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## ***Fall Varsity Sports Update***

### **Cross Country**

Coach **Ken Key** has returned to his familiar role as head cross country coach. In his 39th year as head of the program, Coach Key has a fine group of runners this fall. The girls' team started the season with a fourth place statewide class 1A pre-season ranking, with all seven top runners returning from last year's district and regional championship team, and a sixth place finish in the state meet. The ladies are led by eighth grader **Adair Lyden**, who ran to a fine second place finish in the King's Academy Invitational on September 10, clocking a personal best time of 20:01 for the 5000 kilometer race. The Lady Lions also finished second as a team in that King's meet. Six-year veteran **Brittany Carey** is the girls' team captain.

The men's team has also started out strong, finishing in second place at the King's Academy Invitational. With the excellent leadership of seniors **Josh Fitzgibbon** and **Ryan Sharpe**, plus the diligent example of a 500 mile summer from junior **David King**, the men look to be the most surprising and improved team in South Florida. Freshman **Casey McCracken** led the team in the King's

meet with an 11th place finish.

Diligence is a leading character of the cross country team, as the top six runners from each team met together most of the summer for training runs. Together those twelve runners logged more miles than the distance from Fort Lauderdale to Chicago to New York and back again.

With a seasonal theme of "Fueled by GRACE," the Lions' runners look to the finished work of Jesus, plus their interdependency on one another, as the fuel necessary to strive to be one of the best cross country teams in Florida.

## Football

The varsity and JV football seasons are off to a good start. The varsity currently holds a record of three wins and one loss with impressive wins over Gateway Charter (Fort Myers), Coral Springs Christian, and Zion Lutheran. Their single defeat came at the hands of Saint Andrew's School in what was an epic high school football game. The varsity looks to bounce back this Friday night as they host Calvary Christian at 7:00 PM at the Athletic Complex.

The varsity has received outstanding performances offensively from senior wide receiver **Josh Orsino**, senior running back **Virgil Bolden**, freshman running back **Evyn Cooper**, junior quarterback **Ray Sharp**, sophomore receivers **Harold Eubanks** and **Terrel Phillips**, as well as freshman wide receiver **Andrew James**.

Defensively, senior linebacker **Maverick Leahy** has been a standout. Junior linebacker **Blake Kidwell** also has been stout for the Lions defense. The Lions defense also has received contributions from two-way players (both offense and defense) **Austin Guerra**, **Jonathan Merkle**, and **John Saenz**. Newcomers **Josh Englert** and **David Imber** have added depth and experience to the defense as well. **David Paraday** leads a young secondary with three players in **Jordan Mansour**, **Jerome Grey**, and **Josh Floyd**, all in their first year.

Finally, junior place kicker and punter **Ryan Rickel** has put all of the off-season work he's done to action, as he is one of the area's top place kickers and punters.

## Golf

The 2011 golf season is in full swing and the Lions are much improved this fall. **Steven LaMay** put in hours of work in the off-season and has improved his stroke average by nearly five strokes from 2010 with a 36.75. **Ashley Malinchak** is second on the team with a 38.75 stroke average playing from the

men's tees in all stroke-play matches.

The golf team has strung together a number of wins over very good teams including Pine Crest, Calvary Christian, and Coral Springs Christian. Adding depth to the line-up and playing important roles on the team are **Matt Deso**, **Max Soto**, **Billy Braun**, and **Josh Geer**.

Look for an impressive showing when the Lions compete in the district tournament in the coming weeks.

## Swimming and Diving

Westminster Academy swimmers and divers are off to a terrific start. The Lions opened the season with the 18th Annual Westminster Relays where they placed first in four events and second in six. In their next meet, the Lions defeated Miami Pace and Chaminade-Madonna, winning 21 out of the 24 events.

WA recently played host to ten schools in the Florida Christian Schools Invitational. Again, the Lions stood out, winning eight events and taking home the second place trophy in both the men's and ladies' competition.

At the time of this writing, WA has five relays ranked in top eight of all Broward County schools. In addition, **Austin Saunders** is Broward's top ranked swimmer in the 50 and 200 freestyle and is second in the 100 fly. Austin has already achieved an All-American consideration time in the 50 free. **Logan Johnstone** is ranked third in the 50 free and fourth in the 100 free, and freshman **Caroline Nava** is ranked in three individual events including a second place ranking in the 100 fly.

### ***New as of Tuesday, September 27, 2011***

Congratulations to **Austin Saunders** who set a new school record in the 200 freestyle event with a time of 1:43.08, surpassing the old mark held by **Nico Lilly 03'** by more than a full second. Saunders' record was part of a dominating men's and ladies' victory over Zion Lutheran and Grandview Prep Monday afternoon!

## Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team is under the tutelage of new head coach, **Denise Gianino** and is off to a 4-3 start through the first seven games of the season. Highlighted victories over Highlands Christian and Coral Springs Christian have helped the team get off to a good start. With nearly a brand new team from their back-to-back state championship game appearances, the young Lady Lions are

forging ahead looking to maintain its perennial success.

The Lady Lions are led by senior **Amelia Bohlander**, who leads the team in kills. Veteran outside hitter **Caroline Israels** has also been a huge contributor to the team in service aces and is second in kills. Setter and newcomer **Anne Kelley** has stepped in to replace **Emily McMurtrey '11**, leading the team in assists and service points.

***New as of Tuesday, September 27, 2011:***

The Lady Lions defeated Coral Springs Christian last night in five games, to take the season series from the Crusaders as district tournament play nears.

## **VOLLEYBALL ADMISSIONS FEES**

**The King's Academy:**

MS/JV- \$3.00

Varsity- \$5.00

(No charge for kids)

**Coral Springs Christian:**

Admission cost is the same for all levels (MS, JV and Varsity). Would be \$3.00 for adults, if only MS is playing on that day.

Students- \$2.00

Adults- \$4.00

(Non school-aged children are free)

**Somerset Academy:**

No admission cost

**Highlands Christian:**

(Admission cost is the same for all levels: MS, JV and Varsity)

Students- \$2.00

Adults- \$4.00

**Calvary Christian:**

MS- \$3.00 for adult, \$1.00 for student

JV/Varsity- \$5.00 for adult and \$3.00 for students (ages 13-18)

**University School:**

No admission cost

## OFF-SEASON TRAINING AND PREPARATION OPPORTUNITIES

If students are not involved in a fall sport, they are highly encouraged to participate in the various off-season training and skills enhancement programs conducted by our winter and spring sport coaches. Please see the coaches below that are offering off-season conditioning workouts during the fall and feel free to contact them directly for more information.

### **Baseball:**

Head Coach: Nick James

Email: [jamesn@wacad.edu](mailto:jamesn@wacad.edu)

### **Basketball (Ladies):**

Head Coach: Jennifer Goldsmith

Email: [jchapman2@hotmail.com](mailto:jchapman2@hotmail.com)

### **Basketball (Mens):**

Head Coach: Ehren Wallhoff

Email: [wallhoff23@msn.com](mailto:wallhoff23@msn.com)

### **Soccer (Ladies):**

Head Coach: Dale Renwick

Email: [jtiff2@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtiff2@bellsouth.net)

### **Soccer (Mens):**

Head Coach: Jose del Pino

Email: [delpinoj@wacad.edu](mailto:delpinoj@wacad.edu) or [josedelpino24@gmail.com](mailto:josedelpino24@gmail.com)

### **Softball:**

Head Coach: Casey Gibson

Email: [gibsonc@wacad.edu](mailto:gibsonc@wacad.edu)

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