



# THE WARRIOR WITNESS

October 2023

## MS/HS RETREATS

Each year, MS and HS attend two retreats at Masterpiece Gardens. The spiritual emphasis last month focused on God's Word and Prayer.



## *Mr. Klein Goes to Washington*

The week of September 18th, our own Headmaster, Mr. Klein, was able to represent Winter Haven Christian School and a delegation of six Christian Heads of School at the ACSI Public Policy and Advocacy Summit in Washington DC. He was one of a handful of Christian School leaders invited to be a part of the “class of 2023” for this summit.

Sessions included information about legislation being considered in our nation’s capital that will impact the future of Christian Schools. Featured speakers were former Congresswoman and Presidential Candidate Michele Bachmann, Senator Tommy Tuberville from Alabama, Senator Ted Cruz from Texas, and House Representative Burgess Owens from Utah.

One evening, Senate Chaplain Dr. Barry Black, the 62nd chaplain of the United States Senate, gave the charge to maintain Bible-centered principles at our schools.

On the final day, Mr. Klein was invited to meet with our Representative in Congress, Scott Franklin, who represents Florida’s 18th District. Mr. Klein told Congressman Franklin about our school and what issues are important to the school family. Mr. Klein was Congressman Franklin’s personal guest to watch a live vote on the House floor; unfortunately, no photos were allowed to be taken during that vote.

Congressman Franklin was raised in Lakeland and knows where our school is. The Congressman is very supportive of Christian education and supports our school. Mr. Klein has invited him to visit WHCS, and hopefully, the Congressman will come for a visit sometime soon.



Mr. Klein and Rep Scott Franklin



Mr. Klein and former Congresswoman and Presidential Candidate Michele Bachmann



# ELEMENTARY

## Elementary student takes trip of a lifetime to the Philippines

This summer 4th grader Lilly Layug visited family in the Philippines with her father. She tried several new things from buffalo milk to fried banana (Turon) and danced the native Tinikling dance.



Her father, Ronald, grew up very poor and wanted her to see how life is in other countries so she would appreciate life in America. Some other fun experiences were planting rice in the fields, visiting the wet market and making new foods.



“I loved spending time with family and eating desserts and snacks,” said Lillian. She has been at WHCS for 4 years and enjoys here friends and teachers. “I have learned God is graceful and merciful and we don’t deserve His grace.”



## GRANDPARENTS DAY



# WARRIOR SPORTS

## Nehemiah Murvin-Rawls feels it's a special opportunity to play on WHCS's first flag football team

By: Gabrielle Hensel, WHCS 9th grader



Junior Nehemiah Murvin-Rawls is part of WHCS's first flag football team. He is the defensive captain and plays the positions of wide receiver and middle linebacker. Having attended WHCS for the last 11 years, Nehemiah has also been involved in other sports. However, he feels that being a part of the inaugural season of flag football is special, as he and the team can “set the tone” for future seasons to come.

Nehemiah believes that the season has gone very well. Though they have faced some ups and downs, the team has been able to make the necessary adjustments and work through adversity. Nehemiah feels he has made great progress settling into his roles, despite having never played football on a team before. He already had some casual experience playing football with friends, but this season has given him the opportunity to really develop and improve his game.

Basketball is Nehemiah's sport of choice. It still is, but flag football has been an enjoyable experience. Nehemiah's favorite part of being on the flag football team has been the practices. He enjoys scrimmaging with the team and being able to see his progress over the course of the season. He also enjoys the physicality and competitiveness of flag football in comparison to basketball.

Because of his previous involvement in school athletics, Nehemiah has had experience with the struggle of managing sports and schoolwork. “It can be difficult,” he says, but by prioritizing, working hard, and being accountable, he is able to find a balance between these responsibilities. Nehemiah feels that having God in his life has really helped him as an athlete. His relationship with God has allowed him to develop into a leader and guide his fellow players, both on and off the field.

# WARRIOR SPORTS

## Come Cheer On Our Warriors!!

### CROSS COUNTRY



Oct. 14 - Polk County Championships @ Lake Region HS

Oct. 21 - Highlander Invitational @ Warner University

Nov. 4 - CFAC Championship @ Holloway Park

### BOYS VARSITY FLAG FOOTBALL

Tournaments: Oct. 31, Nov 2 and Nov. 3 @  
Florida College in Temple Terrace.

### GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Conference Championship: Oct. 26, 27, 28  
@ our home gym

Oct. 31, Nov. 2, Nov. 7 - After school training for new archers

Nov. 9 - Archery workshop for all archers

Nov. 14 - Archery practices begin Tuesdays and Thursdays



## Basketball



Boy's Varsity: First Game 11/16 vs. Crossroads Christian

Boy's JV: First Game 11/16 vs. Crossroads Christian

Boy's Middle School: First Game 11/16 vs. TBD

Girl's Varsity: First Game 11/28 vs. All Saints Academy

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WHCS Athletics

# REMINDERS

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

Equipping Students,  
Changing Lives,  
Impacting the Community



## **Dates to Remember:**

- Oct. 19, 20 - No School, Teacher FACCS Conference
- Oct. 23 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 25 - Construction Academy Field Trip to Counter Effects
- Oct. 25 - Sports Management Academy to Warner Univ. Athletic Dept.
- Oct. 25 - Pep Squad Interest Mtg MS/HS girls during lunch
- Oct. 24-27 - Elementary Red Ribbon Week
  - Oct. 25 - Pastor Appreciation
  - Oct. 27 - FACCS Regional Spelling Bee
  - Oct. 27 - 5th Grade to Wild Florida
- Oct. 30 - Creative Arts Academy to PicassoZ Art Cafe
- Nov. 2 - Kindergarten to Florida Children's Museum
- Nov. 2 - Third Grade to Harvest Holler
- Nov. 3 - Picture retakes/Class/Academy/Club pictures
- Nov. 6 - Pensacola Christian visiting Juniors and Seniors
  - Nov. 7 - NHS Induction
  - Nov. 9 - Early Release
  - Nov. 9 - Warriors Salute You
  - Nov. 10 - No School
- Nov. 13 - First Grade to Lowry Park Zoo
- Nov. 15 - Great American Teach In (Elementary)
  - Nov. 16 - 5th Grade the Way Center
  - Nov. 17 - Walk of Thanksgiving
  - Nov. 17 - MS/HS Service Field Trips
  - Nov. 17 - Early Release
- Nov. 20-25 - Thanksgiving Break

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