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### National Elementary Honor Society Induction Ceremony



The Westbury Christian School chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society welcomed thirteen fifth graders as new members, at an induction ceremony held November 18, 2010 during Lower School chapel. NEHS recognizes both public and private elementary school students, for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal

responsibility, to provide meaningful service to the school and community, and to develop essential leadership skills at an early age. Potential members are identified based upon their accomplishments during fourth grade, and are selected after a review of their application to join the organization.

Lower School Principal Casey Farris opened the ceremony in prayer, and welcomed the many family members in attendance, before current NEHS members explained the significance of the four pillars the society is based upon, and requires students to uphold -scholarship, responsibility, service and leadership. Together with their families,

inductees, sharply dressed in a manner befitting the honor, were invited on stage, awarded a certificate, and were then given a candle to light, signifying their crossover from candidate to member. Led by their fellow NEHS members, the inductees then said a pledge to the school, the NEHS organization, and to God, promising to maintain the standards by which they were selected. "This is a tremendous honor and great accomplishment for each of the students recognized," says Lower School English teacher and organization sponsor Mrs. Annette Turner. "I am confident they will do an excellent job in representing our school."

## Wildcat Boy's Basketball Program Continues to Outshine Competition

The 2010-11 Westbury Christian boy's varsity basketball season is officially underway! Under the direction of Head Coach and WCS Athletic Director Russell Carr, this year's team currently ranks number four overall among Houston public and private schools, and number one, both locally and state-wide, among private schools. The reigning, two-time TAPPS 4-A State Champions are currently 14-0 on the season, including wins against Our Savior New American (New York, NY), a first place finish in the highly



competitive Bagg Insurance Invitational in Ft. Worth, TX, and neighborhood foe Bellaire High School, in front of a home crowd of nearly 1,000 fans. According to Coach Carr, the Wildcats "have a lot of leadership and experience. If we continue to focus on



the three key principles that define our program- Championship Effort, Servant Leadership and Team First Attitude, I am confident we can remain successful." Led by Senior guard Anthony

Collins, the Wildcats will start off the Christmas holidays competing in the 2010 HISD Tournament against top ranked, Houston area high schools, including District rival Second Baptist, Madison High School, currently ranked number six in Houston, and the 2009-10 state and national champions Yates High School. WCS will take on the winner between The Village School and Worthing Saturday morning at 9:00 AM.

"I am pleased with the way we have been playing," says Coach Carr. "We have had some great wins as a team which will benefit us in preparation for the 2nd half of the season." The Wildcats will begin District play, taking on HCYA at home, January 4, 2011 at 7:30 pm. For all Wildcat sport schedules visit [www.HighSchoolSports.net](http://www.HighSchoolSports.net) , or [www.WestburyChristian.org](http://www.WestburyChristian.org) for more information about Westbury Christian School.

## Christmas 2010 Band and Chorus Concert

Under the direction of choral instructor Miss. Jillian Hughes and band director Mr. Michael Smith, the Westbury Christian School Fine Arts Department held a winter music concert December 6, featuring choral and band students from 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Blue and Gold Voices, made up of seven WCS high school students, began the



presentation with "Winter Wonderland," followed by "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel," which they sang a capella. Our Middle School Chorus group, The Wildcat Harmonizers, then performed an upbeat rendition of the holiday classic "White Christmas," which featured solos from Bryanna Dalco, Laura Franco, Maggie Frank, Austin Fuller and Jacob Simmons. To round out the choral portion of the performance, soloist Curran Kelly,

performed "Silent Night," followed by Bryanna Dalco, who entertained the crowd with "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Mr. Smith's 8<sup>th</sup> period class, comprised of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, began the band portion of the show with traditional Christmas selections, including "Jingle Bells," "Up on The Housetop," "Frosty The Snowman," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The Middle School students in Mr. Smith's 7<sup>th</sup> period class delighted audience members, performing "Twenty Carols in 2 Minutes," which featured numerous classic, holiday tunes. Third period students ended the show with "Themes from The Nutcracker," and finally, "The First Noel."



According to Miss. Hughes "all of the hard work the band and choruses have done this year definitely paid off at the Christmas concert. They sang wonderfully and the music sounded spectacular, I know they had a blast doing it!"

## WCS Lower School Students Visit Santa's Workshop



WCS Lower School students were privileged to spend some time in "Santa's Workshop," making crafts, shopping for gifts for family and friends, and getting their picture made with Santa Claus. PTO volunteers transformed a lower school classroom into a makeshift workshop, fit for Santa and his elves. An assortment of gifts, including miniature tool boxes, jewelry, and personalized "mom," or "dad" mugs and plaques, filled the tables that lined the walls. Before shopping, the children made beaded candy canes and

Christmas cards to send to the VA Hospital, and also to troops serving overseas. Finally, students were invited to pose for a photo with Santa Claus. Mrs.



Shauna Beach donated her time and camera equipment able to produce high quality, professional photos for each student to take home. According to Lower School teacher and parent, Mrs. Rachael Matthys "the children really enjoyed themselves and took such pride in making something special for our friends serving overseas and selecting gifts for their family. It was fun to watch!"



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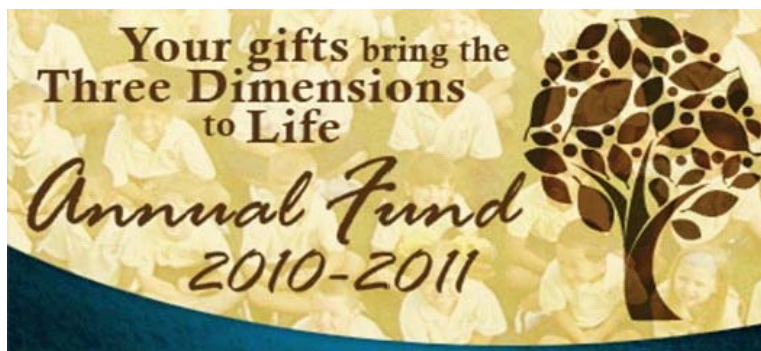
### Fund Drive 2010

The 2010 Annual Fund Drive is underway! Your financial gifts in support of this effort contribute to the advancement of Westbury Christian School, and in turn directly bless the lives of our students. Many of you have answered the call to contribute to "Life in 3D," and we thank you for your participation!

We are pleased to announce our progress to date. Fourteen

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of our fifteen classes (K3-12 grade) have participated thus far, close to 50% of our faculty and staff have made contributions, and the list of new donors continues to grow.



Names of the WCS parents and grandparents who have given are updated daily, and are posted on the bulletin board outside of the cafeteria.

If you have not had the chance to make a contribution, we ask that you prayerfully consider your gift, any size, to help bring our Dimensions to life. With your support, WCS can provide more opportunities for enrichment in the lives of our students, and in "Preparing Youth for Here and Eternity! Gifts can be made online at [www.westburychristian.org/support.html](http://www.westburychristian.org/support.html).

## Upcoming Events

**January 4, 2011- First day of the Spring Semester**

**January 5, 2011 at 8:40 AM- Wildcat Wednesday Tours for Prospective Students**

**January 13, 2011 at 9:20 AM- All School Awards Chapel**

**January 17, 2011- No School; Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**January 21, 2011 at 9:20 AM- Junior Ring Ceremony**

**January 26, 2011 at 6:00 PM- Marriage Seminar**

**January 27, 2011 at 6:30 PM- Open House for Prospective Students**

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