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Dear Westminster Academy® Parent,

On behalf of the School Board, faculty, staff and coaches, we would like to say *thank you* for your steadfast prayers and ongoing commitment to Westminster Academy®. We are truly blessed by your prayers, love and dedication to God's Kingdom work at WA.

Please allow me this opportunity to share some information about Westminster Academy®. Enclosed with this letter you will find a packet of information, which is also available on our website. The packet of information will address the following topics:

- a. Important back to school information
- b. Parent meeting dates
- c. Lunch program information
- d. Parking instructions
- e. Medical/immunization information
- f. Athletic information
- g. Uniform information
- h. Bus information
- i. CASA/Hang Time information.

As we look to next year, I would like to share some additional information about WA:

1. Our school theme for the 2011-2012 school year is "Growing in Christ". Our Bible verse is from the book of John, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5)*. Our Bible study will be from the book of John.

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.

2. We are excited to share that we will have a new lower school computer lab with **24 new iMacs**. In addition to the lower school iMac lab, each lower school classroom will be equipped with an iMac for students to use. We will also be adding **iPads** in the preschool. Miss Leah Polhemus will be teaching computer applications to the lower and middle school students in their respective computer labs. We will add additional SMART Boards this summer too. Because of the remarkable generosity of school community, we will be using donations from our auction and our Boosterthon Fun Run to purchase more than \$70,000 in technology this summer. Praise God for His provisions and His people!
3. We plan to continue to make improvements with RenWeb, textbook purchasing, safe wireless applications and the overall use of technology each year.
4. We are extremely excited to announce that we have a new school bus. Praise God for our new bus and the extraordinary donations we received from the auction that made this possible. This bus will provide safe and reliable travel for students of all ages and all grades at WA. We are very grateful to all those who made this possible by their prayers and their donations at the auction.
5. For the past few weeks we have been publishing information about the 2011 Summer Capital Campaign in the weekly Enews. You will be receiving a brochure shortly in the mail in addition to your reminders in the Enews. To complete these projects we need your participation. Please prayerfully consider how you can partner with us this summer to make the 2011 Summer Capital Campaign a great success. All donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated.
6. We plan to focus on some key topics that will enhance the spiritual formation and development of our students. We will be focusing on Christ-honoring relationship building and conflict resolution, Biblical decision-making and problem solving, and the proper and wise use of technology. We will have at least two parent symposiums on these topics so you can be directly involved with how we partner with you on these topics. All chapel programs will be age and developmentally appropriate. Our new spiritual life director, Jason Beaupied, will oversee this strategic initiative. He is a graduate of WA, a seminary trained pastor, and a WA parent. We are excited about his new role at WA and the addition of Christine Englert to our counseling staff, to help and disciple our students. Please feel free to contact Mr. Beaupied or Mrs. Englert if you have any questions about these or other programs.
7. We will continue to have spirit days only on Fridays (other than homecoming week and winter court week). We believe in the benefits and blessings of uniforms. Students must wear their appropriate uniforms each day. On the last day of the school week they may wear WA spirit tee shirts with uniform shorts, pants or skorts. The skorts must be the appropriate length. Modesty and neatness is extremely important so we will continue to help our students make wise choices. Please partner with us so we encourage our students to make wise choices about their neatness, modesty, uniforms and their overall attire.
8. For your convenience, we will be combining the middle and high school family handbook to have one upper school handbook (6th through 12th grade). We will continue to have a lower school family handbook. The 2011-2012 lower and upper school family handbooks will be given to the students on the first day of school.

9. We are excited about our new lunch service. We believe that a nutritional meal at an affordable price is extremely important. We will continue to increase the healthy choices for your child(ren) in the lunchroom and in the vending machines. A special thank you goes to Becky Lenardson for her outstanding work in serving more than 1,000 people lunch every day at WA. More information will be coming to you about our new lunch menu and service this summer.
10. To maintain an accurate and up-to date school calendar we will be placing our main school calendar on our website. We want to encourage everyone to use our website and to sign up for our weekly E-News. Please use the website and please send us feedback as to how we can improve our communication with you. If you are not currently receiving a weekly E-News from WA, please sign up at www.wacad.edu/signup.
11. Our annual Paw Print will be ready soon. We will be distributing the Paw Print in early September. We will celebrate all that God has done at WA. Please be looking for this publication in early September.
12. Please mark your calendars for our 2011-2012 Convocation on Monday, August 15th at 8:50 a.m. in the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church (CRPC) Sanctuary. As a community of believers it is especially important to gather together in the beginning of the school year to praise God and ask for His blessings over our children and school year. Please join us for worship, praise songs and a short message about growing in Christ at WA.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the information in my letter or the packet. Please feel free to email me at orsinol@wacad.edu or Barb Carlen at carlenb@wacad.edu to arrange a time to visit with me about any matter at WA.

Together in Christ we will partner with you to encourage, educate and equip your children in God's Truth and scholarly excellence for His glory.

We hope you have a restful and blessed summer. Blessings to you and your family in Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ,



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Headmaster