus
- 19 Baccalaureate Service – Fegenbush Campus at 7:00pm
- 20 HS Graduation – East Campus at 11:00am
- 22-26 Final Exam Week



Student Life

Senior Trip 2017

by Derek Hopperton, Director of Student Life

Another epic senior trip is in the books! On April 10th our seniors flew across the country together for an experience of a lifetime. For the second straight year, we spent an adventurous week in San Francisco and Yosemite National Park in northern California!

Senior Trip is a time of fun, excitement, friendship, risk-taking, learning, and focus on the Gospel. This year's experiences included:

- ◆ Yosemite Valley
- ◆ Whitewater Rafting
- ◆ Golden Gate Bridge
- ◆ Alcatraz
- ◆ California's Great America Theme Park
- ◆ Fisherman's Wharf
- ◆ Missions Project through City Impact
- ◆ and much more!





Student Life

Senior Trip 2017

by Derek Hopperton, Director of Student Life

What our seniors are saying about the trip:

- ♦ "Experiencing this with some of the people that know me best was just a dream come true."
- ♦ "It showed me the variety of God's creation and how huge the world and the universe really are."
- ♦ "I learned that I am old enough and mature enough to travel across the country without my parents. It was a wakeup call that I really am becoming an adult."
- ♦ "Nothing beats [the views in Yosemite]. What better way to feel God's presence than to surround yourself with His artwork?"
- ♦ "While in the raft our group ministered a bit to our guide. I learned that even in the most random ways you can share the gospel with others and at least get them thinking about God."
- ♦ "Experiencing the world is a great thing. You may get homesick but understanding how people in other parts of the country live is important."
- ♦ "I learned to face my fears. Whitewater rafting was thrilling and exhilarating, and I am so glad that I didn't let my fears stop me from doing something this exciting."
- ♦ "I enjoyed serving the homeless firsthand. I enjoyed being able to love like Jesus loved, and serve as he served."





Reminders

From the Health Office

Parents, if your child has medication(s) in the Health Office for this current school year, medications need to be picked up and signed out by a parent. Medication(s) remaining after school dismissal on May 26 will be discarded.

Reminders: Medications and medical forms are only good for the current school year. If your child will need medication(s) for the 2017/2018 school year, you may download them from our website for your convenience.

Also, a friendly note to make your doctor appointments early in the summer for incoming kindergarteners and sixth graders. These grades require certain medical forms for attendance. Please check our website for additional information.



From the Cafeteria

As the year draws to a close, please have all charges that are owed to the lunchroom paid by May 19th. There will be NO charging the last week of school! NO EXCEPTIONS!! If you have a senior, all charges need to be paid on or before May 16th! Have a great summer!

From the PTF

Home & Family Fundraising

Also, for the newsletter our WINNER for the Home and Family fundraiser was Rhyen Johnson from Mrs. Underwood's class. Pick-up date will be announced soon.

Prayer walk

K-5th grade Thursday May 4th 8:30am

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in all the fundraisers this year,
we really appreciate it!

Have a wonderful relaxing summer!!



Important Dates

May 2017

1	AP Chemistry Exam
3	AP English Lit and Comp Exam
4	Prayer Walk
5	AP History Exam
8	AP Biology Exam
9	AP Calculus Exam
10	AP English Lang Exam
11	AP Statistics Exam
11	Senior Awards Chapel
11	WASCARS
13	Junior/Senior Prom
16	8 th Grade Banquet 7:00pm
18	Elementary Awards Chapel
18&25	Middle School Awards Chapel
19	Senior Baccalaureate 7:00pm
20	High School Graduation 11:00am
22	Field Day K-2 nd : 9:00am
22-26	High School Final Exams
23	Field Day 3-5 grade: 9:00am
23	Preschool Graduation (East and Fegenbush)
24	5 th Grade Celebration: 1:00pm
25	Last Day for Kindergarten
25	Kindergarten Graduation
26	4 th Quarter Ends
26	8 th grade Recap
26	Last Day of School
29	No School – Memorial Day
30-31	Teacher In-Service