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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.

## ***Fall State Championship Wrap-Up***

### **Cross Country**

The Cross Country teams finished up their seasons with a grand post-season run. The men's team accomplished their two main goals - win both the district and the regional championships as a team. This was the first time ever that a WA men's team won both district and regional titles. **Josh Fitzgibbon**, member of the WA senior class and team captain, was individual district champion, and the WA leader in the regional and state meet competitions. The WA ladies' cross country team met all three of their major team goals - winning the district and regional team titles, and improving on their 6th place finish at state one year ago, with a 5th place finish this year (only 6 points behind 4th). **Adair Lyden**, WA eighth grader, won nearly every competition during the second half of the season. She was district and regional champion, and finished a very strong 7th place in the state championship meet, setting a WA school record in the 5000 meters in the process. **Lyden** was recently named First Team All-County by both Miami Herald and Sun-Sentinel newspapers.

## Golf

Congratulations to **Ashley Malinchak** for her exceptional performance as WA's state-qualifying golfer during the fall 2011 season! **Malinchak** placed 10th out of 96 competitors with a two-day total of 152.

## Swimming & Diving

Our swimmers and divers shined on the biggest stage as they finished off their season at the state meet in Orlando.

The men continued their impressive streak of top 10 finishes by scoring 82 points and placing 7th. Only two teams from outside South Florida were able to score more points. The meet started off with the men's 200 medley relay placing 4th with a season's best time and just missing the school record by 5 tenths of a second. The relay included **Aaron Bibbee** (finals), **Logan Johnstone**, **Austin Saunders**, **Nico Shyne** (prelims), and **Micah Smith**. Individually, **Austin Saunders** continued his impressive senior season with a 7th in 50 free and a bronze medal in the 100 fly. His 100 fly time set a new school record and qualified him for automatic All-American status. The men's 200 free relay (**Bibbee**, **Johnstone**, **Saunders**, and **Woodburn**) also had a season's best time and finished 8th. **Aaron Bibbee** also scored valuable points by dropping even more time in the 100 breast and finishing in the top 16. It was a joy to watch, and Austin and Aaron will be greatly missed.

The ladies also performed well, finishing in 16th with 42 points. They are such a young team and are going to be a real force in the state for the next three years. **Caroline Nava** qualified for the finals in two individual events, placing 5th in the 50 free and 7th in the 100 free. The 200 free relay (**Ashley Alfaro**, **Caroline Israels**, **Amy Kranz**, and **Caroline Nava**) and the 400 free relay (**Caroline Israels**, **Amy Kranz**, **Caroline Nava**, and **Jessica Nava**) both scored valuable points by placing in the top 16.

All of the athletes swam fast and more importantly represented Christ and WA with honor.

## Winter Sports Update

### Ladies' Basketball

The Westminster Academy Ladies' Varsity Basketball Team has played with

heart and hustle every time they have stepped on the floor this season. Even though we have started off slow with a 1 and 5 win/loss record, we are confident that our season will turn around. Senior **Kailey Mansour** is averaging 16 points per game, eight rebounds and two steals. Senior **Anne Kelley** is averaging eight points, four rebounds and four steals per contest. Our other two seniors, **Lauren Tagliola** and **Darcy Maher**, are stepping up with their rebounding contributions and all the "little things" that do not show up on the stat sheet. Juniors **Christine BienAmie** and **Kaitlyn Stolley** are stepping up as leaders as well, each and every game, through their aggressive play on the court. Finally, our newest editions to the team, **Katie Ferraguti** and **Brooke Oman** are contributing enormously each game. All members of the team have improved and we look forward to what the season will bring after Christmas break.

## Men's Basketball

Westminster Academy men's basketball is off to an exciting 5 and 1 start. This year's team is averaging 70-plus points per game and has a winning margin of 24 points per game. **Chris Barbar** is leading the team in rebounds averaging 11.4 per game. **Josh Floyd**, **Daniel Osley**, and **Linwood Ross** are all averaging 15 points or better per game and **Kevin Kroll** has shot it well from beyond the arc, hitting better than 40%. A deep bench has also fueled the Lions as they are off to a great start. The atmosphere in the WA Dome is fueled by the play of this year's team along with the exciting support of the **Lion Loonies** which has made for an exciting and fun environment for a Lions game.

## Ladies' Soccer

This year WA's ladies soccer is off to an exciting start with a winning record, with seven wins and zero losses. Veteran Coach **Dale Renwick** leads his hard-working dedicated squad and believes this year's squad is similar to the 2004 team that made it to the FHSAA State Final Four.

With solid performances by seniors **Brittany Carey** and **Brittany Singh**, the team has proved to be tough. The WA ladies' soccer team has a great opportunity to finish the remainder of the regular season strong with how well the players move the ball and hold their defensive and offensive attacking shape.

## Men's Soccer

Varsity men's soccer season started out with a historic win over Calvary Christian Academy. First-year (at WA) head coach **Jose del Pino** is very proud of the team, since they have put forth a great display of quality soccer. But even

more important than that, is that they are truly becoming "more than a team," as they first play for Christ; play together, play smart and play hard. This is a reflection on the leadership on and off the field of our senior captains **Zach Christensen, Pablo Espindola, Brandon Herndon, and Victor Manrique**. The team has already secured three district wins. The first week they return from Christmas break, the Lions have the last set of three district games to secure first place seeding for the district tournament. We will be working hard during the break to get ready for those games. Their record is now five wins - one tie - and one loss.

Things are looking very exciting for the season and we look forward to many great things to come for the soccer program. Soli Deo Gloria!

## ***WA Celebrates Three Student-Athlete Collegiate Signings***

On November 17, three of WA's student-athletes signed on to play collegiate athletics. **Amelia Bohlander** (volleyball), **Maggie Botkin** (equestrian), and **Linwood Ross** (basketball), signed with Indiana University at Purdue University, Furman University, and Oklahoma State University respectively. Praise God for the blessings upon these fine student-athletes and their families!

Please look for more WA student-athlete signings coming this February on National Signing Day.

## ***Three WA Football Players Selected to Various South Florida All-Star Games***

Three of WA's senior football players were selected to play in a number of different post-season all-star games around the South Florida area. **Virgil Bolden** and **Maverick Leahy** were selected to play in the Under Armour Broward Bowl on December 15 as well as the TRU Sport Private vs. Public game on January 6. **Josh Orsino** was also selected for two all-star games beginning with the Dade vs. South Florida All-Stars sponsored by NIKE on December 23 followed by the Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game sponsored by the Miami Dolphins and Under Armour on January 13. Congratulations to these fine student-athletes for their representation of WA in these all-star games!

## ***Spring Sports Information***

Spring sports at WA are right around the corner. Should you have any questions pertaining to spring sports, please see each sport coach's contact information below.

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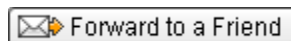
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***Fall Sports Miami Herald and Sun-Sentinel  
All-Broward and All-County Selections***

We will be sending out to the WA community a special fall sports All-Broward and All-County selections edition once both *The Miami Herald* and the *Sun-Sentinel* have published them.

Praise God for His provisions and providential blessings in athletics at Westminster Academy!

**GO LIONS!**



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