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WESTBURY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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April 2007

\$200,000 Gift Spawns Campaign

Westbury Christian School has only had one capital funds campaign in the last twenty years. That campaign netted approximately \$2.2 million and resulted in the construction of a critically needed 25,000 sq. ft. building. WCS has recently embarked on another capital campaign of



Construction in progress on the new gym floor.

a much smaller scale. This "MATCHING CAMPAIGN" was spawned by an unexpected private gift of \$200,000 that is to be matched by friends of the school.

In recent years the WCS physical plant has been totally remodeled and expanded with the exception of the gymnasium complex which includes the kitchen/cafeteria, dining hall and auditorium areas. The majority of the recent \$200K gift was used to replace the gym floor and lighting. The matching funds will be spent on various

campus needs including a campus-wide camera security system; auditorium/gym sound system; canopies for walkways between buildings and the entrance to the gym area; new floor coverings in ten classrooms, and other like improvements throughout the complex.

WCS has been successfully serving families with quality Christian education for nearly thirty-five years. The school has become a fixture in the Houston educational community and is a credit to all that is effective for the cause of spreading the "good news" about the hope for humanity in Jesus Christ.

PLEASE be a friend and help in this "MATCHING CAMPAIGN." Thank you.



The new court provides a shiny high professional grade wooden floor and comfortable bleachers for Wildcat fans.

WCS Matching Campaign Gift Form

Yes, I want to help match \$200,000!

Enclosed is my gift or pledge for:

- \$500 \$1,000 \$3,000 \$5,000
- \$10,000 \$25,000 Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

My gift will be paid: As a one-time gift 12 pledge payments of: _____

Charge my: Mastercard Visa
 Discover American Express

Card No. _____ Expires: Month ____ Year ____

Authorized Signature: _____

Matching Gift Company: _____

Make checks payable to *Westbury Christian School*.

Please send a card of acknowledgement for my memorial or living honor gift to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____



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"To God Be The Glory" - A Farewell From Mr. Robert O. McCloy



In 1985 I enrolled my youngest daughter in WCS as a freshman. Prior to that time the only involvement I had with the school was to play "pick-up" basketball games in the gym. During the '85 basketball season I was a volunteer assistant coach for the boy's team, working with Dan Sanders, the head coach. In 1988, I was invited to be the head coach and had a great time for four seasons until I was asked to become the head of school. During those four years I served on the Board of Trustees with a great group of dedicated people. I accepted the Executive Administrative position thinking I would help out for two or three years and then resume my career in investment real estate. Needless to say that never happened.

From being a parent, a volunteer, a board member, to the head of school; my experience with WCS since 1985

has been the most challenging and rewarding time of my life. If God wills, I will retire July 31st. I have been blessed and honored to serve this school. It is the hardest job I have had because of the time demands and the many people who depend on you. Without the help of God and the support of so many talented people He sent our way the job would be impossible.

I am grateful to those who answered the "call" to serve the Lord by helping us grow a quality Christian school. My heart-felt thanks to donors, employees, parents, students, and others who have made significant contributions to the success of WCS. I see the lives that have and will be changed forever and rejoice! The real payday is knowing your work lives on! To God be the glory.

Robert O. McCloy

Executive Administrator
Westbury Christian School

WCS Sixth Graders Host 2nd Annual World Fair

At the 2nd Annual Westbury Christian School World Fair, 42 sixth grade students showcased 42 different countries from around the world. Each showcase included colorful artifacts such as flags, maps, currency, and tourist brochures. Students even dressed up in cultural attire and served local cuisine to the WCS student body and families of the sixth graders who toured the World Fair. Each sixth grader had researched a selected country in-depth and excitedly shared their knowledge of that country with fellow students and visitors.

According to Mrs. Kyleen Bontrager, WCS Social Studies teacher, "Sixth grade Social Studies students learn about world history and world cultures during the course of the year. The highlight of their learning experience is the World Fair. This is a month long cumulative project that showcases the knowledge students have learned about a country of their choice." Mrs. Bontrager said the students gather information in a very professional process. The first thing they do is write a letter to each country's embassy requesting information. This is very formal with school letter-head and students signing their names.

Next, they get resources from the WCS and Houston public libraries to complete a tourist poster of the country. This highlights the places to go and things to see in each country. It also helps get students interested in their country as they begin more intense

research. The students then receive fact sheets that help organize research into sections of general information, cultural data, and economic data on their country. This is the most important part of the project because it prepares them for the next two visual aids and for becoming an expert of their country during the World Fair. Students then complete a cultural and historical story-board which highlights six important aspects of cultural and important events in their country's history. Finally students complete a pictorial map of their country. On this map, they include geographical landmarks and economic products.

Then comes the World Fair! According to Mrs. Bontrager, "It's a great learning experience for the sixth graders."



(l-r), Mrs. Bontrager joins a few sixth graders in cultural attire including Katie Houghton (Poland), Austin Anthis (Nigeria), Kaitlyn Vickery (Korea), Lizzie Trujillo (Russia), and William Washington (Jamaica).



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Around Campus

Boy's and Girl's Basketball teams made it to the TAPPS "Final Four" held at the University of Texas-Tyler, TX but lost in the semi-finals. Both teams had an exciting and winning season...

PTO Family Fun Night Talent Show competition was a huge success with over 300 in attendance. There were over 20 performances including several songs, gymnastics, jump rope, Chinese YoYo and piano recitals. **Anderson Braun**, WCS junior, won first place with his talented playing of the piano...The 4th, 5th and 6th graders participated in the **Reader's Digest**



(l-r) Senior Courtney Epps goes up for two, and senior Jeff Francis scores two at the TAPPS Final Four in February.

National Word Power Challenge. Participants competed at their grade level culminating in the Grade Level Championships held at the Westbury Church of Christ auditorium. **Cody Rowe**, 6th grader, advanced to state level competition... **Grandparent's Breakfast** was enjoyed by all who attended. Over 400 came to enjoy a delicious breakfast and spending time with their families and students. Prizes were awarded



(l-r) Students display their answers at the Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge. Cody Rowe is seated at the center.

to the grandparent who had traveled the farthest - from Los Angeles! and, to the grandparent with the most grandchildren at WCS and the oldest grandparent - 83 years!...



...**Katie Keese**, senior, won "Best of Show" in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program. **Khai Le**, senior, was awarded a gold medal for his artwork...The **Drama** department presented "Jack and the Magic Beans."... The **7th Annual Clothing Drive**, organized by **Mrs. McCloy's 6th grade class**, received an enormous response from the WCS community. The clothes went to the Westbury Church of Christ Benevolent

Center...**The Interact Club** assisted several needy families at Christmas...**K4 students** enjoyed "Go Texan" day by dressing up in western wear...During **spring break** the senior class traveled to New York for their annual class trip. **Mr. Ben Johnson**, 5th and 6th grade Math teacher, used his spring break to to on a mission trip to Haiti.



This smiling kindergartener is joined by her grandparents for the annual Grandparents Day which coincides with Valentine's Day.



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WCS Students Excel at Regional Science Olympiad

Several Westbury Christian School students brought back award medals from the recent Science Olympiad held at Blinn College in Bryan, Texas. Both high school and middle school students entered several categories including Rocks and Minerals, Robot Ramble, Designer Genes and Meteorology. According to Mrs. Gracie Greer, WCS Upper School Assistant Principal, "The Science Olympiad is



High School Group

designed to generate interest and knowledge in science through competition with students from other schools."

The WCS Middle School team included Patrick Plant, Andrew Smith, Matthew Smith, Ealing Tuan, Christina Curtis, Justin Goodman, John Adams, Coleman White, Taylor Lafferty, Paul Francisco, and Joshua Joseph. The high school team included Jim Chu, Joy Chou, Chris Robinson, Garner Haynie and Patti Lee. According to Ms. Bentsch, "Our students did a great job representing our school by being well behaved and succeeding in the competition."

In the middle school competition, Andrew Smith and John Adams received 3rd place medals for Rocks and Minerals, Patrick Plant and Coleman White received 3rd place medals for History of Science and Ealing Tuan and Christina Curtis received 2nd place medals for Meteorology. In the high school competition, Jim Chu and Joy Chou received 2nd place medals for Fermi Questions, Chris Robinson received a 4th place medal for Robot Ramble and Garner Haynie and Patti Lee received 4th place medals for Designer Genes.

According to WCS high school science teacher, Mr. Nathan Lang, "By participating in Science Olympiad, students have opportunities to expand their cognitive abilities in problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity."



Middle School Group

National Junior Honor Society Inducts Nine

Westbury Christian School (WCS) recently inducted nine new members into the Jerry Cox Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). They are middle school students John Adams of Pearland; Nicole Caputo of Missouri City; Julian Casanueva, Andrew Smith, and Jonathan Solomon of Sugarland; Michael Chung, Christina Curtis and Rasheed Sulaimon of Houston; and, Joshua Joseph of Fresno.



were then invited to stand and light their candle from the white candle of knowledge. They then recited the NJHS pledge, "I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of the National Junior Honor Society to which I have been selected; I will be loyal to my school and my God, and I will maintain and encourage high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character."

Mrs. Gracie Greer, WCS assistant principal, welcomed students and their families at the traditional ceremony held at the Westbury Church of Christ. During the ceremony, NJHS members gave brief speeches on the four pillars of NJHS - character, scholarship, leadership and service. Each inductee was awarded a certificate of membership and a pin which was affixed by their parents. Inductees

According to Mrs. Marie McKenzie and Ms. Rachel Bentsch, WCS NJHS sponsors, the National Junior Honor Society recognizes students who have attained academic excellence and who have demonstrated the hallmarks of character, scholarship, citizenship, leadership and service and encourages its members and other students to aspire to excel in these virtues.



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Alumni Notes

Class of 1984

Judi (Ewing) Cochran and husband Steve are serving as missionaries in Kenya. Their mailing address is PO Box 110, Mbita, Suba District 40305, Kenya, East Africa. Her email address is kenyacochran@hotmail.com. Scott Warner would like to hear from his classmates at his email address, contactswarner@yahoo.com.

Class of 1984

Patricia Blair traveled while in the Army and is now working as a civilian. She has three boys and would love to hear from her classmates. Email her at Pae1653@yahoo.com.

Class of 1986

Lisa (Selvidge) Holley is married to David (Class of '85). They live in Austin and have 2 boys and a girl, ages 9, 7 and 6. They live at 4116 Mocha Trail, Austin, TX 78728 and email address is lisa.holley@sbcglobal.net. Tonya (McDaniel) Vaughan would like to visit with her classmates. Her email address is tonyavaughan1@yahoo.com.

Class of 1987

20 Year Reunion! June 16, 2007 at WCS at 2pm
Malik Kaiser is serving his country in the army deployed in Iraq. He would love to hear from his classmates at SFC Malik Kaiser, HHC 5th Engineer Battalion, Camp Liberty APO AE 09344. His email address is malik.kaiser@us.army.mil.

Class of 1988

Angel (Clarke) Allen and her husband live in Franklin, TN with their three boys. Their address is 2003 Daylily, Franklin, TN 37067. Her email address is cmscrapangel@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Lynda (Clement) Carlisle and her husband Clinton have two children, Christopher (5) and Haylee (21 mos.). She is employed with Fort Bend ISD as a special education teacher. Her email address is cap41@ev1.net and looks forward to hearing from her classmates. Amy Sue (McCloy) Sain recently accepted the position as Children's Minister at the North Blvd. Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, TN. The congregation has over 2000 members. Her email is asain@northboulevard.com.

Class of 1995

Jason Boeker and his wife Tracy have two boys, Jake (3) and Wyatt (2) and

another on the way. They live in Vacaville, CA. Jason is employed with Swinerton Builders, a large General Contracting firm. His address is 637 Colemanite Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687. His email address is JBoeker@swinerton.com. Chris Sandahl is getting married in April to Kristen Striegel. You can reach Chris at csandahl2@yahoo.com.

Class of 1997

Tracy (Weth) Knetsar graduated in May 2006 from the University of Houston with a BS in Construction Management. She works for D.E. Harvey Builders in Houston as an assistant project manager. Email her at Pebles05@aol.com. Justin Sandahl and his wife, Cara, had Noah Robert, a 10lb. 6oz. big baby boy last July. Noah joins big sister Emily and big brother Jordon. They live in Brook Park, Ohio. Email him at csandahl8354@wowway.com.

Class of 1998

Amanda (Bailey) Baldrige and husband Tyson have a baby girl, Tabitha, born in August. Email her at abailey@mscok.edu.

Class of 2000

Krystal Toliver graduated from the University of Houston, Downtown May 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She is an adult probation officer with Harris County. Her address is 3030 Elmside #147, Houston, TX 77042 and email address is krystaltolivert@csc.hctx.net.

Class of 2002

Lauren Laman graduated from Harding University with a bachelor of fine arts in graphic design on July 29, 2006. She is currently doing free lance work and looking for a graphic design position.

Class of 2003

Anjuli Crouch is a senior at Stephen F. Austin State and majoring in child and family development. Her address is 226 Hayter, Nacogdoches, TX 75965 and email address is anjulibelle@gmail.com. She would love to hear from her classmates. Blake Sadler was crowned homecoming king at Texas Lutheran University's homecoming activities.

Thank you for sending alumni information. Our readers enjoy hearing from former students. Please continue to send updates to Janice Pearson at: jpearson@westburychristian.org

In Memory Of

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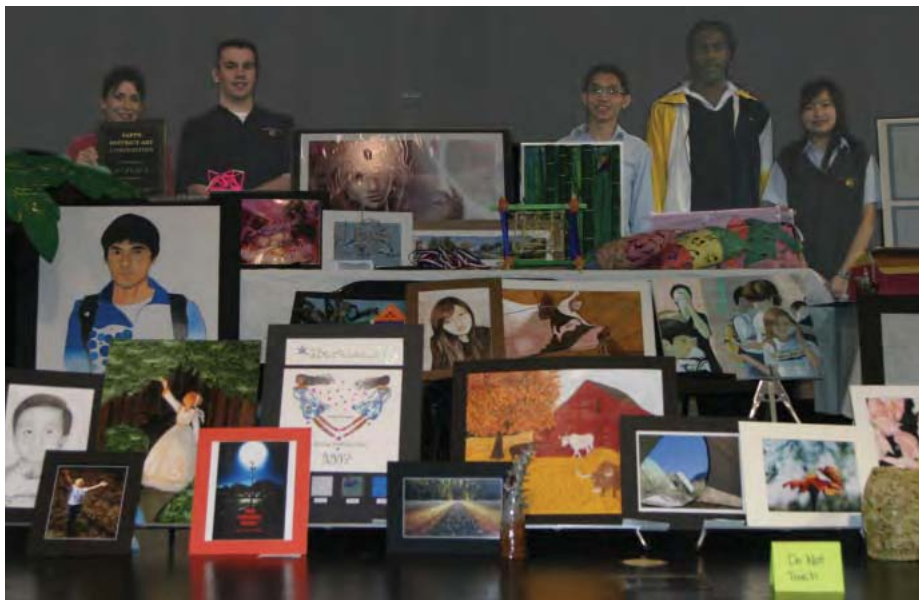
75 Art Pieces Entered in TAPPS District Competition

Westbury Christian High School students submitted 75 pieces of art in 25 categories at the TAPPS Division 5A, District 4 competition at AWTY International School in Houston, Texas. Two on-site artists and two art history students also competed in their respective categories. According to Mrs. Karen Keese, WCS art teacher, "I was extremely proud of all the work the students put into the TAPPS competition."

And the students' efforts paid off. Westbury Christian School placed 2nd overall in district competition. Fifteen WCS students received medals and 38 received ribbons. Joseph Apenteng (Jr.) received first place in Computer Generated Design; Daniel Docherty (Sr.) received

first place in Mixed Media 2D; and, Sandra Ngo (Sr.) received first place in both On-Site Drawing and Applied Design. Ngo's On-Site piece was a pencil drawing of Raggedy Andy. Ngo said, "It took me the full two hours allowed to draw the piece. I'm happy I received first place."

Second place winners included Joseph Apenteng, Jim Chu, Courtney Eagleton, Kohlton Fry, Katie Keese, Khai Le, Alyssa Leyva and Jennifer Phung. Third place winners were Paolo Javier, Ariel Robinson and Delisa Somoye. Fourth place winners were Joseph Apenteng, Joy Chou, Khai Le, Sandra Ngo and Alan Pearson. According to



Mrs. Keese, Alan Pearson (senior), Khai Le (senior), Joseph Apenteng (junior) and Sandra Ngo display the 75 pieces of art on the WCS stage.

Mrs. Keese, first through fourth place winners and 18 pieces of art will continue to the state competition in Austin, Texas.