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## SPRING SPORTS EDITION

**A special thank you goes to all of our student-athletes and coaches for their devotion to Christ and dedication to excellence. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers, school parents, fans and school community for their prayers, service and donations. Please continue to visit our website for information regarding all of our sports at WA.**

### **Varsity Baseball:**

The WA varsity baseball team is off to a solid start with a 4-3 overall record. Early season wins include victories over Sheridan Hills, Community Christian, Zion Lutheran, and a solid 12-6 victory over district opponent Sagemont. The Lions have competed quite well this season, despite having a young roster with only two seniors. They are currently 1-1 in district play. Come out to watch the Lions' baseball team play during spring break. They are hosting the annual Westminster Academy Invitational March 14-18.

### **Varsity Crew:**

Crew is now recognized as a varsity sport at WA! Founded over a decade ago as an upper school club, the crew team will continue to compete in the Florida Scholastic Rowing Association with the 100-plus scholastic teams from around the state. Rowers from WA have won state titles in the past and our current varsity squad has their eyes set on nothing less. This spring we will compete in a number of scrimmages, invitationals, and district meets before our grand try at the sprint state championships held in Sarasota, Florida at the end of April.

In addition to a varsity team, WA has a junior varsity squad and also a developmental program for our middle school athletes. Later this spring and into the summer, the crew program will host a training camp for these athletes to learn the basics of rowing as a team sport. This camp is the best head start to the fall season where we travel to a number of regattas around the state.

Training takes place from the Crew and Tennis Clubhouse at the eastern edge of Lake Westminster at the WA Athletic Complex.

### **First Regatta Update:**

Congratulations to your Westminster Academy Rowing Team for their performance this past

weekend in the Miami Invitational. They competed against ten other scholastic and club teams from South and Central Florida.

Particularly valiant were the efforts of the men's varsity squad who earned a second place overall medal in the Men's High School Varsity 4; an accomplishment that began last fall and winter on the rowing machines and in the weight room. Congratulations to rowers **Cody Estebe, Zander Von Essen, Paul Kepinski, Tyler Kruszynski, and Christian Renae** as coxswain.

The Crew team welcomed many new members who raced for the first time in a big regatta. These rowers will continue to gain speed and racing experience through scrimmages this month and next to prepare for championships in late April.

#### **Varsity Softball:**

The Lady Lions fast-pitch softball team is off to a strong 5-3 start. Top offensive players so far are **Ellen Radandt** (.500 batting average, 13 runs batted in, 10 runs, 2 home runs); **Brittany Singh** (.625, 7 RBI, 1 HR), **Emily Tucker** (.438, 10 runs, 6 RBI), **Anne Kelley** (.438, 11 runs), **Kailey Mansour** (.333, 1 HR) and **Alex Hall** (.313). Head coach **Casey Gibson** is optimistic about the young team's continuing improvement both offensively and defensively. An experienced infield and speedy outfield have done a solid job thus far of backing up pitchers **Ellen Radandt, Lindsey Cianciarulo and Brittany Singh**.

#### **Varsity Ladies' and Men's Tennis:**

The tennis season is progressing quite quickly, and we would like to thank you again for providing the opportunity to coach your students in tennis. We have a wonderful group of young men and women who have improved markedly since our first practice in January. Even more importantly, these students have Christian respect and encouragement for each other and their opponents.

Our current record is 3-2 for both men and ladies with some very tough matches to come in our strong district. With continued hard work and dedication to improving their skills, our players have the opportunity to finish the year strong at the district tournament taking place April 4-6.

#### **Varsity Track & Field:**

The ladies' track team has started the year in true championship fashion looking to improve on its top five finishes at state the past two years. The ladies' team is undefeated, winning the home opener and also winning the 15 team WA Relays. At the WA Relays the girls team broke two school records. The 1000m sprint medley relay of **Georgia Smith, Caroline Nichols, Kayla Gardner** and **Karmen Bosket** shattered their previous record from 2010 by over four seconds! Later in the day the same ladies broke another school record by over three seconds in the 4x200m relay!

The ladies also performed exceptionally well in the field events. **Christina Medina** won the discus with a throw of 118'8 while **Karmen Bosket** won the triple jump going 35'0. **Ali Battista** vaulted 9'0 to finish 2nd while the duo of **Kayla Gardner** and **Caroline Nichols** finished third and fourth in the long jump going 16'10.50 and 16'9.50 respectively.

The men's track team is also off to a great start. The team finished 2nd overall, out of 16 teams at the WA Relays. It was the highest finish since winning the meet in 2008. Leading the way for the team are seniors **Charles Adderley** and **JP Rinehart**. They finished first and second at the meet in the high jump, both going 6'0. **Hunter Oman** has also been a versatile performer for the team performing well in the pole vault, long jump, hurdles and 400m. On the track **Thomas Carrie** is leading the way running an extremely fast 2:04 800m.

As of Tuesday, March 8, the state track and field rankings are found below:

### Men

**JP Rinehart**-tie #2--High Jump  
**Charles Adderley**-tie #2--High Jump  
**Hunter Oman**-#6--Pole Vault

### Ladies

**Christina Medina**-#1--Discus  
**Girls 4x100m Relay**--#1  
**Kayla Gardner**-#2--300m Hurdles  
**Girls 4x400m Relay**--#2  
**Karmen Bosket**-#3--Triple Jump  
**Kayla Gardner**-#4--Long Jump  
**Caroline Nichols**-#6--Long Jump  
**Karmen Bosket**-#7--400m  
**Ali Battista**-#7 Triple Jump  
**Carolin Weber**-tie #7--High Jump  
**Keeley Casey**-tie #7--High Jump  
**Girls 4x800m relay**--#8  
**Ali Battista**-#10--Pole Vault  
**Girls 4x200m Relay**--#1 (not contested at state meet)  
**Girls 1000m Sprint Medley Relay**--#2 (not contested at state meet)  
**Girls 800m Sprint Medley Relay**--#2 (not contested at state meet)  
**Girls Distance Medley Relay**--#4 (not contested at state meet)

### **Varsity Ladies' and Men's Water Polo:**

Our Westminster Academy men's and ladies' water polo teams started the season off strong last Thursday with a win for the ladies against Northeast High 23-7. The men fought hard until the very end with no substitute players losing 10-9. Friday, the Lions took on Fort Lauderdale High and both WA men and ladies won. Saturday, both teams played against South Broward and the ladies won but the men fell a bit short against a very competitive South Broward team. **Coach Israels** is very pleased with the ladies' team this year because they are playing as a team and our underclassmen are stepping up and having confidence to shoot and score. The mens' team is working very hard and well together and is learning how to play with no substitution players. We are looking forward to a successful season. The ladies' record is now 3-0 and the men's record is 1-2.

## **MEN AND WOMEN COACHES' BIBLE STUDIES**

Beginning in September of this year, the male coaches have been meeting for a Bible study

every Wednesday during lunch. Up until Christmas, the focus of the study had been the Sermon on the Mount. Upon returning from Christmas break, the study turned its focus to the wisdom found in Proverbs and the book of James. After spring break, the men will continue to meet every Wednesday in April and May to study prayer.

The women will study the Sermon on the Mount for the first five Thursdays of their Bible study. In April, the women will start a new study about prayer.

## **WA'S SEAN DRISCOLL EARNS SCHOOL'S FIRST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP!**

Congratulations to **Sean Driscoll** who became WA's first-ever District Champion in wrestling. Sean finished the season with an overall record of 16-6 and advanced to the second round of the Regional Championships. Congratulations, Sean!

## **SOFTBALL SCOREBOARDS UP AND RUNNING**

Pepsi has donated two new scoreboards for our softball fields. A WA parent made a donation for the installation costs so we could proceed with the project. Starting this season, our Lady Lions' middle school and varsity softball teams will have new scoreboards. A special thank you goes to Director of Facilities Jack Fleck '81 for his work on this project.

## **WA TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM**

WA will be putting together its own "12 and under" and "14/15 and under" basketball teams this off-season. All students and parents interested in either team are encouraged to attend an informational meeting this Thursday evening, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower School Media Center. Please contact Head Varsity Coach, Ehren Wallhoff at 954.214.9295 with any questions.

## **SPRING FOOTBALL GAME ANNOUNCED**

The 2011 spring football game will be played on May 20, 2011 as the Lions will host Miami McCarthur North. Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. at the WA Athletic Complex.

## **FALL 2011 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED**

### ***Varsity Football Team Schedule***

**August 26 (Kickoff Classic):** Berean Christian (Time & Location TBA)

**September 2:** Gateway Charter (Fort Myers), Home @ 7:00 PM

**September 9:** Coral Springs Christian, Away @ 7:00 PM

**September 16:** MacArthur North, Home @ 7:00 PM

**September 23:** St. Andrew's School, Home @ 7:00 PM

**September 30:** Calvary Christian Academy, Home @ 7:00 PM

**October 6 (Thursday):** Hillel Community Day School, Away @ 4:00 PM

**October 14:** Coral Springs Charter, Away @ 7:00 PM

**October 21 (Homecoming):** Upperroom Christian Academy, Home @ 7:00 PM

**October 27 (Thursday):** Somerset Academy, Away @ 4:00 PM

**November 4 (Senior Night):** Berean Christian, Home @ 7:00 PM

### ***Junior Varsity Football Schedule (all times are TBA)***

**September 1:** Calvary Christian Academy, Away  
**September 8:** Cardinal Gibbons, Home  
**September 15:** Dade Christian, Away  
**September 22:** Jupiter Christian, Home  
**September 29:** Dade Christian, Home  
**October 5:** Cardinal Gibbons, Away

Middle School and Sixth Grade 2011 football schedules will be announced by the end of March.

### **WINTER SPORTS ALL-COUNTY SELECTIONS**

All-County and All-Broward selections from *The Sun-Sentinel* and *The Miami Herald* have not been published at this time. Once these selections are announced by the newspapers, we will provide the WA community with a special Athletic E-news celebrating our All-County and All-Broward selections.

Thank you again for your prayers and support of WA athletics!

**GO LIONS!**

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