



WESTMINSTER ACADEMY®

BOOSTER CLUB

ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT

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*Westminster Academy® is a Christ-centered, biblically-based college preparatory school dedicated to equipping covenant students to excel by using their gifts and talents for God's glory.*

## **WA BOOSTER CLUB PURPOSE**

Promote the mission of WA through athletics by encouraging our players and coaches as well as our school, parents and alumni to prayerfully exemplify Jesus Christ with their words, work and witness especially during athletic contests.

Generate the funding required to provide our student athletes with the necessary equipment and facilities for this season and for long term capital improvements.

Encourage members and sports fans to volunteer their time to assist the Booster Club with concessions, ticket sales, and many other areas of need.

## **WA BOOSTER CLUB BOARD MEMBERS**

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*Please join us in thanking our student-athletes, coaches, parents, volunteers,  
Booster Club Board, fans and donors for their prayers, support and  
Kingdom work in athletics during the 2010-2011 school year  
at Westminster Academy.*

**Praise God for His provisions and providential blessings!**

**Go Lions!**

## **Invocation**

*Jeff Jacques '94  
Admissions Director*

## **Dessert**

## **Video Slide Show**

## **Booster Club Message**

*Scot Sasser  
2011-2012 Booster Club President*

## **Awards Presentation**

Boys & Girls Highest Team G.P.A.  
Scholar Athlete Award  
Freshman & Sophomore Athlete of the Year  
Booster Club Award  
Harvey Martin Award  
Jack Mowday Award  
Carl A. Peterson Award  
C.L.A.S.S. Award

## **Benediction**

*Jeff Smith  
Bible Teacher and Coach*

## **AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS WA BOOSTER CLUB ATHLETIC**

### **BOYS AND GIRLS HIGHEST TEAM GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

This award recognizes the varsity girls and boys team whose commitment to academic excellence is displayed through the highest team grade point average for this school year.

### **SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD**

This award recognizes the varsity athlete whose commitment to academic excellence is displayed through the highest GPA in each class. Senior student-athletes are honored with two awards per gender.

### **BOOSTER CLUB—Servant Award**

This award recognizes the servant leader in a junior or senior varsity athlete whose commitment to athletic excellence and encouraging service to teammates, classmates and the community is an exemplary example of a servant. This student-athlete has impacted team members, encouraging them to achieve and affected others in a Christ-honoring manner.

### **HARVEY MARTIN—Spiritual Award**

This award recognizes the spiritual commitment and leadership by a junior or senior varsity athlete in competition and in practice that helped to establish a team commitment to Christ-likeness as Mr. Martin did in his life. The athlete represents a standard of Christian commitment that is exemplary among peers, and athletic excellence that helped overall team success.

### **JACK MOWDAY—Leadership Award**

This award recognizes leadership in a junior or senior varsity athlete who motivated and elevated the play of teammates to achieve significant team success. The athlete, like Mr. Mowday, earned the respect of coaches and teammates, using athleticism and leadership to raise overall team performance and accomplishment.

### **CARL A. PETERSON— Class Athlete of the Year Award**

This award honors athletic accomplishments and recognition earned by WA varsity student-athletes for all class levels at the team, county and/or state level. The athlete's achievements represent the overall athletic standards of Westminster Academy®.

### **C.L.A.S.S. AWARD—Our Highest Award**

The C.L.A.S.S. Award honors the junior or senior varsity athletes who represent the characteristics of all the individual awards listed above. The Booster Club recognizes these outstanding athletes who have displayed the Christ-likeness, dynamic leadership, academic excellence, servant attitude and sportsmanship that this award represents. Each nominee is honored for his or her overall commitment to the goals of Westminster Academy® and Westminster Academy® athletics.

**2010-11 WA BOOSTER CLUB  
ATHLETIC  
AWARDS NOMINEES**

**TEAM GPA—Ladies**

Basketball  
Crew  
Track & Field

**TEAM GPA—Men**

Baseball  
Golf  
Water Polo

**SCHOLAR ATHLETES**

Freshmen: Malcom Devers—football  
Bryce Harrold—basketball  
Jessica MacClugage—soccer  
James Roldan—soccer  
Matthew Sharpe—cross country, soccer, track  
Carolin Weber—soccer, track

Sophomores: Max Bevill—football, water polo  
Blake Kidwell—football, baseball  
David King—cross country, track  
Joy Mikhail—crew  
Jordan Lopez—cross country

Juniors: Luke Ferraguti—golf  
Brandon Herndon—soccer  
Kailey Mansour—basketball, softball  
Mark Newsom—cross country  
Alana Trombino—tennis

Senior Ladies: Julia Appleby—volleyball  
Emily McMurtrey—volleyball, track  
Christina Medina—basketball, track  
Haley Muller—cheer  
Patti Kranz—diving

Senior Men: A.J. Barbar—swimming, basketball, water polo  
Matt Friend—volleyball, track  
Daniel Lange—diving  
James Mungai—football, soccer, track  
Ben Spangler—football, soccer

**BOOSTER CLUB—Servant Award**

- Ladies: Julia Appleby—volleyball  
Laurie Auld—cheer, track  
Madeline Bromley—tennis  
Brittany Carey—cross country, soccer, track  
Brooke Carlton—swimming, water polo  
Jaclyn Fortier—water polo  
Anne Kelley—basketball, softball  
Brynlee Kelmanson—basketball  
Paige Kniskern—volleyball  
Rachel Lenardson—volleyball  
Haley Muller—cheer  
Jessica Nederlanden—swimming, water polo  
Kristen Robotham—soccer, water polo  
Taylor Sasser—water polo  
Alana Trombino—tennis  
Emily Tucker—softball
- Men: A.J. Barbar—basketball, swimming, water polo  
Daniel Burns—football, baseball  
Reid Coningsby—football, tennis  
Luke Ferraguti—golf  
Josh Fitzgibbon—cross country, track  
Tyler Gosling—soccer  
Brandon Herndon—soccer  
Tyler Kruszynski—crew  
James Mungai—football, soccer, track  
Tyler Peterson—football, water polo  
Austin Saunders—swimming, water polo  
Ryan Sharpe—cross country, track  
Matt Stolley—basketball

### **HARVEY MARTIN—Spiritual Award**

- Ladies: Julia Appleby—volleyball  
Lucy Bevill—swimming, water polo  
Madeline Bromley—tennis  
Brittany Carey—cross country, soccer, track  
Kristen Donovan—swimming, water polo  
Anne Kelley—basketball, softball  
Brynlee Kelmanson—basketball  
Darcy Maher—basketball  
Jessica Nederlanden—swimming, water polo  
Caroline Nichols—soccer, track  
Annelise Powell—cheer  
Elisa Reino—soccer  
Kristen Robotham—soccer, water polo  
Alana Trombino—tennis  
Emily Tucker—softball
- Men: A.J. Barbar—swimming, basketball, water polo  
Aaron Bibbee—swimming, water polo  
Daniel Burns—football, baseball  
Luke Cerrone—water polo  
Reid Coningsby—football, tennis  
Luke Ferraguti—golf  
J.P. Rinehart—football, track  
James Ross—football, basketball, track  
Ryan Sharpe—cross country, track  
Ben Spangler—football, soccer

## **JACK MOWDAY—Leadership Award**

Ladies: Julia Appleby—volleyball  
Laurie Auld—cheer, track  
Ali Battista—basketball, track  
Brittany Carey—cross country, soccer, track  
Cassidy Curtis—cheer  
Katie Kinsella—soccer  
Natashia Kinsey—softball  
Patti Kranz—diving  
Kailey Mansour—basketball, softball  
Christina Medina—track  
Emily McMurtrey—volleyball  
Jessica Nederlanden—swimming, water polo  
Caroline Nichols—soccer, track  
Ellen Radandt—basketball, softball  
Kristen Robotham—soccer, water polo  
Taylor Sasser—water polo  
Jillian Sherman—volleyball

Men: Will Buschmann—baseball  
A.J. Barbar—swimming, basketball, water polo  
Aaron Bibbee—swimming, water polo  
Reid Coningsby—football, tennis  
Tyler Gosling—soccer  
Brandon Herndon—soccer  
Daniel Lange—diving  
Victor Manrique—soccer  
J.P. Rinehart—football, track  
James Ross—football, basketball, track  
Linwood Ross—basketball  
Ryan Sharpe—cross country, track  
Matt Stolley—basketball

## **CARL A. PETERSON—Athlete of the Year Award**

- Freshman Ladies: Keeley Casey—cheer, track  
Brianna Simon—cheer, tennis  
Carolyn Weber—soccer, track
- Freshman Men: Chase Allsworth—cross country, track  
Chris Barbar—football, basketball  
Austin Bolton—swimming  
Chris Bozeman—football, track  
Zach Ferraguti—soccer, baseball  
Bryce Harrold—basketball  
Steven Lamay—golf  
Daniel Zubero—swimming, track
- Sophomore Ladies: Melissa Coningsby—tennis  
Nicole Feustel—cross country, track  
Rebekah Fitzgibbon—crew  
Alex Hall—swimming, soccer, softball  
Caroline Israels—volleyball, swimming, soccer, water polo  
Kaitlyn McCullough—water polo  
Ashley Roughen—soccer, softball  
Mary-Margaret Schmidt—soccer, track  
Georgia Smith—track
- Sophomore Men: Daniel D’Onofrio—baseball  
Logan Johnstone—swimming, water polo  
David King—cross country, track  
Ryan Rickel—football, soccer, track  
Ray Sharp—football, basketball  
Nicolas Shyne—swimming, water polo
- Junior Ladies: Laurie Auld—cheer, track  
Amelia Bohlander—volleyball  
Brittany Carey—cross country, soccer, track  
Kayla Gardner—cheer, track  
Kailey Mansour—basketball, softball  
Elisa Reino—soccer
- Junior Men: Will Bushmann—baseball  
Reid Coningsby—football, tennis  
Brandon Herndon—soccer  
Paul Kepinski—crew  
Victor Manrique—soccer  
Hunter Oman—track  
Josh Orsino—football, basketball  
Linwood Ross—basketball  
Austin Saunders—swimming, water polo

Senior Ladies: Ali Battista—basketball, track  
Karmen Bosket—cheer, track  
Brooke Carlton—swimming, water polo  
McKenzie Keightley—volleyball  
Patti Kranz—diving  
Emily McMurtrey—volleyball, track  
Christina Medina—track  
Jessica Nederlanden—swimming, water polo  
Ellen Radandt—basketball, softball  
Taylor Sasser—water polo

Senior Men: Charles Adderley—soccer, track  
A.J. Barbar—swimming, basketball, water polo  
Robbie Burkey—soccer  
Thomas Carrie—cross country, track  
James Cote—baseball  
Sean Driscoll—wrestling, track  
Matt Friend—football, soccer, baseball  
James Ross—football, basketball, track

**C.L.A.S.S. AWARD—Our Highest Award**

- Ladies: Julia Appleby—volleyball  
Ali Battista—basketball, track  
Brittany Carey—cross country, soccer, track  
Patti Kranz—diving  
Kailey Mansour—basketball, softball  
Emily McMurtrey—volleyball, track  
Christina Medina—track  
Jessica Nederlanden—swimming, water polo  
Caroline Nichols—soccer, track  
Ellen Radandt—basketball, softball  
Kristen Robotham—soccer, water polo  
Elisa Reino—soccer  
Taylor Sasser—water polo
- Men: A.J. Barbar—swimming, basketball, water polo  
Aaron Bibbe—swimming, water polo  
Will Buschmann—baseball  
Thomas Carrie—cross country, track  
Daniel Lange—diving  
Josh Orsino—football, basketball  
JP Rinehart—football, track  
James Ross—football, basketball, track  
Linwood Ross—basketball  
Ben Spangler—football, soccer  
Evan Thomas—football  
Zander Von Essen—crew

# Athletics Year in Review

## 2010-2011

### Fall Sports Season

#### Competitive Cheerleading

The Lady Lions competitive cheerleading team placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall at the FHSAA state competition on February 4, 2011. Regionally, the Lady Lions placed sixth. This was the Lady Lions' first competitive season and it must not go unmentioned the many hours of hard work and training the ladies put into their routines. Coaches **Renee Simon** and **Jennifer Casey** are to be commended for the time and effort put forth in preparing their team for their first competition. Congratulations to **Haley Muller, Katrina Phillips, Laurie Auld, Shelby Taylor, Haley Appleby, Brianna Simon, Chealsie DiBucci, Amber Carginan, and Keeley Casey** for their hard work and dedication towards WA's inaugural season of competitive cheerleading participation.

#### Girls Cross Country

The ladies' cross country team (13-3) won the district championship for the sixth year in a row. They did it in perfect fashion by sweeping the top five places for the lowest possible score—a perfect 15.

Out of the 62 girls that competed, WA had all seven girls finish in the top 15. **Adair Lyden** was the district champion, while **Nicole Feustel** was the district runner-up. **Caitlyn Hamilton** was third, **Brittany Carey** was fourth, **Kristen Selbach** was fifth, **Amanda Baker** was seventh, and Brooke Oman finished in thirteenth place.

At the regional meet, the ladies won the regional championship for the second time in three years and advanced to the state championship for the ninth time since 2000. A third place finish by **Adair Lyden** led them. **Nicole Feustel** finished fifth, **Kristen Selbach** was sixth, **Brittany Carey** was seventh, and **Caitlyn Hamilton** finished twelfth. Other members who qualified for state were **Amanda Baker** and **Brooke Oman**.

At the state meet, the ladies finished sixth overall. Their team finish was the highest finish since 1989 and the first time in the top ten since 1996! Their finish was also the highest by any team from Broward County.

In addition to a great season, **Adair Lyden** was named Second Team All-County and Coach **Paul Baur** was named Coach of the Year by the *Sun-Sentinel*. This was Coach Baur's first coach of the year honor for ladies' cross country and third overall from the *Sun-Sentinel* since 2004.

#### Boys Cross Country

The men's cross country team (15-5) was the district runner-up and capped off a great year by advancing to the state for the eighth time since 2000. At the district meet, they had three runners finish in the top 15. **Josh Fitzgibbon** place third overall. **Casey McCracken** finished eighth and **Thomas Carrie** was tenth.

At the regional meet, the men finished fourth overall. **Josh Fitzgibbon** was fifth, **Casey McCracken** was eleventh, and **Thomas Carrie**, who was twelfth, paced them. Other members who qualified were **David King, Andrew Reising, Chase Allsworth** and **Ryan Sharpe**.

At the state meet, the men ran their best overall team average of the season and best ever by a team under the direction of Coach Baur with a time of 18:26, good enough for their second consecutive 17<sup>th</sup> place finish overall.

### **Football**

Winners of their final six games, and seven of eight overall, the Lions football team outscored their opponents 306-121. Led by Broward County's all-time leading receiver in yards and touchdown receptions in a single season, **Josh Orsino** set the pace for WA, amassing 1,360 receiving yards and scoring 22 touchdowns. On the other end of Orsino's touchdowns was first-year quarterback, **Ray Sharp**. Sharp's 29 touchdown passes placed him third All-Time in Broward County for touchdown passes in a single season. Sharp was unable to play in WA's final contest, but his vacancy was filled by **Daniel Burns** connected on 13 passes and threw three touchdowns en route to a 62-30 victory over Champagnat Catholic School in the season finale.

The Lions are looking to productive spring practices and summer workouts as they gear up for a 2012 campaign that pits them against several new and challenging opponents. The 2012 season will also be exciting for the program as it adds a JV team with a six-game schedule.

The WA football staff extends a special thank you to those who contributed with special designated donations for the sideline fans, end zone clocks, team meals and uniforms this season!

### **Golf**

The WA golf team had a successful year, in spite of our youth. We had one junior, one sophomore, three freshmen, a seventh grader and a sixth grader. We finished with a record of 8-6, with a runner up in the SAC Tournament. The coming year looks very exciting with the addition of at least one golfer on the ladies' side and also a year of experience to build on. Our team verse this year was Proverbs 16:3, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do and He will establish your plans."

### **Swimming and Diving**

2010 has been a season in which the Lions swimming and diving team has put their best foot forward, churning out times and performances that have not been attained at WA in some time.

The Lions boys' and girls' teams placed 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively at the State Championship in Orlando. **Patti Kranz** successfully became the first diver to win four state championship gold medals in 51 years. Kranz's winning dive was more than 20 points higher than her nearest competitor. **Jessica Nederlanden** was 5<sup>th</sup> in the 50 free and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100 back. **Austin Saunders** was 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 fly and qualified for All-American consideration. **A.J. Barbar** was 9<sup>th</sup> in the 50 free and **Daniel Lange** did a fantastic job, finishing 13<sup>th</sup> in diving at his first state meet. Eighth graders **Alex Warters** and **Caroline Nava** were also outstanding in their first state meet. **Warters** finished 18<sup>th</sup> in diving and **Nava** finished 21<sup>st</sup> in the 100 free.

Patti Kranz, A.J. Barbar, and Jessica Nederlanden made their college plans official as they each signed their letters of intent to the University of South Carolina, Oklahoma Baptist University, and the University of Pittsburgh respectively.

## **Volleyball**

The Lady Lions were stellar in 2010. The girls captured another district and regional title! The Lady Lions defeated Calvary Christian to earn yet another district championship and then dominated their opponents in the regional quarterfinals and regional semifinals. The regional final was a third face-off against the Warriors of Westminster Christian. The Warriors escaped the first game with a 19-25 win. The Lady Lions woke up and took charge from that point on, sweeping the next three games 25-17, 25-22, and 25-21. Leading the way for the Lions in the match was **Leigh Andrew**, who finished with a season-high of 26 kills. **McKenzie Keightley** added 15 kills for the Lady Lions and **Emily McMurtrey** had 39 assists. McMurtrey also had 12 service points en route to a Lady Lions Regional Championship.

Reaching the state final four for the second consecutive season, the ladies took on and defeated Maclay 25-19, 25-22, 25-8 in the semifinals. In the state championship game, the Lady Lions took on the First Academy Royals in a rematch of the 2009 state final. In a highly competitive contest with momentum swinging back and forth continuously throughout the match, the Lady Lions fell in the fifth game of the match. Despite a heartbreaking defeat, the Lady Lions showed their determination, grit, and toughness.

Congratulations to **McKenzie Keightley** and **Emily McMurtrey** as they signed their letters of intent to play intercollegiate volleyball at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and the University of North Carolina Greensboro respectively!

# Winter Sports Season

## Girls Basketball

Second-year head coach, **Jennifer Goldsmith**, says her team exhibited the true meaning of "team work" the entire season with 13 hard-working girls. The seniors have led the team through their play on the court, as well as attitude and responsibility off the court. **Ali Battista, Ellen Radandt** and **Brynlee Kelmanson** have been superior. **Coach Goldsmith** and **Coach Curlee** both cannot say enough great things about the entire group. This year's junior class consisting of **Darcy Maher, Lauren Tagliola, Kailey Mansour**, and **Anne Kelley** will be expected to lead the team next year.

The Lady Lions ended their season as they fell to Sagemont in the District 14, Class 2A semi-finals. The loss finalized the Lions' record at 10 wins and 11 losses. The Lady Lions met Sagemont as result of a strong performance in the opening round, knocking off Coral Springs Christian en route to a 44-40 victory.

## Boys Basketball

Ninth-year head coach, **Ehren Wallhoff '91** and his Lions culminated their season a 52-45 victory over Calvary Christian on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 and a 67-22 victory over South Florida HEAT on Friday, February 4, 2011. The Lions took on and defeated Lauderdale Lakes Academy in the first round of the district tournament. In the district semifinals, they faced off against a team of wealthy talent in Coral Springs Christian. The Crusaders needed overtime to knock off the Lions and although the loss was difficult, Coach Walhoff was thrilled with the effort and competitiveness his team displayed.

The Lions were led all year by the play of **Linwood Ross, James Ross, A.J. Barbar, Ray Sharp, Matt Stolley, Bryce Harold, Chris Barbar**, and **Sam Fowler**. They look to a strong class of underclassmen to help lead the way in 2011-2012.

## Girls Soccer

The WA varsity ladies' soccer season was a mixture of wins, losses, and great growth under the direction of first-year head coach, **Leah Polhemus**. With a 24-member squad, the Lady Lions ended their season with an overall record of 7-10 (4-4 in district play). The team was motivated by the verse found in Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

In the Class 2A district semi-finals, the team played a competitive match but fell to Sagemont, ranked third overall. Captains Catherine Ballbe, Susanna Botkin, Kristin Robotham, Elisa Reino, and Brittany Singh led the team. Sophomore **Caroline Israels** was the Lady Lions leading scorer with 18 goals and three assists throughout the season. Junior **Brittany Carey** finished the season with four goals and four assists as the central midfielder. Other key players included seniors **Catherine Ballbe** and **Kristin Robotham**, juniors **Elisa Reino** and **Brittany Singh**, sophomore **Melissa Coningsby**, and freshmen **Ashton Anderson** and **Jessica MacClugage**. The coaches and young team are enthusiastically looking forward to a strong competitive season next year.

### **Boys Soccer**

Under the direction of fourth-year head coach **David Bishop**, the Lions' men's varsity soccer team ended their season with a loss in the semifinals of the District 14, Class 2A tournament. The Lions finished with a final record of 8-12-3 overall.

The 2010-2011 men's varsity soccer team performed well, finishing the district season at 5-2-1, capturing the third seed. In the district tournament's opening round, the Lions played a fierce battle against Sagemont, and pulled out a hard-fought battle, scoring a 3-2 win. The boys then advanced to the semi-final game against Calvary Christian Academy. In that match, the team worked very hard but came up short. It will be hard saying goodbye to our seven seniors who are leaving some big shoes to fill for their younger teammates. Thank you to our players, parents, fans and school community for a great season. It was a blessing to see these young men mature in the sport of soccer, and as godly men on and off the field.

### **Wrestling**

The wrestling team was led all season by two committed wrestlers, **Anthony Thomas** and **Sean Driscoll**. Both wrestlers put in significant time, energy, and enthusiasm for their sport and it paid off when both Sean and Anthony wrestled tremendously in the district championships. Anthony came up a bit short in his district match, but supported his teammate and cheered Sean on to a WA's first-ever district champion in the 165-pound weight class. Sean finished the season with an overall record of 16-6 and advanced to the second round of the regional championships. Congratulations to Sean and Anthony as they represented WA with pride and a first-class attitude this wrestling season!

# Spring Sports Season

## Baseball

The WA Varsity Baseball team capped off a great year by winning their last three regular season games, pushing their record to 16-9. The Lions played steady at home all season going 14-4 at DeVos field. They also enjoyed benchmark program victories over Highlands Christian, 6A Pine Ridge, and two prominent out of state programs, St Albans (Washington, DC) and The Berkshire School (Massachusetts).

The Lions batted .334 as a team this year, and were paced at the plate by senior catcher, **James Cote**, who led Broward county in hitting for most of the season, and finished in the top five at year's end. Cote batted .523 with four home runs and 37 runs batted in (RBI) and 36 runs scored. Juniors **Joey Knight**, **Derek Borgeson**, and **Daniel Burns**, were also steady with the sticks all season, batting .388, .370, and .348 respectively. Junior shortstop and pitcher, **Will Buschmann**, a starter since the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, had another solid year playing exceptional defense at shortstop and batting .384 with three HR and 18 RBI and 13 stolen bases. **Buschmann** was nominated and awarded the Florida Athletic Coaches Association 2A State Academic Player of the Year award for his efforts on the field and in the classroom. WA also got exceptional defense from senior **Matt Friend** who anchored the outfield all season, and **Zack Gonzalez**, who played solid first base all year.

Sophomores **Daniel D'Onofrio**, **Blake Kidwell**, and **Zach Dudas** provided consistent innings on the mound all year long. **D'Onofrio**, who threw against some of the toughest teams in South Florida, was (2-2) and led the team in saves. **Kidwell** and **Dudas** were both (4-0) on the year.

With only two graduating seniors, Coach **Nick James** is excited about the future of WA Baseball, as the Lions return the bulk of their starting lineup and their entire pitching staff in 2012.

## Crew

This past year the WA crew club moved its base of operations from George English Park to shore of Lake Westminster. We established a rigorous weight room routine to build strength and endurance. We welcomed new members, challenged returning club members, and set regular erg and testing protocols to winnow our athletes to racing fast.

Those that could set out to represent WA with the roar of their oar traveled to invite meets and arranged local scrimmages to shake down our best lineups and shake up expectations. Come championship time, we put ourselves against the best. In the Florida sprint league, a group dedicated to big team big boat racing, we were handed a lesson in boat speed, sportsmanship, and humility.

## Softball

The Lady Lions softball team finished regular season play with a 12-6 record. After a runner-up finish in districts, they lost a hard-fought battle in the Regional Quarterfinals to American Heritage-Delray.

Senior **Ellen Radandt** took on the role as the ace of the pitching staff and got stronger as the season progressed. She also led the team offensively in batting average, runs scored, RBI, home runs, triples, and walks. What's more, **Radandt** did not strike out all season in 71 at-bats. **Radandt** is one of the top leaders in Broward County with her 34 RBI and three home runs.

Junior **Anne Kelley** also had a dynamic season, establishing herself as one of the better short stops in Broward County with her impressive defensive skills. There was never a ball hit that was out of **Kelley's** reach. **Kelley** finished the season with a .404 batting average with 33 runs scored and two home runs.

Also making a huge impact this season were juniors **Kailey Mansour** and **Brittany Singh**. Both players came up with timely hits in big situations. Mansour was a threat on the base path with her speed and was a dependable second baseman. Singh's defense at third base was consistent and played a large part in the success in the overall improvement of our team.

Coach **Casey Gibson** has the following to say about her team this season, "It has been such a blessing to watch these girls compete with the best this season. We have such talented and gifted athletes on our team and I am so proud of the improvement I have seen from them over the last year. The girls played with so much heart this season and gave me 110% every time they stepped onto the field. We kept competing and were never content."

### Tennis

The varsity season quickly came to a close for the ladies' and men's tennis teams as they competed in the district tennis tournament on April 4-5, 2011. Both teams headed into the district tournament with great improvement from the beginning of the season.

On the men's side, while Sagemont had the top player in the county, #1 Lion **Brendan Abernethy** was able to play a very competitive match. **Reid Coningsby** paved the way for the men's points with impressive wins to reach the semifinals in both #2 singles and #1 doubles with **Brendan Abernethy**. Both semifinals were competitive defeats to the #1 seeds. The rest of the men's starting lineup, including **Patrick Weber**, **Sonny Picazio**, and **Ryan Helmholdt**, rounded out the season with great efforts against strong competitors in districts. **John Davis** was ready and offered great assistance as our district alternate. For the rest of our men's team, great job this season.

On the ladies' side, with our #2 **Amanda Fechik** missing the last matches due to injury, and our #1 **Alana Trombino** having aches and pains from the powerful competition, we struggled but persevered through the end of our season. **Madeline Bromley** finished her senior year with tough matches and a great attitude. **Briana Simon** and **Melissa Coningsby** completed the season strong, with great improvement throughout. **Maggie Helmholdt** rounded out the top five for the district tournament. The ladies' district tournament started with **Melissa Coningsby** winning her first match in a tiebreaker. Then **Alana Trombino**, along with our alternate **Cayla Coningsby** (who stepped in for Madeline), won their first doubles match in a tiebreaker. The entire ladies team did a great job this season.

As coaches, we have been blessed by a great group of players each who has improved in special ways throughout the season. We appreciate all the help from our volunteer parents and the enthusiasm of the rest of our team players **Alex Thomas**, **Matthew Allison**, **Kenedy Bowens**, **Brandon Sims**, **Veronica Fulton**, **Jackie Guadelupe**, **Emily Bishop**, and senior **Crista Hughes**.

### Track

The ladies' track team asserted its dominance over the track and field competition this season by finishing with a perfect 12-0 record. This caps off an incredible four years for our senior ladies who went a combined 43-1 in the regular season for the past four year. The ladies also won the WA Relays, Pine Crest Relays, and SACC meet this year. In the post season, the ladies defeated Calvary by a score of 151-103 to win their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive district championship and the 20<sup>th</sup> in school history.

The men's track team persevered this year with their strong group of talented young men and defeated Calvary Christian Academy by a score of 125-77.5 to win their first district championship since 2008 (the year they won the district, regional and state championships) and also the 20<sup>th</sup> in school history (second under Coach Baur since 2005)! They finished with a regular season record of 9-4 and the senior men finished with a combined 31-13 record for their four years. WA captured 21 of 34 events, including five of the six relays (12 individual events and two relays for the ladies and nine individual events and three relays for the men)!

The following week at the regional meet, the ladies' team won the regional championship for the second year in a row in a very impressive way. They scored 152.5 points and Calvary Christian Academy placed a distant second with 85 points. The men's team had an outstanding meet and finished tied for second, their highest finish since 2008! The Lions crowned eight regional champions, six on the girls side and two on the boys side with one team each winning a relay.

As of this publication, the varsity team has broken 9 school records and currently has two athletes ranked #1 in the state in their events. Christina Medina, the school record holder in the discus with a throw of 125'8, and Kayla Gardner, the school record holder in the 100m hurdles with a time of 14.55 are both tops in their events.

### **Ladies Water Polo**

Westminster Academy's water polo teams did very well this year with the ladies' team ending their season in the state quarterfinal versus Gulliver Prep. The ladies' season record stayed undefeated going into States with a perfect 16-0 record. They have now won three district championship titles in a row. The Lady Lions are losing five seniors, **Kristen Donovan, Kristen Robotham, Jaelyn Fortier, Jessica Nederlanden, and Taylor Sasser** from this year's team. Three of the seniors are current starters, meaning next season is forecasted to become a rebuilding year working on improvement of four talented young players in **Koral LaStella, Mary Elizabeth Mahoney, Victoria Bevill and Emily Stevenson**. Junior **Brooke Carlton** had an amazing year with 123 saves in goal. She also played considerable minutes out in the field. Sophomore, **Caroline Israels**, was stellar in her games, pulling off an incredible 149 goals, 62 assists, and 93 steals for the season. She will be nominated for the NISCA All-American Water Polo award. Sophomores **Kaitlyn McCullough and Ashley Carrie** also did a fine job helping our team to a winning season.

### **Mens Water Polo**

The men's team finished with a 2-11 record. After the loss of every starter from the 2010 season to graduation, the 2011 season was a rebuilding year. The boys did a great job against some very difficult teams and showed perseverance throughout the season. **A.J. Barbar**, our "ace at defense," and **Luke Cerrone** will be graduating this year so that will leave juniors **Aaron Bibbe, Tyler Peterson, Austin Saunders and Matt Binder** to lead the team next year. Sophomores **Max Bevill, Nicolas Shyne, Logan Johnstone and Arthur Soderberg** stepped up when needed this year and 8<sup>th</sup> grader **Henry Kluger** did an incredible job in the goal. Overall, **Coach Israels** was very pleased with both teams and is looking forward to building towards next year.

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