



THE WHITEFIELD MONTHLY

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Changing Times!

by Gary Mounce, Head of School

Growing up, I remember my mother saying, "Be careful what you wish for – you might get it." Aside from the theological implications (now I pray instead of wishing), I have come to understand the point she wanted to get across. If we pursue something hard enough, we may get it.



And it may not be what we really wanted. Throughout Scripture we see that the Israelites learned this the hard way.

In the small town I grew up in I remember everything being closed on Sundays; except church. Today we find it odd or a mild inconvenience when something isn't open on Sunday (Chick-fil-A / Hobby Lobby). For many, the removal of bible reading and prayer from the schools were significant events. Now, many parents send their students to public schools and don't give it a second thought; Since the mid 1800's when education was voluntarily removed from the home and church, a consistent slide away from the Christian faith being part of our education has occurred. Generally speaking, today we are left with a state-run secular humanist education system

(which by the way is a form of religion). So much for separation of church and state.

How have we gotten to a place where the public school system caters to students which are unsure of their sexual identity or claim alternative lifestyle? Where we are unsure of which restroom to use, where young people are taught it is all about them and what they want / need. Looking at biblical text such as Jeremiah 2:13, Dr. Schultz, in his article *We Must Change Before It Is Too Late*, provides some helpful insight into these matters along with a strong challenge to parents. The article can be found at <http://kingdomeducation.org/we-must-change-before-it-is-too-late/>.

Whitefield Academy exists to keep the focus on Kingdom Education. Students are not only taught to grow academically but more importantly, their education is Christ-Centered and Biblically-Based. I pray this is why you sacrifice daily and have chosen to send your students to Whitefield. Together we are preparing lights which will shine in generations to come. As always, I am grateful you allow us to partner with you in the education of your student(s). May you have a blessed month.

Mr. Gary Mounce

Teacher Spotlight

MS. SONYA WATTLES

High School Spanish

Ms. Wattles grew up in Waterloo, IL and attended Southern Illinois University-Carbondale where she obtained her Bachelor's in Spanish and Education. She has over 4 years of experience in teaching Spanish at the High School level.

Besides teaching, Ms. Wattles has a passion for investing in others. She is in the process of also obtaining her Masters Degree in Biblical Counseling from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

She is excited to be teaching at Whitefield Academy because it is a school seeking to honor God in it's entirety. She says, "It is such a joy and privilege to work in a place where I can express my faith and give praise to our Lord at any moment of the day!"





Arts & Crafts Festival

30th Annual

*Whitefield Academy
Arts & Crafts Festival*

Saturday, September 10, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Featuring Juried Artists and Crafters

Arts & craft selections will include

**Ceramics
Floral Crafts
Glass
Holiday crafts**

**Home décor
Jewelry
Metal work
Paintings**

**Primitive crafts
Pottery
Wearable art
Woodcarvings**

**Located on the grounds of Highview Baptist Church
7711 Fegenbush Lane, Louisville KY**

For more information, call (502) 239-2509

Join us for a great time of fun, food and crafts!

Sponsored by Whitefield Academy, Class of 2017



Class of 2017– Senior Retreat

by Derek Hopperton, Director of Student Life

Our annual senior retreat is in the books! Once again, we took our soon-to-be-graduates to Country Lake for 3 days of fun and worship. This year's theme was **"EPIC: Eternal Perspective, Pursue Christ, Invest in Others, and Commit to Excellence."**

The retreat consisted of activities such as Ziplines, Paintball, watersports, and team-building on the low-ropes course. Some of the guys even invented a new sport called "Crutchball" (think soccer meets hockey, but with crutches) that they played all night. There was also multiple worship and bible study sessions, featuring several seniors sharing personal testimonies and messages from God's Word.

Overall, it was a great experience that resulted in spiritual growth and class unity. I can't wait to see what else is in store for the Class of 2017!





Important Dates

September 2016

- 5 No School – Labor Day
- 7 PS-5 Picture Day
- 8 6-12 Picture Day
- 9 East Campus Preschool Picture Day
- 10 Arts & Crafts Festival
9:00am–4:00pm
- 14 Mid-terms
- 21 See You at the Pole 7:15am
- 28-30 Middle School Spirit Days

October 2016

- 4 FAFSA Workshop 7:00pm
- 6-7 No School – Fall Break
- 10-11 No School – Fall Break
- 14 1st Quarter Ends
- 17-21 High School Spirit Week
- 19 PSAT
- 19 Report Cards
Junior Beta Induction 1:00pm
- 21 PTF Chili Supper/Bake Sale/Auction
HS Bonfire
- 24 Picture Retakes
- 25 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 27-29 HS Fall Drama Production
- 28 Preschool Fall Festival 8:30-11:30am

PTF UPDATES



Chick—Fil— A Spirit Night

September 12 | 5:00—8:00pm

Glenmary Location

Come support the Middle School
Volleyball Team



House of Boom

September 27 | 6-8pm

Preschool-12th grade

More info coming soon!



Around the School

Preschool

by Lisa Hammond, Preschool Director

The hardest part of a new school year is getting into a good routine that works for you and your family. What we may not realize is that those routines, or an established series of patterns, are important for your child's learning and development.

Routines help children learn self-control and ensure safety. Even the youngest child feels safe and secure when they know what is happening next in their day. Routines help them learn trust and to feel safe and secure that they are going to be provided what they need. This allows them to feel safe and secure in their day so that they can play, learn, and grow.

Having an established routine will also ease the power struggle in your home. They know what the expectations are and what the goal is for that routine especially at bedtime. With an established schedule to your evening you will be finding yourself saying "no" less often and having more time to enjoy being with your child. You will find you have more time to have meaningful interactions with your child and build their social skills.

Even though routines may feel ordinary to you, they are so important to your child no matter the age. Even the youngest child can benefit from a set routine in the home and extra benefit of a routine is your child learning and feeling more secure in their day.

September Dates to Remember:

September 5th – Labor Day

September 7th – Fegenbush Picture Day

September 9th – East Picture Day

Elementary School

by Bruce Jacobson, Elementary Principal

School is off to another great start. We are thankful and welcome one elementary position, Mrs. Ann Taylor, our new Kindergarten aide. The first few weeks of the school year can be challenging stressful for various reasons, including homework. There are some tips that parents can implement to help reduce stress from homework:

- Break it down. Set smaller goals to complete a portion of the assignment. Reward your child with a break. Let your child set a timer to alert them that their break is over. This eliminates power struggles and empowers children
- Encourage children to review work each night so that when it is time for a test they are not overloaded with information.
- Set up an area in your home dedicated to homework and studying. An area clear of chaos makes it easier to focus and feel calm.
- Have a healthy snack or even a meal before homework. It is difficult to concentrate and feel balanced when hungry or eating sugar.
- Brain breaks should be taken. Don't expect children to be able to sit still for long periods of time. Let them move as needed.
- Stay positive about and during homework. Children listen and internalize negative statements and movements. A positive hopeful attitude is contagious. If you believe they can do it...they will believe they can do it.
- Help your child understand directions, organize, and create a time management plan. Many children waste time by doing the homework incorrectly because they did not understand the directions.

Source: StressFreeKids.com



Around the School

Middle School

by Bruce Jacobson, Middle School Principal

Washington DC/Williamsburg Trip – The 8th grade class annually does a fundraiser shortly after the start of school to help raise money for their 8th grade trip which takes place in the spring. The fundraiser consists of selling coupon books in which they receive a portion of the proceeds that is applied towards their trip cost. The fundraiser will kick on August 29th and run to Friday, September 16th.

Developing Study Skills:

Middle school gives students more freedom than they might have had in elementary, however, it also brings with it an added level of responsibility. One of those responsibilities is to develop and organize good study skills. Here are some practical ideas to help your student succeed in this area:

- Provide a place to study
- Develop a system to track important paper
- Use a daily planner
- Estimate how long each assignment will take
- Help them to break down large projects down into smaller components so that they are not overwhelmed with facing such a huge task.

Source: greatschools.org

High School

by Gary Mounce, High School Principal

STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT!

"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents."
– **Bob Beauprez**

Whether a freshman or a senior or anywhere in between, your student needs you on their team! Whether they mention it or not, a successful year includes you playing a part in their lives. Here are a few things that you can do to be a part:

- Challenge them to set reading goals
- Have them identify fair but high expectations for themselves
- Provide insights to help them be better organized
- Talk through strategies for effective note taking
- Spend time with them outside of school.

Below are some of the things taking place over the next few weeks. Start now in helping your student be **successful!**

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Senior Trip initial deposit due
- 8 Tux / Drape pictures for seniors
- 9 Senior Lunch
- 21 See You at the Pole
- 23 Senior Lunch

OCTOBER

- 1 Senior Trip payment #2 due
- 4 FAFSA Workshop 7:00pm



From the Counseling Office

9/10- National Association for College Admission Counseling College Fair-
Bellarmine University 1:00-4:00 pm

9/10- ACT Testing Date

9/14- Mid-Terms home

9/16- ACT Registration deadline for the October 22nd ACT

9/19- Christian College Fair 6:00-8:00 pm Christian Academy of Louisville-
English Station Campus

9/20- Western Kentucky University on campus during HS lunch

10/1- SAT Testing Date

From the Health Office

Parent's, it's that time of year again. As the seasons change, the beauty of fall brings forth the ugliness of allergies and sinus conditions; itchy red eyes, sneezing, congestion, scratchy throats, the onset of asthma problems etc. If your child requires or may need medication(s) during the school day, **please** remember **ALL** medications **MUST** go through the Health Office (unless prior arrangements have been made and authorized). A school medical permission form must be filled out and signed by the parent with exact directions on how the medication(s) is to be dispensed. Handling of medication(s) **must** go through the Health Office to avoid any mishaps to other students who may come into contact with them. This includes eye drops, Tylenol, allergy medicines, nasal sprays, inhalers, etc. This is for the safety and well being of all students. **PLEASE FOLLOW PROTOCOL WHEN BRINGING MEDICINE(S) INTO SCHOOL. NO LOOSE PILLS IN BAGGIES!**

DONATIONS OF COUGH DROPS, THROAT LOZENGES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

FLU SHOTS INFORMATION

What: Yearly Flu Shots

Where: Whitefield Academy room 210 (teacher's lounge)

When: Wednesday September 28th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Courtesy of Walgreens Pharmacy on Fegenbush & Watterson Trail

Check their website for details. www.walgreenspharmacy.com



From the Drama Department

The Theatre Department is doing the comedy, "ARSENIC and OLD LACE" in October. We are attempting to do it in the time period set- 1941.

Attention creative-minded, Goodwill shopping, researchers and garage cleaners.... whether borrowed, donated or created/made, we are in need of the following:

- 1941 type costumes male and female (hats, jackets, skirts, one dull man's suit and old men's sweaters)
- "Victorian" (older looking) clothing for the two sisters
- Teddy Roosevelt look-alike costume with 2 Safari helmets/solar topees:
- Police uniforms for the 3 female actresses (3 each: badge, white gloves, police hat with black leather gun holster/plastic black guns, handcuffs and night stick)
- Small briefcase and a black doctor's bag from the era
- A toy model battleship
- 1-2 Action size toy soldiers (older toys)
- A priest's shirt/jacket with white collar
- Two dingy brown, tattered suits
- BUGLE (not a trumpet)
- 3 Old man's wig or bald cap
- Candelabra
- Furniture: small Victorian sofa, small table w/3 chairs, umbrella stand, old/dark pictures in frames, a small desk/chair, small Cupboard/Sideboard
- Stage Make Up



From the Library/Media Center

Congratulations to Breanna O'Bryan who won the Youth 1 Division of the Geek Partnership Society's 2016 Writing Contest! As an award, Amazon.com sent her a giftcard and one to her school! Whitefield is excited to announced that on behalf of Breanna, we have 7 new books for the Library that she selected.

From the Cafeteria

As we are now settling into a familiar routine, please take the time to check your students lunch account balance. You can use a credit/debit card by going on the schools website or you may send in a check/cash to the front office. Please ask your student to have all deposits to the office before 8:30 a.m.. The Cafeteria DOES NOT take deposits while they are serving lunch.