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ACADEMY

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**BEYOND
the WALLS**

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Seniors passed a symbolic “light of leadership” to the juniors and then prayed special blessings over each other during our annual Baccalaureate service. This year-end tradition has become a favorite event for our seniors and their families.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

A Year of Praise and Growth

Dear Families and Friends of
The Woodlands Christian Academy,

On behalf of our Governance Board, administration and faculty, we are pleased to present this annual report, summarizing highlights from the 2022-2023 school year.

At Woodlands Christian, we strive to equip leaders – spiritually, intellectually, creatively, physically and socially – to fulfill God’s purpose for each of their lives. Through His transforming power, we believe that students can find their unique gifts and talents and reach their highest potential. Thus, we offer a rigorous Christian college-preparatory curriculum taught by an engaging faculty that delivers the personal mentoring and encouragement necessary to help our students succeed and develop a love of learning. Whether in the classroom, at an athletic competition, on the stage or in the mission field, we challenge our students to become servant-leaders for Christ, capable of making an eternal impact for His kingdom.

This was another exciting year at Woodlands Christian as we achieved record student enrollment, graduated the largest senior class in our school’s history, and completed a capital campaign for a Fine Arts Education Building and Outdoor Amphitheater. Our students attained top scores on standardized exams with our seniors receiving outstanding college acceptances and merit-based college scholarship offers. They competed well in athletic, academic and STEAM competitions, and our students amazed us with their talents in fine arts and hearts for serving others.

We are also pleased to report that we passed our review with the Council of Educational Standards and Accountability (CESA) with flying colors this year, maintaining our Member of Council status and



accreditation from Cognia. This in-depth review takes place every five years. The Woodlands Christian Academy is one of 50 CESA Member of Council schools nationwide.

We value our responsibility as financial stewards. Tuition and fees cover 100% of our operating expenses, enabling us to use additional fundraising dollars to enhance our campus and programs. We have received clean, unqualified audits for each of the past 17 years, and debt service is less than 1% of our operating expenses.

We hope you enjoy this annual report with a focus on our previous year’s achievements and the annual report of gifts. We are, as always, grateful for the contributions of time, talent and treasure that we receive from the families and friends of The Woodlands Christian Academy.

Serving Him,

Julie H. Ambler
HEAD OF SCHOOL



TWCA Governance Board

The **Governance Board** of The Woodlands Christian Academy exists to ensure that our school is achieving its mission in the lives of students while prudently using the resources God has provided.

The Governance Board follows the Carver Policy Governance® Model which uses a structured monitoring system to measure the school’s progress in achieving its Ends policies as determined by the Board. By using this model, the Board is able to focus on our school’s long-term mission and vision while maintaining sound financial stewardship and integrity in relationships with families, employees, donors, accreditation agencies, and the greater community. The Governance Board hires only one employee, the Head of School, and delegates all day-to-day operations through explicit governing policies to the Head of School.

Ultimately, the Governance Board represents God and the moral owners of our school. Moral owners include parents, faculty and members of the greater Christian community who share the vision for the school and have a vested interest in its success.

2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS,
LEFT TO RIGHT

Anthony George
CHIEF GOVERNANCE
OFFICER

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SECRETARY

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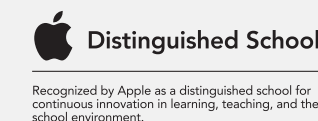
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OUR CORE VALUES

We **RELATE**

We thrive in a connected and nurturing community.

"There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:5-6

We **TRANSFORM**

It's not just what we learn, but who we become while learning.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will."

ROMANS 12:2

We **CELEBRATE**

We rejoice in relationships and transformation.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IS AN INDEPENDENT, CHRIST-CENTERED COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL THAT INTEGRATES LEARNING WITH **BIBLICAL FAITH AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH, & CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL - INTELLECTUALLY, CREATIVELY, PHYSICALLY, AND SOCIALLY - FOR THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST.**

OUR PILLARS & THE SYMBOLISM OF OUR LOGO

Our mission statement is evident within the elements of our logo. Spiritually serves as the overarching capstone of the columns which each represent a different pillar.



HOLY TRINITY
The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is over all we do



SHIELD
Symbolizes the Shield of Faith, Warriors for Christ




ETCHING
Suggests the establishment of tradition and a new legacy



RINGS
Represents never-ending commitment to excellence



OUR 2022-2023 BIBLICAL THEME

GIVE
PRAISE 
TO THE LORD.
PROCLAIM HIS NAME;
MAKE AMONG THE NATIONS
WHAT HE HAS ^{DONE} SING TO HIM,
SING PRAISE ^{TO HIM;}
TELL ^{OF ALL} HIS WONDERFUL ACTS.

PSALM 105: 1-2



2022-2023 by the Numbers



18
Pre-AP
& Honors
Classes



58 ZIP
CODES
Represented by
TWCA Students



40
Beautiful,
Wooded Acres



150⁺
Security Cameras



9:1
Average Student
to Faculty Ratio



20
Advanced
Placement Classes



85
Students Have
Qualified as
Apple Certified
Mac Technicians
(ACMT)



160
Minutes of NILD
Educational
Therapy for Full
Time ACE Students
Each Week



788
2022-2023
Student Enrollment
HS: 292 / MS: 220 / LS: 276



875
Apple Devices
Issued to Students
and Staff



100%
of Grads Accepted
to 4-year Colleges
or Universities

#1

Ranked The Best
Christian School in
Montgomery Co.
by Niche.com



10
STEAM Labs &
Makerspaces



550⁺
Students Involved
in Fine Arts Events



24
TAPPS State
Championship
Titles in
School History



894
Sprinkler Heads



90% of Students
Played at Least
One Sport



24
Class of 2023
Average ACT Score
TWCA 30
Top 25%
TWCA 28
Top 50%
National 21
Average



#1
Best School for
Athletes in
Montgomery Co.
by Niche.com



2,430
Hours of Service
Completed by
Interact Club
Members



Retention
Rate for
Returning
Students

5,932
Chicken Sandwiches
Served in the Cafe



45
Students
Recognized as
AP Scholars



30%
Diverse Student
Population



46
Rise Summer
Camps Offered
in 2023



650
Pieces of Student
Art on Display
at the Fine Arts
Extravaganza



Founded in
**19
93**

7,073

Followers on TWCA's
Social Media Platforms



345
First-Time Campus
Visitors for Fine
Arts Events



92
Largest Class
of Graduating
Seniors (2023)



1,300
Seats Available in
Warrior Stadium

\$13,455,670

New Record, Merit-based Scholarship
Dollars Awarded to the Class of 2023

\$146K

Average Amount
Awarded Per
Student



264
Doors Throughout
Campus



1216
Class of 2023
Average SAT Score

1451 TWCA Top 25%
1348 TWCA Top 50%
1050 National Average



A new tradition began in high school in 2022. Before the bell rang on the first day of school, new students joined Warrior Ambassadors, student group leaders and staff members on the 3rd floor of the Micah Academic Center to pray over each other and ask for God's blessings in the year ahead.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

To kick off each new school year, middle and high school students are invited to participate in various social opportunities to reconnect with their friends, meet their teachers and get excited for the year ahead. Warriors celebrated the start of the 2022-2023 school year off-campus with pizza and games at Main Event and Urban Air, and on-campus through opportunities like Leadership Training for high school student group leaders and our first annual locker decorating party in middle school. These activities also help new students to get better acquainted with the TWCA culture and relieve some of the anxieties that come with change.





Get to know...



John-Michael Berger
FINE ARTS AV ADMINISTRATOR

WARRIOR WISDOM

"What we do now
echoes in eternity."
- Marcus Aurelius

What is your role at TWCA?

I oversee and implement new audio-visual (AV) procedures and technology for classes and events. I assist in classroom education for AV, operate AV equipment, and delegate at every level for classrooms and event centers.

How long have you been working with AV?

I have run major events and concerts and operated audio, video, and lighting at various churches, studios and live venues. I also operate a home studio that I have built up over the past 20 years.

What attracted you to TWCA?

I was initially attracted to the friendliness of the staff. Compared to other work places, TWCA employees seem genuinely content to be here and excited for each new day.

Describe your leadership philosophy.

Champion and enable your students or your team for success at the next level. Never bench a motivated player.

What has been the best part of life at TWCA?

The positivity of staff is very encouraging. I'm surprised to see how involved leadership is with the advancement of the school.

Do you have any children?

I have a one year old, so hopefully he will be a Warrior one day.

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I'm a rapper, but Taylor Swift is my favorite artist.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to make music in my studio. I also train in Mixed Martial Arts, and I enjoy going to the movie theater.



Our Student Ambassador teams are full of energetic students who enjoy sharing with others, what they love about TWCA. The Student Ambassador program aims to cultivate student leaders who can share the Warrior experience with prospective students, families, and community members. These students welcome and host potential students on shadow visits, join campus tours, and volunteer at school events. Students apply for this opportunity and serve for the duration of the year. Our hope is that our Ambassadors will continue in this program throughout their TWCA careers.

God asks big things of small people too! The Mighty Warrior Ambassadors program was brand new in lower school this year. It's mission is to equip our littlest Warriors to be faithful servants, teaching leadership skills with Christian principles to help grow leaders who walk The Warrior Way.



2. Nurse Jadlot visited PreK for a lesson on germs. She discussed the importance of thoroughly washing our hands to avoid spreading germs to our friends and used "glo germ" lotion and a black light to illuminate the germs on their hands. She introduced singing the "Happy Birthday" song as a way to ensure they spend enough time getting their hands clean before moving over to the hand washing station for a chance to apply what they had learned.

CROSS-CAMPUS COLLABORATION

Having three schools on one campus has its advantages. We love finding ways to bridge the gap between lower, middle and high school, forming a close-knit community. Lower school and middle school students have access to amenities not common in most elementary and middle schools, and they get to take part in sporting events and traditions with the high school.

Opportunities to build relationships across campus is what makes Woodlands Christian so special. Students can collaborate across different schools, adding to our unique campus culture! Older and younger students are able to exchange ideas and serve one another. This is one of the many advantages of being at a PreK - 12 school!

1. Using augmented reality, 5th and 6th graders created a tall tale or fractured fairy tale character. They paired up with kindergartners to show them their character and then taught the little ones how to create their own. Kindergartners were excited and intrigued to see their augmented reality characters "playing" on the playground. This activity brought students closer together by giving them the opportunity to work one-on-one as opposed to a large group setting. The middle schoolers enjoyed teaching the kindergartners, much the same way as an older sibling would teach a younger sibling.



3. Mrs. Yee's 8th grade class was tasked with writing a story about an unconventional hero. To help them prepare, they interviewed students in Mrs. Adler Derr's 1st grade class to gather ideas for what the hero's journey may entail. This collaboration allowed the younger students a chance to contribute imaginative, meaningful insights and to learn from their older peers.



4. 5th and 6th graders in Makerspace created a Christmas Arcade as part of an engineering and problem-solving challenge. Lower and middle school students were invited to the arcade to test and play the games and then provide feedback.



5. PreK students met with Coach Brown's Warrior Way class. Freshmen Friends is a joint venture to help connect our youngest Warriors and newest high school students, and to build community between the schools. Our students loved getting to know each other and play together!



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6. Mrs. Ambler stopped by 1st grade to talk about her role as the Head of School to support the lessons in citizenship that they are learning in class. The students were very engaged and asked thoughtful questions!



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7. PreK students took a trip across campus to the weight room to see where our Warrior athletes train. Coach Walker talked to them about making healthy choices and the importance of exercise before taking them through a few exercises. The students were so excited to see their teacher, Ms. T. (a nationally ranked competitive power lifter) in action!



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8. 3rd Graders mentored kindergarten authors by providing feedback and guidance on editing and revising their how-to pieces. It was an incredible time for both the big kids and littles. Third graders were proud to impart their knowledge and coach the littles. Kindergartners were so excited to share their writing and celebrate their hard work with the big kids.



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9. Middle school students in the Game Makers class worked hard to code and perfect their video game prototypes using the app Bloxels. This STEAM project culminated in the Gamers' Showcase where other classes tested out the games and provided the programmers with feedback so that they could improve the games and take them to the next level.



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10. Kindergartners and Senior Buddies had their last meet up at Urban Air! They had the best time bouncing around, and it was a great way to end the year. We love this special relationship that forms between our oldest and youngest students. Moments like these make our campus a little smaller and more of a community. The next time these students saw each other was when the seniors sent them off at Kindergarten Graduation!



Get to know...



Katie Teixeira

HELPDESK SUPPORT SPECIALIST

WARRIOR WISDOM

If you can help - help. This is something I live my life by and try to influence my children and students to do the same. The helpdesk class is a support role, so it applies in everyday life and in technology!

What is your role at TWCA?

I have a blended role in which I support the school's technology needs, and I teach the students how to provide technical support and get Apple certified.

How long have you been teaching in this area or working with technology?

I have worked in the technology field for 13 years and education for five years. This is my first year teaching a class, and I am so fortunate that I found such a great blend of teaching and tech support.

What attracted you to TWCA?

I love the way the students represent the school. Each conversation is full of gratitude and respect, and it is clearly a rich, faith-filled environment.

What has been the best part of life at TWCA?

Every day the students are constantly impressing me with their dreams and ambitions.

Do you have any children?

I have two biological children - Aiden, 9, and Jeremiah, 7, will likely start at TWCA next year. I have an 11-year-old stepson, and I also have an 18-year-old foster son who will be graduating this year. I occasionally have more kids in my home - it just depends on the day.

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I am originally from Massachusetts. I moved to Texas in 2009 and realized I would much rather live in a warm environment, so I never left!

What do you like to do for fun?

I am very family oriented. I typically spend my free time outdoors with my kids. We especially love fishing, hiking and swimming.



The Warrior Way

Creating a positive culture is vital to our success. We use The Warrior Way as a tool to reinforce and train our Warriors to build positive habits. You may have seen the banners hanging along the driveway entrance, in hallways, or in the gym. Or, perhaps, you've heard our students recite the creed during events or weekly announcements.

Our Spanish Immersion Kindergarten class even learned the creed in Spanish:

Un guerrero honra a Dios,
lucha por la verdad, da buen
ejemplo, sirve a otros y camina
con humildad.

As we integrate The Warrior Way into all aspects of TWCA culture, we will focus on one statement for each of the next five years as our yearly theme. The 2023-2024 theme will be, "A Warrior Honors God", and our scripture will be 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV), "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

A WARRIOR:
HONORS
GOD
FIGHTS
FOR TRUTH
LEADS
BY EXAMPLE
SERVES
OTHERS
WALKS
HUMBLY



Spiritually

— for the glory of Jesus Christ

Our desire is for students at Woodlands Christian to grow in their faith and transform spiritually. From biblical concepts woven into lesson plans, sports and fine arts, to the many opportunities to serve others, our students are able to worship God all day, every day.

PHOTO: Holy Week was filled with learning about and reflecting upon the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our students celebrated the week of Easter with extra joy and reverence! Lower School Honor Choir filled chapel with beautiful melodies, and middle and high school students brought the gospel of Mark to life with a moving skit.



B3rd ATHLETICS

GOD • OTHERS • ME

When you are a part of Warrior Athletics at TWCA, you are always looking to improve. That goes for athletes, coaches and parents both on and off the field of play. Starting this year, Warrior Athletics has implemented the B3rd Approach to all high school athletics programs under the direction of Tanner Field, the founder of B3rd Athletics and the boys varsity basketball head coach.



"Our goal is simple. We want to impact lives through athletics and put things back in the proper order — GOD, others, me. The self should always be last."



SCAN TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THE
PROGRAM

According to its website, "B3rd Athletics was inspired by an ongoing conversation with Coach Field and his wife. As the parents of six children, they are in constant prayer about their future sons and daughters-in-law. With the hope being that each of their kids find Godly relationships, they were inspired to use athletics to build future husbands and wives. We recognize that young people today are going through the most challenging time in human history with regard to moral obstacles. Currently, the standards and expectations for our future leaders are at an all-time low, and we think that needs to change."

The B3rd team, along with Field, includes TWCA's Spiritual Coordinator and high school Bible teacher Aaron Marez and Brian Goll — an English teacher at Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas, Texas.

With three separate curriculums — one for athletes, coaches and parents — everyone in the Warrior Community can be a part of the B3rd movement. Each Monday, all high school athletes, whether they are in season or not, are invited to meet in the SLC to go over the week's topic as an entire athletic community. The following days, each sport can meet individually with their coaches to discuss the content in more depth.

Each week, the lessons are comprised of:

- Monday Biblical Lesson
- Tuesday Old Testament Reading / Reflection
- Wednesday Pray the Psalm
- Thursday New Testament Reading / Reflection
- Friday Gospel Reading / Reflection

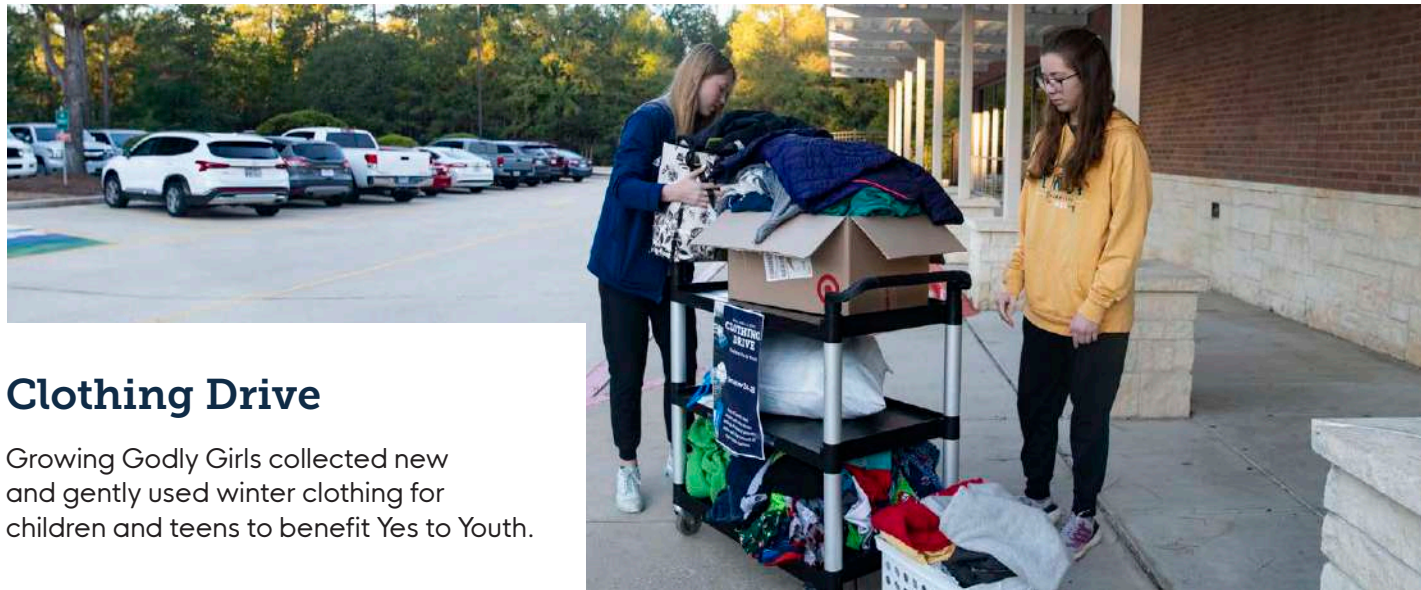
Field's basketball program has embraced the mantra — GOD, Others, Me — and the dividends have shown on the court with three state titles in the past five seasons.

"When embraced by the entire culture (athletes, coaches and parents), the B3rd mindset frees people from the trap of individualism and creates a counter cultural environment of authentic joy for team," Field said. "We have experienced both ends of the spectrum and much prefer serving players and parents who believe in God, Others, Me! It's refreshing to coach young people when you know that you have the support of their parents, and they trust you are working hard for the entire team."



See You At The Pole

Students led worship, shared scriptures and testimonies at a heartwarming See You At The Pole. We love gathering with our TWCA community to pray for our school, greater community and nation. Lower school students participated in their own SYATP in the EMPR. Forming one big prayer circle, students passed the microphone around and had the chance to offer up a prayer as they felt led. It was touching to hear students pray for their classmates, those who are sick, and for our veterans. We are raising prayer Warriors at TWCA!



Clothing Drive

Growing Godly Girls collected new and gently used winter clothing for children and teens to benefit Yes to Youth.



Shoe Drive

In partnership with PROject Christ, National Honor Society and Student Council hosted a shoe drive benefiting people in need in Houston and San Antonio.

Kindness Week

Lower school students are growing in the fruits of the Spirit. They spread love through acts of kindness for friends, family and staff.





Interact Club Develops Leaders Through Service

Interact Club offers Warriors in 9th-12th grade opportunities to develop their leadership skills and serve others for the glory of Christ. The club boasts 153 members and requires 15 hours of service each semester. Those who reach 20 service hours for the year earn a letter for their jacket. Here are a few photos and highlights from the year.

Other major projects include:

- YMCA Triathlon series race support
- Gold lemonade stand (raised \$500 for St. Jude's Hospital)
- Multiple on-campus events such as – Homecoming, cross country meets, gingerbread house competition, Color Run, Paint Wars, track meet staffing and more!
- Woodlands Haunted Trails
- Adopted the path along the front of our property for trash collection
- Hosted an aid station for the Ironman Triathlon



Rise Against Hunger

Interact Club teamed up with local chapters across Montgomery County to pack 30,000 meals for "Rise Against Hunger," a Rotary Club initiative.



THair For You Lemonade Sale

Interact Club partnered with Texas Frozen Tropics and raised \$1,000 for THair For You, an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients.



Sterling Ridge BBQ Cook-off

Interact Club volunteered at the Sterling Ridge BBQ Cook-off and Festival. They manned the face-painting, snow cone, and cotton candy stations which offered them a pretty sweet way to garner volunteer hours.



Arrow Christmas Party

Interact members served with Arrow Ministries to provide Christmas memories to foster youth in our community. They wrapped gifts for close to 200 children and spent the rest of the day making crafts. Several members contributed toward the hundreds of handmade cards, rolls of wrapping paper, tape, and party snacks to ensure the day was a success.



World Vision Global 6K Walk for Water

Our students joined forces with RTI Technologies to raise funds for clean water solutions through World Vision's 6k Walk for Water. They learned about the long journeys many people have to make when searching for drinkable water and had a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of children in need around the world. At TWCA, we are equipping our students with the empathy and lifelong values needed to transform their communities and the world for Christ.





PASSION

From its start in 1995, the Passion movement has had a singular mission – calling students and leaders from campuses across the nation and cities around the world to live for what matters most.

Woodlands Christian seniors have attended Passion for years, including the 2023 conference, themed “For The Fame of Jesus,” based on Isaiah 26:8. Read on as Keala Chamberlain and Jaden Scrushy share their firsthand experience.



What made you want to go to Passion?

K For years, I heard about this huge Christian conference that changed so many lives. I always dreamed of going, but never had the opportunity. I follow Sadie Robertson-Huff on Instagram and saw her posts about how life-changing this conference is. When Coach Earle emailed seniors about attending, I knew I had to jump on it because of how impactful it would be.

J I wanted to go to Passion because my sister has gone the past few years and told me how much she learned and how awesome it is.



What was your favorite part of the conference?

K Every moment in and out of the arena those three days was absolutely life-changing. The worship was such an incredible thing to experience; the music and the overall vibes would give anyone chills. Everyone was raising their hands and singing their hearts out for Jesus without any judgment. Of course, seeing Sadie talk was one moment I will never forget. Her message was AMAZING and hearing her speak the Word was moving!

Was there anything about Passion that was unexpected?

K The incredible sermons. One speaker recited chapters of Romans from memory, which was absolutely incredible to witness.

J The speaker who recited Romans 1-8 from memory. His message was about how important the Word is. You can listen to music and speakers, and have all the smoke machines, but it's the Word that has meaning. I realized I need to go into the Word, to know more of the Bible and have it in my arsenal.

What was your biggest takeaway from this conference?

K God wants to be in all of our lives, not just the spiritual part. God can do so many incredible and wonderful things if we all just let Him into every part of us.

J I need to spend more time with God - worshiping, reading and focusing on His Word. I realized how much more invested in God I could be and how greatly that will impact my life. I need to praise God in everything, keeping God at the center of my life in every situation.

Would you recommend Passion to others?

K Totally! Passion is life-changing. It is such an amazing opportunity to grow in faith and get to know Jesus even more. You will definitely not regret going. It was all amazing, from the atmosphere to the people I went with. Everyone should go.

J Absolutely! It was a great experience that I'll always remember. I plan to attending next year in Atlanta. My relationship with God grew, and I met so many awesome, new people.



One Day is Now

A Day of Spiritual Emphasis, Worship and Community

More than 1,000 middle and high school students from Houston-area schools joined together at Second Baptist to worship and learn for One Day — a full day of worship, speakers and breakout classes focused on revival. Students from various schools and faith backgrounds listened as keynote speaker Shane Pruitt proclaimed, "You are the church, right now."

He described the unique challenges facing Gen Z and issued a charge to each student in attendance to be bold, be wise, and to use their knowledge and energy to alter their community and the world for Christ.



LOVE WEEK

In February, TWCA hosted LOVE Week, an annual event for high school students to focus on God's love and grow in their personal faith.

The week-long event kicked off with a powerful worship service led by Bristol House Music followed by a message from Rebelbase Ministries, that encouraged students to embrace God's love and peace.

Guest speakers Brittani de la Mora from Love Always Ministries and Joshua Broome from Finding Hope Inc., shared a message with the students to lead lives of spiritual purity that begins in the heart and

overflows into their life. Both had worked in the adult film industry before becoming Christians and now work in ministry. Students were split into gender-specific groups, where the speakers shared their personal testimonies and answered questions related to sex, pornography and referred everything back to the Bible.

Throughout the week, students participated in practical applications of love and service. They prayed for one another, engaged in student-led worship, and led or participated in small groups focused on evangelism.

"The whole point of LOVE Week is for our students to understand God's love for us and for us to love God more. We had an incredible response from the students, and many shared about the wisdom and encouragement gained through the week."

- AARON MAREZ, COORDINATOR OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT





FAITH AND BAPTISMS on the FOOTBALL FIELD

It was Wednesday morning and the football team ended practice uncharacteristically early. The giant sports medicine water bath was on the sideline, and the entire football team gathered round as four students, one after another, stepped into the tank where they were submerged under water. Now before you think this was some sort of hazing practice taking place at The Woodlands Christian Academy, let's back up for some context.

JW Painter, senior at TWCA, transferred from The Woodlands High School with the hopes of getting more playing time. He was focused on football but quickly realized Woodlands Christian had much more to offer. Growing up, JW attended church on and off. He believed in God but didn't necessarily live out his faith. He was interested in

getting more involved at church or taking more practical steps in his faith but didn't quite know how. That all changed when he attended the One Day conference at Second Baptist. After a day of worship and breakout sessions, JW made the decision to commit to learning more about God and exploring his faith.

Morgan Conejo, sophomore, was also feeling God move at One Day. Split between his mom and dad's house, he spent years vacillating in his faith. Things started to change when Morgan enrolled at Woodlands Christian. Coming from public school, he was used to walking through a metal detector and being sniffed by dogs and getting pat downs. At TWCA, he was surprised by how friendly people were and by how much the teachers care.

"You don't have to worry about watching your back. Everybody works together, and the teachers



help you. You can come from any walk of life. You could be a different skin color or act a different way, and they'll still treat you like family. In my first weeks here, I thought I was going to get jumped because everyone was so nice to me. People would come out of nowhere, come up behind me, know my name and say 'hi'. I wanted to throw my hands up and protect myself, but everyone here is just so friendly. I'm not used to that behavior!"

Diallo McMorris' journey began when he transferred from Klein Cain. Once he joined the TWCA community, his connection to God began to grow. Community events from Senior Retreat to One Day began fostering his relationship with Christ, which continued to deepen during his regular fellowship with Coach

Svendsen. Diallo chose to be baptized in front of the community which had so greatly helped him.

Ava Kember is the first and only female football player on the team. She grew up in a Christian home and attended church every Sunday. Even though she received good grades in Bible class and did all the Christian "things," her faith didn't feel real. Ava started struggling with her mental health and started therapy. Over time, she realized she was not relying on God, and He was not the foundation in her life. Once she started relying on God, she experienced more joy and her mental health improved.

When Ava's family moved from Canada to Texas, she experienced growth in her faith. "Being around other Christians has helped me want to grow closer to God just like it says in Proverbs 13:20, 'He who walks with wise men will be wise.' When you choose to surround yourself with good company, these people will support and encourage you on your path towards your destiny."

Coach Svendsen spoke to the athletes about baptism and what it means to follow Christ. He offered an invitation to get baptized on the football field in front of their family and teammates. Morgan raised his hand - he was ready to get baptized. Ava had several opportunities to get baptized in the past but never felt quite ready. But when Coach Svendsen made the offer, she felt a sense of peace and knew it was the time to take the next step in obedience. JW's dad asked him if he was sure he wanted to get baptized on a football field instead of a church. He said, "I wanted to get baptized with people who care about me. It meant more to me because it was with the most important people to me."

Surrounded by family and teammates, Coach Svendsen baptized JW Painter, Morgan Conejo, Diallo McMorris and Ava Kember. He submerged them under water, not as a hazing ritual, but to signify their death to self and resurrection with Christ. Students cheered them on as they made this public declaration of faith.

Coach Svendsen continues to meet with the students each Monday morning for a Bible study and discussion. The students have been consistent. Maybe it's the donuts and kolaches, but more likely - it's the fact that they get to ask questions about Christianity and God. During this time, they discuss the foundations of faith, important biblical principals, and learn what it means to walk with Christ. Coach Svendsen emphasizes reading the Bible and setting aside time for prayer. Students confess the challenges they are dealing with and pray for one another.





Intellectually

— for the glory of Jesus Christ



Academic excellence is at the heart of what we do at Woodlands Christian. Our teachers provide great care and attention through hands-on learning activities and engaging lessons. They continually challenge students to reach their highest potential intellectually.

PHOTO: Congratulations to the Classes of 2023 and 2035 on their successful completion of high school and Kindergarten! Our little graduates, alongside their senior buddies, shared photos, hugs, and heartfelt final fist bumps to celebrate the bonds formed throughout this past year. We always enjoy celebrating this momentous occasion, a significant stepping stone in their academic path. Cheers to the bright futures ahead for these remarkable Warriors!



The Medevac 5 crew landed their air ambulance at TWCA while The Woodlands Fire Department coordinated the landing. HOSA students toured the air ambulance and fire engine and interviewed the crews to learn more about their jobs.



High school students in Mrs. DeLeon's HOSA class learned the importance of donning personal protective equipment (PPE) by participating in a relay race where they geared up for surgery.

hosa future health professionals

Health Occupations Skills and Assessment for Future Physicians and Healthcare Workers (HOSA) was a new course offered at TWCA in 2022-2023. Students engaged in hands-on training in health occupation skills for medical anatomy, clinical pathology, medical terminology, pharmacology, trauma and emergency response.

This new course gives students who are interested in the medical field the opportunity to start their training and certification process two years earlier than their peers. The course also instills leadership skills, interview skills, professionalism, and prevents provider burnout by equipping students with a spiritually solid foundation along with some mental health skills needed to work in the health industry. HOSA students are developing hands-on, life-saving skills. In the fall semester, students completed a unit on wounds and traumatic injuries that included Stop the Bleed training, Red Cross internal and external bleeding, Apprentice Doctor bleeding training, and wound closure lessons where they mastered several different types of sutures.

The HOSA 1 Honors course includes training in the following areas:

- CPR
- AED use
- Basic lifesaving skills including intubation and airway control
- First aid for sudden illnesses
- Emergency response
- Wound care
- Wound closures
- Life-threatening bleeding
- Acute injuries for neck, head, spine, and joints
- Splinting
- Taping and joint stabilization for injuries
- Trauma training
- Basic patient care skills
- Patient intake and medical background
- Patient bloodwork, fluids, and electrolyte balance
- Administration of vitals for patients

Upon completion of this course, students receive certifications from the American Red Cross in CPR/AED/First aid for infants, pediatrics, and adults, with skills boosts in asthma rescue, anaphylaxis endorsement, NARCAN overdose training, and medication administration of intramuscular injections. Equipped with four to six medical career certifications, our HOSA students will be set apart from others applying for college and majoring in the medical field. Upon graduation from high school, these students are ready and able to find jobs working in hospitals, doctors' offices, and medical laboratories. Our students are blessed to have such a unique learning experience as they explore career paths in healthcare. HOSA provides valuable experience in the medical field while preparing students for a career in healthcare. The future of the medical field looks promising with these Warriors!



"This is the class I look forward to every day. It's not work – well, we work really hard – but it's easy because I love what I am learning and practicing."

- MICHAELA DEMANDANTE, CLASS OF 2026



"Remember that in all situations God is working and crafting a plan far greater than what we could ever hope for, even if we don't see those blessings immediately. I hope and pray each of your journeys are filled with meaningful experiences and with opportunities to minister to others."

- DAVIS JOHNSON, VALEDICTORIAN 2023

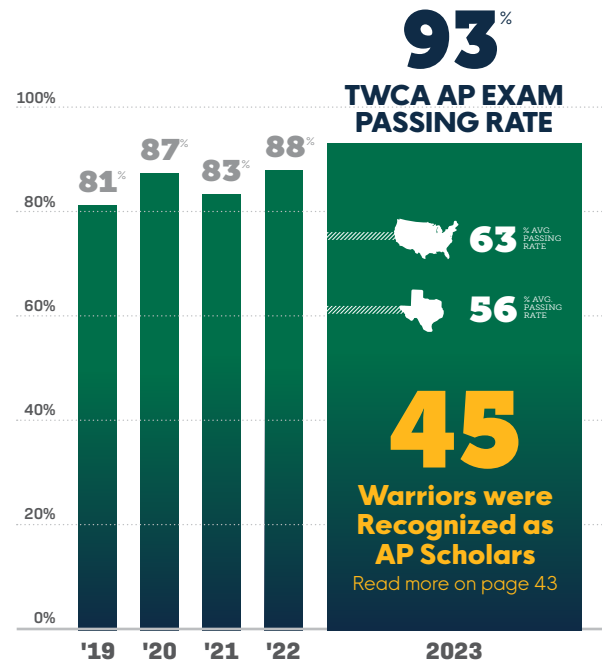


"On behalf of the Class of 2023, I would like to thank all of our family members, teachers, and staff who have poured into us and prepared us for the next step in our careers. I would like to thank the coaches who have made us the people we are today and gifted us with memories we will never forget. Lastly, I would like to thank our Creator who, without a doubt, orchestrated our time here together and led us to this moment. I pray for His blessings and protection over us as He guides us into the next chapter."

- AVERY BUCK, SALUTATORIAN 2023

CELEBRATING *our* SENIORS

Congratulations, Class of 2023!



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

TWCA maintains a rigorous college preparatory curriculum including Honors, Pre-AP and Advanced Placement courses. Students must maintain a minimum average grade of 85% in Honors and Pre-AP courses or 90% in college prep courses for AP course consideration.

Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anatomy & Physiology• Biotechnology & Applied Principles of Bioengineering• French III (ONLINE ONLY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German III (ONLINE ONLY)• HOSA II• Computer Science (INDEPENDENT STUDY)	
Pre-AP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algebra I & II• Art: 2D & Drawing• Art 3D Design• Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemistry• Computer Science• English I & II• Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latin III• Spanish III
AP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art & Design• Biology• Calculus (AB)• Calculus (BC)• Chemistry• Computer Science Principles• Computer Science (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Language & Composition• English Literature & Composition• Environmental Science• Latin• Macroeconomics• Microeconomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics• Pre-Calculus• Psychology• Spanish Language & Culture• U.S. Government & Politics• U.S. History• World History

ACT SCORES

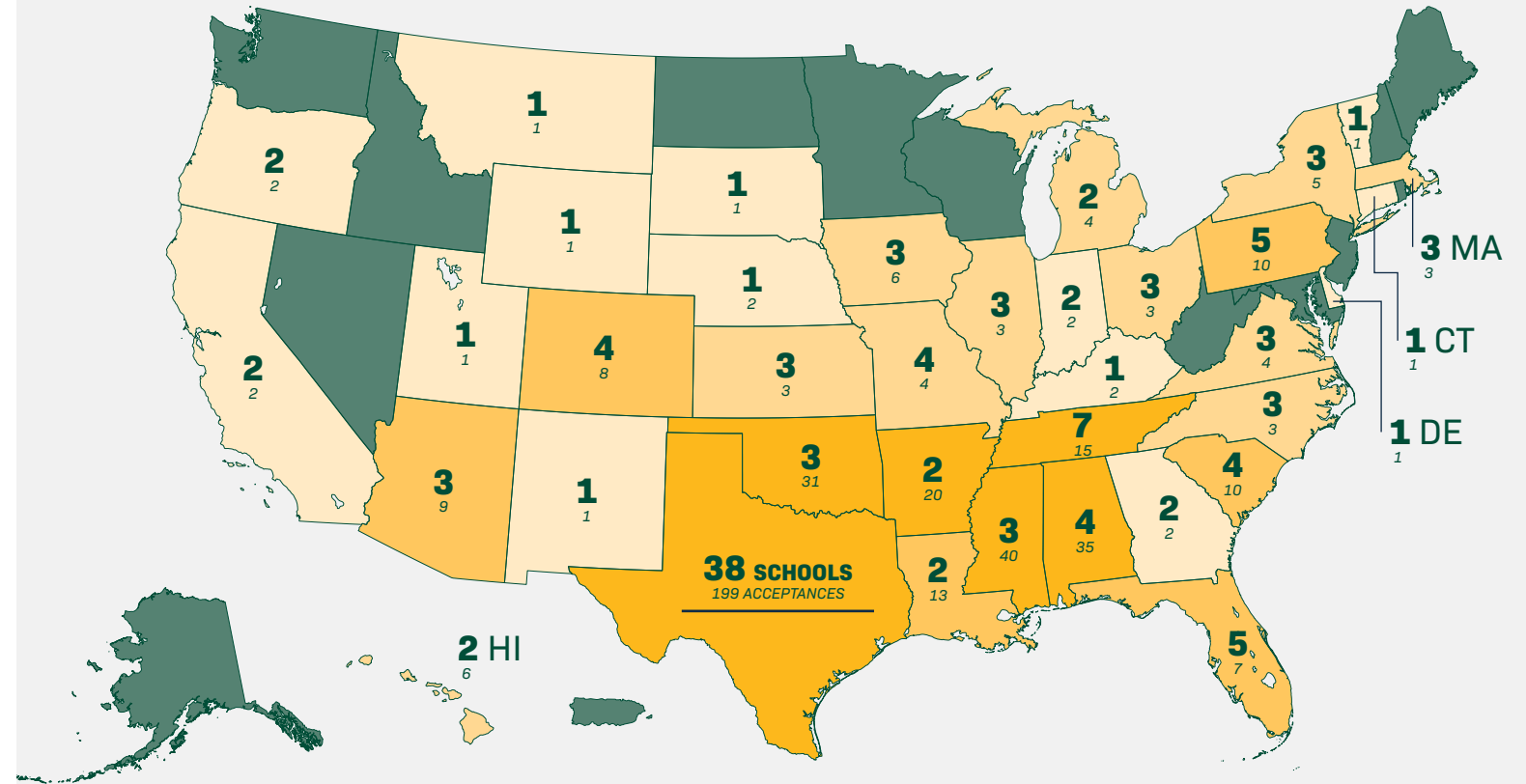
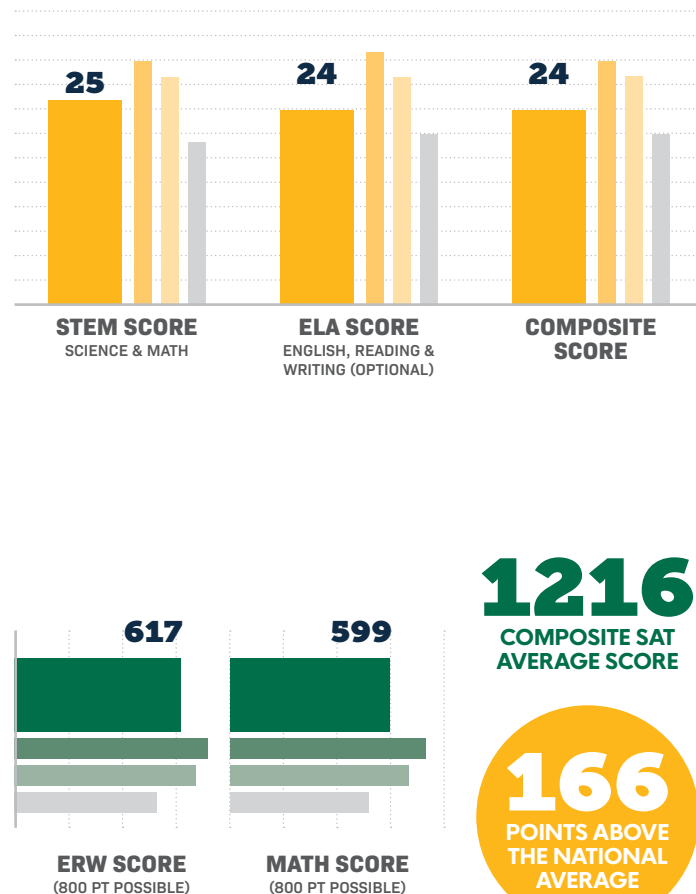
	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
CLASS OF 2023	24	24	25	25	24
TWCA TOP 25%	30	29	31	31	30
TWCA TOP 50%	27	27	29	29	28
NATIONAL AVG.	20	20	21	21	21

The ACT contains four multiple-choice tests and an optional writing test that measures skills important for success in postsecondary education. Each test is scored on a 1 to 36 point scale. The composite score is the average of the four tests rounded to the nearest whole number.

SAT SCORES

	COMPOSITE	EVIDENCE-BASED READING & WRITING	MATH
CLASS OF 2023	1216	617	599
TWCA TOP 25%	1451	717	734
TWCA TOP 50%	1348	678	671
NATIONAL AVG.	1050	529	521

The SAT is a standardized test that measures a student's skills in three core areas: Math, Evidence-Based Reading, and Writing. Each section of the SAT is scored on a 200 to 800 point scale. The highest possible composite SAT score is 1600.



461 TOTAL ACCEPTANCES / **128** TOTAL UNIVERSITIES* / **48** R1-RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES / **36** STATES / **4** SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

University acceptances for the class of 2023 include:

Abilene Christian University
Albright College
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts
Baylor University
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Bethel University
Blinn College
Boston College
Boston University
Butler University
Catawba College
Charleston Southern University
Chennault Aviation Academy
Clarke University
Clemson University - HC
Coe College
Colorado State University
Columbia College
Creighton University
Dallas Baptist University
Drexel University
East Texas Baptist University

Emerson College
Emory & Henry College
Florida Southern College
Furman University
Grand Canyon University
Grand Valley State University
Grayson College
Hawaii Pacific University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Houston Christian University
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
LeTourneau University
Lipscomb University - HC
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Lyon College
McMurray University
Michigan State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi State University
Missouri Southern State University
Norwich University
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University

Olivet Nazarene University
Oregon State University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pepperdine University
Prairie View A&M University
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Rollins College
Sam Houston State University
Samford University
Sewanee: The Univ. of the South
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
St. Edwards University
St. Mary's University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Tarleton State University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Wesleyan University
The Citadel: The Military Academy of South Carolina
The Florida Institute of Technology

The Ohio State University
The Pennsylvania State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Kansas
The University of Memphis
The University of Mississippi
The University of New Mexico
The University of North Carolina at Wilmington - HC
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Oregon - Clark HC
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas
The University of Utah
Trinity University
Troy University
US Air Force Academy
US Merchant Marine Academy
US Military Academy West Point
University of Arkansas
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dallas
University of Delaware
University of Denver

University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Incarnate Word
University of Kentucky
University of Louisiana
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of Miami
University of Missouri
University of Montana
University of Oregon - Clark HC
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Sioux Falls
University of Wyoming
Vanderbilt University - Ingram Scholars Program
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
William Woods University
Xavier University

HC = Honors College
System universities were listed under the parent university for space.

With this year's four appointments, we currently have seven alumni enrolled in US military academies including: US Air Force Academy, US Merchant Marine Academy, US Military Academy West Point, and US Naval Academy.

*This number includes Honors Programs and Honors Colleges if they were reported separately. For example, The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas at Austin, Cockrell School of Engineering Honors Program would be counted as two schools.



Class of 2023 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Congratulations to Davis Asher Johnson as the valedictorian and Avery Anne Buck as the salutatorian for the Class of 2023.

Davis Asher Johnson, the son of Jillyn and Jeff Johnson, has demonstrated exceptional academic excellence throughout his 12 years at The Woodlands Christian Academy, earning him the title of valedictorian. Davis plans to attend Texas A&M University – Craig and Galen Brown Engineering Honors Program.

Avery Anne Buck, the daughter of Bridget and John Buck, has excelled academically in her nine years at The Woodlands Christian Academy, earning the title of salutatorian. Avery will also be attending Texas A&M University – Craig and Galen Brown Engineering Honors Program.

"Both Avery and Davis emulate The Warrior Way. They are strong spiritual Warriors, as well as connected socially to our TWCA community," said High School Principal, Mr. Clark. "They are committed academic students, and it's been a blessing to see both Avery and Davis grow into Warriors who will positively impact the world."



NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Two students from The Woodlands Christian Academy have been named as Finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Avery Buck and Seth Culberson placed among the top 16,000 scorers of the over one million students who entered the competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and represent less than one percent of all U.S. high school seniors.

"We are beyond proud of Avery and Seth's efforts in and out of the classroom. This honor is well-deserved. Seth and Avery are both reaching their highest potential and embodying the Warrior Way."

- AMY ROWE, DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC & COLLEGE ADVISING



Commended Students

Congratulations to Ogechukwu Anugwom, Zachary Bagnoli and Davis Johnson, on being named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scores of those who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). This is a huge accomplishment, and we are so proud of our Warriors!



College Board Scholars

We were thrilled to recognize six high school Warriors on being named College Board Scholars. Sierrah Blackwell, Christiana Camarillo, Caden Cyr, Cristian Grieco and Jacob Rios earned academic honors from the College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program. Emioritse Abraham (not pictured) was named a College Board National African American Recognition Program Scholar. These students have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher and excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are among the top students from underrepresented groups in the country. This honor distinguishes our students, making them stand out on their college applications. We are so proud of their hard work and determination!

AP Scholars

Every fall, the AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams.

We had a total of 45 students recognized this year at the following levels:

19 Warriors qualified as AP Scholars with scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

8 Warriors qualified as AP Scholars with Honors with average scores of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

18 Warriors qualified as AP Scholars with Distinction with average scores of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.



Get to know...



Gabriela Morales
SPANISH IMMERSION
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

WARRIOR WISDOM

Christ is most glorified
in us when we are
most satisfied in Him.

What is your role at TWCA?

I am the Spanish Immersion Kindergarten teacher. I am humbled to take my students on a journey to discover their abilities and skills in Spanish while supporting their cultural and social development through the lenses of Spanish and global empathy.

How long have you been teaching?

I worked in summer youth programs at my church for five years then transitioned to children's ministry to implement a bilingual curriculum and a special education class. I also worked as a substitute teacher for a year. This was my first year at TWCA, and it has been phenomenal.

What attracted you to TWCA?

Working at a church and having children of my own helped me understand the importance of Christian education. The reviews and recommendations from friends and families who've been part of this community, reinforced my decision to work here.

Describe your teaching philosophy.

Good teaching produces transformation, enhances critical thinking and encourages curiosity. I help students discover their abilities and purpose in Christ to impact their world of influence.

What has been the best part of life at TWCA?

The amazing culture and environment. The bond among families and staff is incredible. You can feel a sense of belonging here. I can tell the leadership and vision is well communicated and shared. I have had tremendous support from my leaders and administrators while I've helped pioneer this program. I enjoy teaching where I can openly speak about God and His Word. Seeing committed families value global empathy and seeing their joy as their student becomes bilingual has been very rewarding.

Do you have any children?

I have one child that attends TWCA. Axel Jeremiah Morales is 11 years old and is currently in 5th grade.

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I love the arts. I have a major in design and owned a bridal shop back in Mexico where I designed my own wedding dress. I play guitar and serve on my church's worship team. I love learning languages and cultures. Before becoming fluent in English, I learned French and took one year of German.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love nature. I'd go camping every weekend if I could. I enjoy listening to worship, playing guitar and learning piano. I like crafts and painting projects. Spending time with my family, serving my local church and community is a blessing.



Veterans Day

We proudly celebrated Veterans Day by honoring those who served with different tributes throughout campus. Mrs. D'Etcheverry's middle school students created signs in honor of a family member, friend, neighbor or TWCA community member who served. These beautiful projects lined the area outside of the SLC and in front of the Grove throughout the day for classes and campus visitors to stop by and view.

Woodlands Christian veterans Jerry Bradshaw, Katie Teixeira and Victoria Yee joined Mrs. Ambler for the Rotary Club of The Woodlands Veterans Day luncheon. To all of the veterans in our school community, on behalf of The Woodlands Christian Academy, thank you for your service. We are blessed by your sacrifice, and we are honored to celebrate each of you!



Author Visit

Lower and middle school students danced, sang along and laughed as Eric Litwin, award-winning author of the original "Pete the Cat" book series, performed an interactive reading. Using repetition, rhyming and call-and-response, students had fun learning through play! To close, Mr. Eric shared a special message - read often and read what you love!



50th Day of School

PreK celebrated the 50th day of school with a 50's - themed sock hop! Our staff served burgers and root beer floats to Pre-K girls dressed in poodle skirts and boys with their slicked back hair.



Spanish Immersion teacher Mrs. Morales is incredibly proud of the significant growth she has witnessed in her students over the course of the year.

Given the success of the first year of the program, TWCA will be expanding the Spanish Immersion program to add a first grade class, along with the kindergarten class for the 2023-2024 school year.



"It is amazing to see our Kindergarten students grow closer to one another and build trust in each other through this experience. They are working very hard to understand the language and are showing great progress each and every day. We are off to a great start!"

- GABRIELA MORALES, SPANISH IMMERSION KINDERGARTEN TEACHER



PHOTO: Students read a story called "La Tortilla Corredora." Lower school Spanish teacher, Mrs. Bukowski, stopped by to teach Pre-K and Kindergarten students how to make tortillas using a special instrument called a "tortillero." It was a fun and delicious activity that gave students a taste of Spanish culture!

PHOTO: P es de panqueques (P is for pancakes)! Students read "Si Le Das Un Panqueque a Una Cerdita" (If You Give a Pig a Pancake) and celebrated learning the letter 'P' with pancakes! Who wouldn't be motivated to learn with pancakes and sprinkles too?

DUAL LANGUAGE immersion PROGRAM

Our Dual Language Spanish Immersion class launched in 2022 with great interest from our community. The students of our inaugural Kindergarten class are like sponges soaking up every Spanish word and quickly adapting to the experience of communicating and learning each subject completely in Spanish.

SCAN TO TOUR THE
SPANISH IMMERSION
CLASSROOM AND
LEARN MORE





Creatively

— for the glory of Jesus Christ



Fine Arts gives our students the ability to take risks, to try new things, and to express themselves creatively. With a new dance program and creative classes, students now have more opportunities to explore their interests and discover their God-given talents.

PHOTO: Warriors in PreK - 12th grade celebrated the birth of Jesus during our annual Christmas performances, entertaining their family and friends through song, dance, musical theatre, piano and band concerts. Each group put in months of practice and their hard work most certainly paid off! We are so proud of everyone who took the stage and recognize the tremendous efforts of our Fine Arts staff to encourage them to be confident and try their best.



Get to know...



Grace Nguyen

LOWER SCHOOL ART TEACHER

WARRIOR WISDOM

We were created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). He is the ultimate Creator, and we have artistic abilities just like Him.

Mistakes are okay because that is how we learn, and it's important to do our best and have fun.

What is your role at TWCA?

As the lower school Art teacher, my role is to love, lead and inspire students to help them grow and transform both spiritually and creatively. I get to introduce fundamentals through the elements of art, art history and color theory using vocabulary, demonstration, collaboration and exploration of a variety of art mediums and processes.

How long have you been teaching art?

I have been an art teacher for 14 years.

What attracted you to TWCA?

The Christian environment is what attracted me to TWCA. It is such an amazing feeling to be in an environment that loves, honors and worships God!

Describe your teaching philosophy.

I try to foster a love of learning of the visual arts through creativity and discovery for the glory of Jesus Christ. I am dedicated to providing quality education, helping to build intrinsic confidence, and nurturing relationships with God through creative expression. I strive to prepare fun lessons while integrating core content, collaboration, and social and problem-solving skills - all to positively grow each students' individual gifts and talents for their future. I also hope to encourage the gift of service and to inspire an appreciation for His creation as well as our own and others.

What has been the best part of life at TWCA?

The students are amazing. I love that I can share my faith with them. I'm surprised by how quickly TWCA became my home.

Do you have any children?

I'm blessed with two daughters - Jaelyn is in 4th grade and Leilani is in 3rd grade at TWCA. I also have a Yorkie named Mochi and a calico cat named Autumn.

Tell us something interesting about you

I went skydiving in Kauai, Hawaii and saw several double rainbows!

What do you like to do for fun?

Besides creating and spending time with my family, I love to be adventurous and explore new places. I love to mountain bike, snowboard, swim, camp, and fish... any sport or outdoor activity really! I also love to travel, visit museums, try different foods and learn about languages and cultures.

Night In The Woods, A Christmas Carol

The stage was set to resemble Christmas in London for a two-night run of *Night in the Woods - A Christmas Carol*, performed by students in middle school theater.

Annie Musical

Middle and high school musical theatre students, accompanied by a live orchestra, performed an astounding production of *Annie*. The cast was led by 8th grader, Sadie Marcotte, who shined in her honest and emotional portrayal of Annie. Kaitlyn Olson fully transformed into the devious Miss Hannigan; Katie Wise dazzled as Grace; and Jacob Rios committed to task of playing the show's stern but gentle giant, Mr. Warbucks.



VOCE Pop-Up Concerts

VOCE surprised students with a few pop-up concerts in the classroom! Ms. Smith, arranged these mid-day concerts to create opportunities for students to showcase their vocal skills. It was a fun way for the choir to share music with the community and practice at the same time!

One Act Play: Clue

High school theatre students earned third place in the TAPPS District One Act Play competition with several students receiving individual awards. The team performed *Clue* for all of high school, their parents and staff and had the crowd laughing out loud!



All Star Crew

Rebekah Sweger

All Star Cast Acting

Alex Boyd
Marshall Anderson
Ellen Watt

Honorable Mention Acting

Kaitlyn Olson
Raina Hummel

What is your role at TWCA?

I teach music, theatre, and dance to all lower school students focusing on performances like Grand Days and Christmas musicals.

How long have you been teaching or working in the fine arts field?

This is my first year at Woodlands Christian, but I have been teaching for six years and directing children's choirs for almost 15 years.

What attracted you to TWCA?

I love teaching in a Christ-centered school, directing musicals, and leading worship for kids. This job was the perfect combination of all the things that I'm passionate about.

Describe your teaching philosophy.

I want to share my passions about music and worship with my students and help them discover their own ways to worship through performing arts. Children love to sing, dance and make music, so my job is to facilitate that in a way that helps them discover all that God has created them to be.

What has been the best part of life at TWCA?

The best part of TWCA is the students. I'm surprised at how quickly it has felt like home.

Do you have children?

I have nine children of my own!

Get to know...



Connie Richardson

LOWER SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE
AND DANCE

WARRIOR WISDOM

Do your best to live in the present moment, because tomorrow will worry about itself.



FIRM FOUNDATION

Fine Arts Extravaganza

The TWCA Fine Arts program showcased the immense and diverse talent of its students during the Fine Arts Extravaganza.

This event featured performances and artists from each branch of the Fine Arts department with various displays of art, music, dance and theatre performances.

Staged in the Micah Academic Center, the 2023 Extravaganza included three floors of visual art works, performances from the band, VOCE (choir), Improv troupe, dance, and theatre. The lower school musical – *Seussical Kids* – also made its debut on the stage, and multiple short skits were performed throughout the evening.

With students from K-12 participating in the show, it was rewarding display of how much growth our Fine Arts students have made over the course of the year.



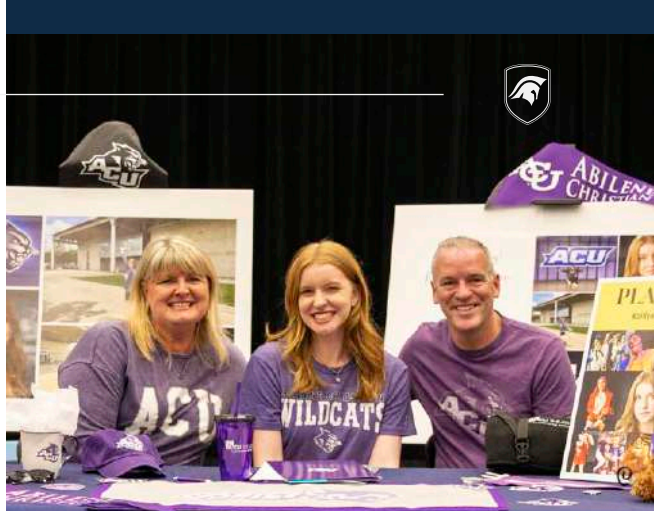


Grace Notes Piano Show

Our talented students stole the show at the 6th Annual Grace Notes Piano Show with their beautiful piano performances. The emcees had everyone laughing with their comedic sketches. The true highlight was when our performers shared how important their families are to them through their music.

Seussical Kids

With catchy tunes, colorful costumes, and fun choreography, fifth and sixth grade performers shined as they brought the beloved characters of Dr. Seuss to life on stage.



TAPPS State Competitions

ACADEMICS - 7TH PLACE IN DIVISION 5A

- ADVANCED MATH**
Seth Culberson - 4TH PLACE
- CURRENT EVENTS**
Jackson Meacham - 5TH PLACE
- READY WRITING**
Davis Johnson - 5TH PLACE
Lily Jadlot - 6TH PLACE

- SCIENCE**
Davis Johnson - 4TH PLACE
- SPANISH**
Maria Ballina - 3RD PLACE
- SPELLING**
Paul Breazeale - 6TH PLACE
- YEARBOOK**
Yearbook Staff - 8TH PLACE

ART

- COMMUNICATION DESIGN**
Sofia Wieczynski - 1ST PLACE
- COMPUTER RENDERED ART**
Rilee Klein - 7TH & 8TH PLACE
- DRAWING B/W**
Tori Wiesner - 3RD PLACE
- FASHION**
Jordan Booth - 3RD PLACE
Gavin Gaston - 7TH PLACE
- MIXED MEDIA**
Mercer Ruffner - HON. MENTION
- PHOTOGRAPHY B/W**
Rebekah Sweger - 7TH PLACE
Gavin Gaston - HON. MENTION
- PHOTOGRAPHY COLOR**
Sofia Wieczynski - 1ST PLACE
- SEEK & SKETCH COLOR**
Rilee Klein - 3RD PLACE

SPEECH - 8TH PLACE IN DIVISION 5A

- EXTEMP. SPEAKING**
Bella Cogar - 6TH PLACE
- LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE**
Jacque Dillard - 3RD PLACE
- ORIGINAL ORATORY**
Alex Boyd - 2ND PLACE
- POETRY**
Natalie Moore - 4TH PLACE
- PROSE**
Natalie Moore - 7TH PLACE
- SOLO ACTING**
Alex Boyd - 4TH PLACE

Fine Arts College Signing Day

In our first-ever, college signing day for Fine Arts, Kaitlyn Olson committed to Abilene Christian University. Kaitlyn has been a part of TWCA for the past two years, and has made a significant impact on the theatre program. She has also been a member of the dance program, one-act play competition, broadcast team, and the improv team.

Kaitlyn has been accepted into the ACU musical theatre program, which offers a life-changing, studio-intensive program rooted in Christian values. In addition to the musical theatre program, Kaitlyn plans to minor in broadcast journalism and participate in the Tepper Semester, which will allow her to study in NYC through a residency program with Syracuse University's Department of Drama. The ACU Theatre program is competitive, accepting only 12 incoming students each fall, making Kaitlyn's acceptance quite the achievement.

"We wish nothing but the best for you, Kaitlyn," said theatre teacher, Palvin Williams. "We look forward to hearing about all the good things that you will do in the next stage of your journey."



Physically

— for the glory of Jesus Christ

Warriors have many opportunities to grow and transform physically while at TWCA. Beginning as early as first grade, our Warrior athletic programs prepare champions for life and develop the skills our student-athletes need to be successful in whatever they do. Through competition, our athletes learn to work as a team, to celebrate success, to learn from failures, and to build the type of confidence and grit that applies on and off the field.

PHOTO: Warrior Nation filled the stands for the football home-opener against cross-town rival The John Cooper School. After an intense four quarters, the Warriors slayed the Dragons, 10 - 7.

Photo by Abby Stanosheck, '23



National Signing Days

It was a banner year for Warrior Athletics as 19 student athletes signed to continue their athletic careers at the next level.

Family, friends and the entire Warrior Nation gathered in the SLC gymnasium on two separate signing days to recognize the hard work, persistence and great achievements of these athletes. With only 3% of high school athletes making it to the collegiate level, it was a fitting environment to truly celebrate these young men and women.

"That a school of our size can put out 19 college athletes is astounding," Athletic Director Randy Hollas said. "It is a sign of the outstanding effort of our community, families, and coaches in fostering a competitive spirit with our students and preparing them for success at the next level."

Congratulations to each of the following athletes on their high achievements!



FALL SIGNING DAY		(Left to Right)
Katelynn (Katie) Holloway	MARY HARDIN BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	VOLLEYBALL
Wyatt Boeker	U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY	BASKETBALL
Sam McClure	SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	GOLF
Jack Usner	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	GOLF
Aaron Pounds	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	GOLF
Jake Maggert	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	GOLF

SPRING SIGNING DAY		(Left to Right)
Bryson Ivory	LYON COLLEGE	FOOTBALL
AJ Belser	OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY	FOOTBALL
Augie Andersen	GRAYSON COLLEGE	BASEBALL
JW Painter	U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT	SPRINT FOOTBALL
Diallo McMorris	SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	FOOTBALL
Xander Reed	SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	FOOTBALL
Mia Torres	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY	DANCE
Tori Wiesner	WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY	EQUESTRIAN
Jack Van Til	U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT	SPRINT FOOTBALL
Jacob Rios	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	SPRINT FOOTBALL
Tommy Mathay	WHARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	BASEBALL
Dane LaMaster	WHARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	BASEBALL
Josh Johnson	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	SPRINT FOOTBALL





DISTRICT COMPETITION



EMERY/
WEINER



FORT BEND
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY



FRASSATI
CATHOLIC



LUTHERAN
SOUTH
ACADEMY



MONSIGNOR
KELLY
CATHOLIC HS



SECOND
BAPTIST



ST. JOHN XXII



Boys Golf Takes State

It was a record-setting finale for the TWCA boys golf team, which captured its third-straight TAPPS 5A State Championship title in May. The Warriors set a program and state record, shooting a collective 39 strokes under par (537) over the two-day tournament.

Senior Aaron Pounds won the individual title with a two-day score of -16 (128), clinching the championship with a 25-foot birdie putt on the last hole. Fellow seniors Jake Maggert, Jack Usner and Sam McClure all finished inside the Top 10, and underclassmen Alex Malanga and Duke Heise each finished inside the Top 20 of the tournament. Pounds, Maggert and Usner will all be competing for the Texas A&M golf program next year, while McClure will play for Southwestern University.

FALL SPORTS

Cheer V, M
Cross Country (G) V, M
Cross Country (B) V, M
Football V, JV, M
Volleyball V, JV, M

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball (G) V, M
Basketball (B) V, JV, M
Soccer (G) V, M
Soccer (B) V, JV, M
Swimming V

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball V, JV, M
Golf V, JV
Softball V, M
Tennis V
Track & Field (G) V, M
Track & Field (B) V, M

V = Varsity JV = Junior Varsity M = Middle School

TWCA offers several sports for each season as well as a Warrior Leagues program for young athletes (1st - 4th grade) to experience fun, challenging and developmentally appropriate activities. Warrior Leagues includes sessions in Softball, Baseball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Track & Field, Golf, Volleyball/Football, Boys & Girls Basketball, and Tennis. Lower School Cheer is offered as a separate club event.

Girls Track State Champions

A trio of TWCA track stars took home state championships at the 2023 5A TAPPS State meet.

Juniors Sarah Chappelle, Zoe Calimani and sophomore Taylor Makiya each won a gold medal in their respective events helping the Lady Warriors claim a 5th place finish overall.

Chappelle took home gold in the 300m hurdles, a bronze medal in the 100m hurdles and added another bronze medal in the 4x400m relay. Calimani earned a gold medal in the 800m and bronze medals in the 400m and 4x400m relay. Makiya set a new school record with her championship throw in the shot put, earning a gold medal for the second straight year.

All three athletes will be returning to TWCA next year to defend their titles. Congrats ladies!



Powerlifting

From lifting weights to lifting spirits, our powerlifting team has achieved monumental gains in their second year, setting new records, shattering expectations, and proving that strength knows no limits!





Get to know...



Kolby Hull
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH,
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC COORDINATOR

WARRIOR WISDOM

My keyword is FAMILY.

We are a family on and off the field, and I encourage our athletes to appreciate each other and grow meaningful, uplifting friendships. We are here to make each other better, and we are stronger when we work together.

What is your role at TWCA?

I am the Head Football Coach. I oversee the entire football program, from middle school through high school, as well as football activities happening in lower school.

How long have you been coaching?

I have been teaching and coaching for 14 years. 2023-2024 will be my fifth year as a Warrior.

What attracted you to TWCA?

The Christ-centered environment. Our Christian values separate us from other schools in the area.

Describe your coaching philosophy.

I believe in the B3rd mentality. God should always come first. Having our players and staff involved in the teaching and understanding how that relates to athletics and a team setting. I love working with young men and getting their mind right to be the best they can be. My job is to make them better sons, brothers, men, and eventually fathers.

What has been the best part of life at TWCA?

This is my second stint at TWCA. The thing that brought me back is the environment of the school. The size of the school combined with the values makes for a unique combination.

Do you have any children?

I have two kids here. Kohen, 6, will be going into 1st grade in the 23-24 school year. Ryland, 2, is in Brighton Academy.

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

I'm probably one of the few staff members to do a second round!

What do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy playing with my kids and time with family!



Green Jacket Ceremony

In a highly anticipated football tradition, our varsity football players were presented with their green jackets ahead of the season opener. The jacket symbolizes their commitment to maintaining a high level of Christian character on and off of the field. Upon completion of their football careers at The Woodlands Christian Academy, seniors are invited to keep their green jackets as a memento of their time as Warriors.

Snow Sledding

Our campus was transformed to a winter wonderland, and snow was brought in to create a hill for sledding. Lower school students loved this unique experience and they came to sleigh!



Movement Class

Each week, dance teacher Mrs. Stewart leads the fourth graders in a movement class allowing them to build confidence, to create new moves, and to discover their God-given gifts and talents.



Mother/Son Line Dance

In the fall, members of the TWCA football program spent some quality time with their moms, dancing the night away at the annual Mother/Son Line Dance. Coach Hull reported that multiple mothers noticed a greater appreciation from their sons after the event.



Now Trending

Follow Warrior Athletics on social media for real-time highlights.



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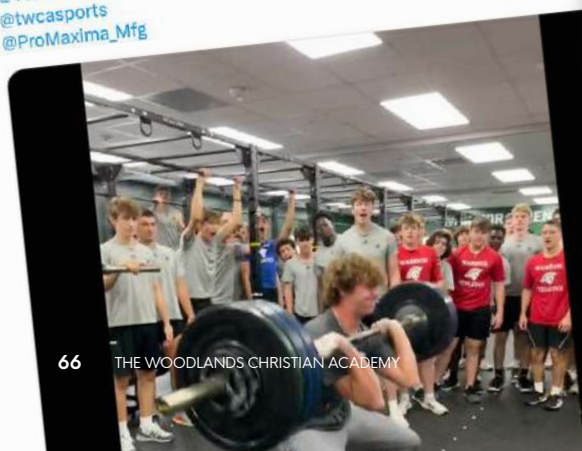


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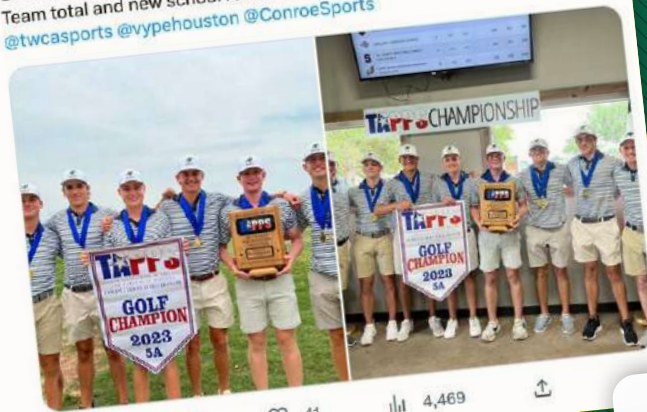
TWCA Girls Basketball Retweeted
Woodlands Christian @twcasports · Oct 28, 2022
SENIOR NIGHT



TWCA Warrior Strength @TWCAStrength · Apr 20
Sophomore @BoekerGrayson breaks the TWCA Clean record with a 290 lbs/132 kg!
Thank you @BlakeWiley9 for setting a high standard!
@TWCAFootball
@twcasports
@ProMaxima_Mfg



Pinned Tweet
TWCA Golf @TWCAgolf · May 9
3-Peat! Boys Golf caps off a historic season with the TAPPS 5A State Championship!
Team total and new school record over two days: 537 (-39)
@twcasports @vypehouston @ConroeSports



Woodlands Christian @twcasports · Apr 17
Time for the State Tournament!



Woodlands Christian Retweeted
Coach Tanner Field @CoachTField · Feb 10
Proud of my guys last night winning the TAPPS 5A District 5 Championship, 12-0!
District titles in a row: 2018,2019,2020,2021,2022,2023
Culture is key #b3rd
@twcasports @TWCAbasketball @vypehouston @ConroeSports



Woodlands Christian @twcasports · Jan 21
TWCA at TAPPS Regional swim meet!
Audrey Sanchez 1st 50 free 2nd 100 free
Brynnah Stowell 2nd 100 fly 1st 500 free
Alexa Perez de Arenaza 19th 50 free
Sarah Powell 18th 50 free
Girls 200 free relay 5th
400 free relay 4th
Michael McKenny 10th 50 free and 11th 100 breaststroke



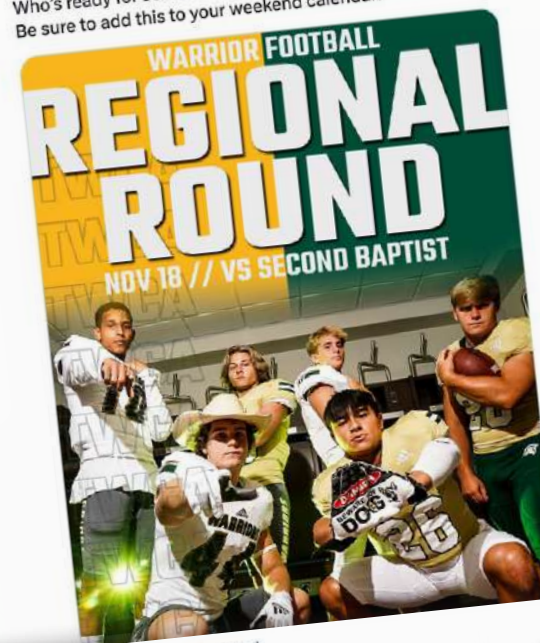
TWCA Volleyball Retweeted
Woodlands Christian @twcasports · Oct 12, 2022
Volleyball wins!



Woodlands Christian XC/ Track & Field Retweeted
Woodlands Christian @twcasports · May 6
Final day! Let's go Warriors!!!



TWCA Football Retweeted
Woodlands Christian @twcasports · Nov 16, 2022
Who's ready for some football?!
Be sure to add this to your weekend calendar!



Woodlands Christian Baseball Retweeted
VYPE Houston @vypehouston · Mar 17
TWCA Mag: Batter Up!, Warriors Baseball Primed to Compete
"We have some younger guys who are going to step up, so we'll be for that challenge. There are 2 new teams in the district which should be for a tough district schedule"



Woodlands Christian @twcasports · Feb 14



Woodlands Christian XC/ Track & Field @twcaxc · May 11
Way to go, Warriors! @twcasports

VYPE Houston @vypehouston · May 10
STATE WRAP: TWCA delivers gold finishes at TAPPS Championship
After advancing through Area and Regionals, Coach Tom Earle's group of qualifiers set off to Hewitt, TX this past weekend to contend with the best at the TAPPS State Championship.
READ:vype.com/Texas/Tx-Priva...



TWCA Girls Basketball @TWCAgirlshoops · Mar 31
Wanted to give a huge congrats to Kelly Gorman (1st Team All-District) and Addie Buck (Honorable Mention All-District) for their accolades from this season! Proud of the effort these girls put in each day. Well deserved!



@twcasoftball @twcasoftball · May 1
This team Let's go Warriors! Round 2 of playoffs tomorrow!
#playoffs #hsssoftball @twcasports





Socially

— for the glory of Jesus Christ

We strive to create memorable, enriching experiences for our students. School is not just a place for learning and test-taking, but also for having fun and growing socially. We want our students to look back and think of their school years as some of the best days of their lives.

PHOTO: Runners of all ages and ability joined together for a morning of colorful fun. Sponsored by Hunter Family Orthodontics and Parke & Rogers Dentistry, this annual event is open to the entire Woodlands community and is an opportunity to experience the TWCA culture, campus, and fellowship with students and staff. Proceeds from the Warrior Boosters Color Run benefit Warrior Athletics and Fine Arts programs.



SCAN TO WATCH
HIGHLIGHTS FROM
THE SORTING
CEREMONY

Introducing Our MIDDLE SCHOOL **House** *System*

Middle school students were extra excited for the first day of school. Not only was it the start of a new year but, more importantly, they were anxious to learn their destiny at the first-ever Sorting Ceremony!

TWCA introduced a new house system in middle school. 5th-8th graders were randomly assigned to five different houses, with each house containing a mix of all four grades.



Heart-pounding music blared from the speakers in the Ruth Auditorium as middle schoolers waited their turn to find out which house they would be in. When they saw their name on screen, they walked on stage, reached into a bowl, grabbed an envelope and then opened it to find a colored wristband, indicating which house they would be in for the remainder of their middle school years. Faculty members from each house greeted their new members with hugs, high-fives and fist bumps, determined that their house would be the best!

The five houses compete in challenges for points and an overall House Champion is announced at the end of the school year.

Designed to create an increasingly positive school climate that celebrates excellence, fosters school spirit, builds and strengthens relationships, and promotes a culture of belonging for all - the five houses each have their own name, color, symbol and characteristics, with house members shaping distinct personalities and values over time.

Though there are five houses, they make up one family - The House of Joy. The middle school years can be tough, as students find their way and grow into who they are. We are so excited for the relationships, transformation and celebration that will take place through the new house system and are confident this will make for a more unified and robust middle school experience.



Our Middle School Houses



TO STRENGTHEN WITH ROOTS

The House of Strength embodies a strong foundation and is deeply rooted in Jesus. They are prepared to defend the faith in the face of strong opposition.



TRUTH/ TRUSTWORTHY

The Veritas House is hallmarked by integrity as they seek to discern Biblical truth in a fallen world. Their pursuit of truth is for the purpose of enlightening those around them.



INTENTIONAL DISCIPLING

The Mathetes House has a thirst for learning and discipleship. They intentionally study the word of God to grow in their faith so they can be Ambassadors of the Gospel.



TO BREATHE INTO

The Inspiro House's purpose is to encourage, excite and create. They desire to use the life and gifts God has breathed into them to glorify God and be a light in the world.



SERVANT/ DEVOTION

The House of Sharath's exists to serve and uplift others in service of the King. Their service is spurred by love and devotion, and they are devoted to fulfilling God's purpose.

What is your role at TWCA?

As Dean of Students, I help plan and execute fun activities like Homecoming, Beyond The Walls and Prom. I also mentor kids when they make poor choices and help them make better ones to follow God's plan. I love talking with students.

How long have you worked in education?

I have been working in education since 1998 as a teacher, department chairperson, assistant principal, principal and now dean of students. This is my 25th year in education and 10th year as an administrator.

What attracted you to TWCA?

I love the mission and commitment to excellence here. Even while principal at Northland Christian, I admired the TWCA community, talented staff, resources and willingness to make an amazing educational experience. My role as Dean of Students allows me to focus on student issues more than in my previous role.

Describe your education/leadership philosophy.

I believe educators should make decisions that benefit kids. When curriculum and activities are thoughtfully designed, kids can grow into their best selves and be who God created them to be.

What has been the best part of life at TWCA?

I love that we are all growing in the same direction. Students benefit from a staff who genuinely care and want them to grow. I've been pleasantly surprised by how talented our students are in multiple areas. Opportunities for our students are limitless - they can be an athlete and a scholar, a musician and a leader. That is awesome!

Do you have children?

I have two daughters and a son who are all in college at Trinity University in San Antonio. Christian education has benefited my children tremendously.

Tell us something interesting about you.

I am an Eagle Scout and have been an adult leader in Scouts, BSA for over 12 years. I have taken multiple groups of boys and girls on 10-day backpacking trips in the mountains of New Mexico.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love to be outdoors, hiking and mountain biking. My wife loves to hike with me but gets frustrated with my daredevil mountain biking. I have broken my ribs twice in the past three years!

Get to know...



Eric Wietstruck
DEAN OF STUDENTS

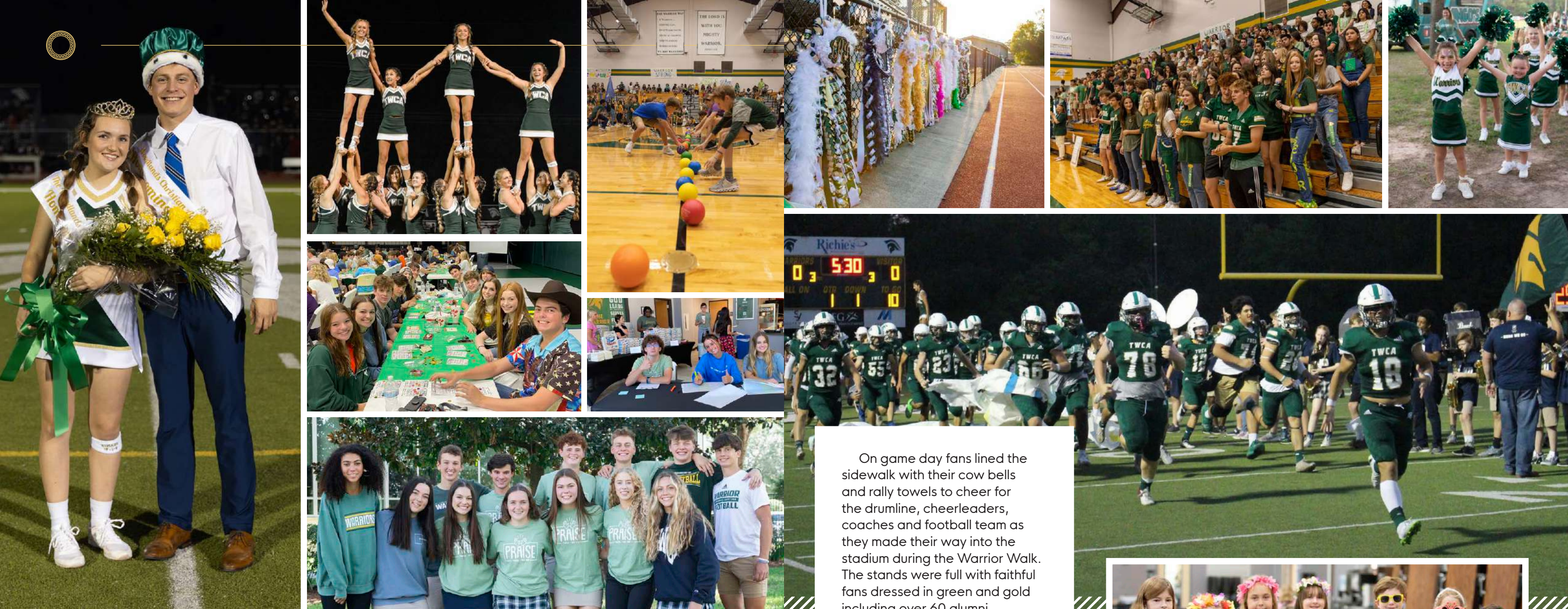
WARRIOR WISDOM

When starting a big project, paper, or assignment don't get overwhelmed, get started. The easiest way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time.

Mark Twain said it best, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

The secret of getting started is breaking your overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and starting on the first one."

Take that first bite and get started.



SCHOOL SPIRIT IS STRONG IN WARRIOR NATION

Homecoming Traditions & Meaningful Experiences

Homecoming is a special time at Woodlands Christian, where all three schools - lower, middle and high, get to participate in festivities and show their school spirit! After a fun-filled week of themed dress days, Burgers & Bingo, Silent Disco and much more, the week culminated with an all-school pep rally, football game and dance.

On game day fans lined the sidewalk with their cow bells and rally towels to cheer for the drumline, cheerleaders, coaches and football team as they made their way into the stadium during the Warrior Walk. The stands were full with faithful fans dressed in green and gold including over 60 alumni.

The Homecoming Court attendees were introduced at halftime and the King and Queen were announced. The Homecoming Court was nominated by faculty and elected by the student body. In keeping with our school's foundational pillars and capstone, members of the Homecoming Court demonstrate spiritual strength in their daily lives, strive for excellence in the classroom, are positive role models and maintain healthy lifestyles. Congratulations to our Homecoming King – Josh Bento and Homecoming Queen – Katie Melber! Thank you to all of our court attendees for modeling the Warrior Way!



High School's Annual Gingerbread House

COMPETITION



The gym floor is sticky, and the scent of sugar lingers in the air. This can only mean one thing – the annual Gingerbread House Competition is underway!

This event is one of our most highly anticipated holiday traditions for high school students. Each year, the structures get more extravagant and lavish – and this year was no different. Split up into Chapel small groups, students planned their gingerbread house theme and design for weeks.

The competition gives students the opportunity to unleash their creativity, have fun with friends and take a much-needed brain-break before finals begin the next day. Student Council sponsored the event while Interact Club volunteers helped set up the David gym with tables and building supplies.

Boy teams worked on one side of the gym, and girl teams on the other. With a one-hour time limit, teams worked quickly to execute their building projects. Students came fully equipped with candy and snacks to decorate their houses, with the caveat that everything had to be edible. Dressed to match the theme of their creations, we had girls outfitted as Secret Service agents with their version of the White House, and boys in lab coats next to an exploded chemistry lab where an experiment had gone wrong.

Judges scored the houses on theme, appearance, originality/creativity, use of materials, team presentation and outfits. The winning team designed a ski lodge made of rice crispy treats, complete with a ski lift composed of peppermint sticks, Ritz crackers and even edible dental floss!

Everyone did a great job, making it difficult for the judges! It was an impressive display of engineering and creativity. Students are already making plans for next year!

New Clubs in High School

Several new clubs were introduced this year. Clubs give our students and staff opportunities to engage in areas of interest outside of the classroom. As the number of clubs at TWCA grows, our school culture becomes more enriched, and we fulfill two of our Global Ends (see below).

Students achieve their highest creative potential and appreciate Beauty.
(GENESIS 1:31(A), ROMANS 12:6(A))

Students foster relationships with people for the sake of the Kingdom.
(MARK 10:43-45, MATTHEW 28:19-20)

This spring we started:

- Chess Club with Mr. Morris
- International Club with Ms. Potticary and Mrs. Morison
- Literature in Film Club with Ms. Newman and Mrs. Ruffner

A special shoutout to all our club sponsors and to Mrs. Gorski for continuing to grow and build co-curricular and extra-curricular campus activities.

LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS

- ARTistr
- Chess Club
- G.I.R.L.S.
- Cheer
- Honor Choir
- Piano Club
- Spanish Club
- Warrior Leagues

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUBS

- National Junior Honor Society
- Scrabble Club
- Student Council
- Improv Club
- Godly Girls

* TAPPS Competition Team

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

- Ambassadors
- Apologetics Club
- Bass Fishing Club
- Chapel Team
- Chess Club
- Computer Science Club
- Crochet Club
- DECA
- Growing Godly Girls
- Growing Godly Guys
- Improv Club
- International Club
- Interact
- Literature in Film Club
- Mu Alpha Theta
- National Honor Society
- Latin Club
- Robotics Club*
- Science National Honor Society
- Science Quiz Bowl Team
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Warrior E-Sports Club*
- World Scholar's Cup



Middle School Movie & Game Night

Fifth and sixth graders had a ton of fun at Movie & Game Night making lasting memories roasting s'mores over a bonfire and watching *Elf* with friends!



BEYOND the WALLS

Warriors in 5th-12th grade have the unique opportunity to travel beyond the walls of TWCA each year for an engaging, interactive and meaningful week of learning.

In locations spanning the globe, including Disney World, London, New York City, Boston, Arizona, Texas, and Washington, D.C., this experience is designed to offer an additional layer of application within each of the pillars that make up our mission. Worship and service projects are built into days of once-in-a-lifetime activities as horizons are broadened, relationships deepened, and lasting memories are created.

2023 Destinations

5th Grade	Highland Lakes Camp
6th Grade	Highland Lakes Camp
7th Grade	Tour of Texas
8th Grade	Washington, D.C.
9th Grade	Grand Canyon
10th Grade	Boston and New York
11th Grade	Orlando, Disney World, & Universal Studios
12th Grade	London, England or New York City





Checking In On Warrior Alumni



Tailgate Party & Winter Social

Our first Alumni Homecoming Tailgate took place on September 23, 2022. It was great seeing alumni return and to host tours to show them all the changes since their graduation. Many remarked how different the campus looked from when they attended, were surprised at the number of new buildings, complimented our beautiful campus, and were amazed by the abundance of events and experiences offered at TWCA.

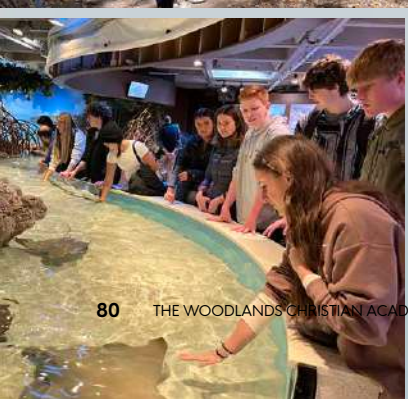
There were food trucks, slushies, games, TWCA Alumni swag, as well as a face painting station sponsored by the Alumni Association.

In December, we had a 21+ Alumni Winter Social at the new Kirby's Icehouse. It was fun catching up with alumni, hearing what they've been up to since graduation and learning about the exciting things happening in their lives.

"Visiting after being gone for so long was great. Part of me felt like the school was the same, and part felt like it was a completely different place! It felt evolved. It gained a lot of cutting-edge facilities and seemed better run, but still had that small, family-like atmosphere. We are highly considering sending our kids here when they begin school."

- KYLER FERRIS, CLASS OF 2010

If you are interested in reconnecting with your class and other alumni, follow the Alumni Instagram page (@twcaalumni) to stay updated on upcoming events and opportunities. Contact Justin.hickman@twca.net to start planning your high school class reunion!





Checking In On Warrior Alumni



Join or follow us on Instagram or Facebook to connect and keep up with classmates and get updates on homecoming, class reunions and other major school events.



FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM
@twca_alumni @twcaalumni #twcaalumni

Let us know about the milestones in your life – honors, awards, promotions, weddings, births, and more. We'd love to hear from you and celebrate what God is doing in your life.



SUBMIT ONLINE:
twca.net/alumni



EMAIL:
justin.hickman@twca.net



Colten Glover

Class of 2020

Colten made waves in 2022 as a contestant on the popular reality singing show *American Idol*. One night while in high school at Woodlands Christian, Colten was praying and felt God directing him to spread His message through song and he has been singing ever since.

"TWCA helped me stay humble and collected in times where my ego could rise, by staying true to myself and giving all the glory to God in song," Glover said.

Colten will graduate from Oklahoma State University Spears School of Business with a degree in marketing in 2024.

You can follow Colten and his musical career on Instagram and TikTok – @coltglovermusic



Jeremy Swisher

Class of 2013

Jeremy has truly embodied the Warrior Way. Jeremy graduated from Texas A&M School of Medicine in 2021, married Katie Swisher (with many TWCA alumni in attendance), and is in a Sports Medicine residency at Wake Forest University.

With his Sports Medicine focus, Jeremy is currently on a rotation at UCLA – where fellow TWCA classmate **Cray Noah ('13)** is in a surgery residency – and has worked with some of the best athletic programs in the country including Wake Forest Baseball, the Winston-Salem Dash, Carolina Thunderbirds, and Winston-Salem State University.

Jeremy also earned the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine Foundation Resident Scholarship, which is awarded to those identified as future leaders of the organization who are committed to a career in national sports medicine.



The Bento Family

Classes of 2008, 2010, 2013, 2015, and 2023

The Bento Family has been an integral part of The Woodlands Christian Academy community for the past 25 years. With five children who are now graduates of TWCA — Joseph, Jessica, James, Jack and Joshua — the Bentos are forever Warrior Legacies. Drawn to TWCA by the Christian atmosphere and the education their kids would receive, the Bentos spent the better part of two decades deeply involved in the Warrior community.

"We have watched our kids grow intellectually, creatively, physically and socially into the mature adults who love the Lord and live life for Christ," said Teri Bento the mother of these five Warriors. "We were blessed to send our kids to TWCA and are thankful for everyone who molded and shaped them to who they are today. I would say that TWCA has been the best place — money well spent! We have nothing but wonderful memories, and the kids say the same."

Collectively, the Bento kids participated in baseball, football, basketball, cheer, softball, and golf. Being a part of Warrior Athletics created some of their favorite family memories while at TWCA.

Joseph – Class of 2008

Attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is married to Amy and is employed by Aries Worldwide Logistics in Houston, TX as Global Business Development Manager.

Jessica – Class of 2010

Attended the University of Alabama. She is the Enterprise Print Specialist at Flex Technology Group in Dallas, TX.

James – Class of 2013

Attended Mercer University. He is the Business Development Manager at Flex Technology Group in Houston, TX.

Jack – Class of 2015

Attended Midland University. He is married to **Kathryn (Gettys, '15)**. He is in Sales at Unlimited Sports Solutions in Conroe, TX.

Joshua – Class of 2023

Will be attending Blinn College and plans to major in communications.



Parent INVOLVEMENT

The **Butterfly Ball** was truly a night to remember and created a special time for fun, laughter and father-daughter bonding. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal from Zanti Cucina Italiana and an awesome DJ who kept the energy up on the dance floor. We love creating opportunities for our families to establish cherished, lasting memories.



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Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) showered our faculty and staff with love and gratitude in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. They organized a wonderful week of gifts and activities to thank our teachers for shaping future leaders and Warriors for Christ!



3rd Annual Paintball Battle

Over 100 Warrior moms and their sons joined us for the Mother-Son Paintball Battle. Thanks to Corporate Incentives for providing the t-shirts and to all the Warrior moms who came out to play!

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WARRIOR BOOSTERS

Warrior Boosters is a parent-run organization that promotes school spirit and furthers opportunities for students in our Athletic and Fine Arts Programs. Each year, Boosters collects dues and raises funds through the Annual Booster Membership Drive, Golf Tournament, Warrior Color Run, sponsorships and other special events. The money raised directly benefits our student athletes as well as those involved in visual and performing arts.

Thanks to our Boosters Committee efforts and the incredible support of our sponsors and donors, we raised **\$100,000 MORE** than last year for a grand total of over **\$445,000!**



11th Annual 22 23 Warrior BOOSTERS TOURNAMENT

AT THE WOODLANDS COUNTRY CLUB
PLAYER COURSE

One hundred twenty-two players joined us for a splendid day of golf at the 11th Annual Warrior Boosters Golf Tournament, generously sponsored by grindworksUSA. Our sponsors and golfers raised a remarkable sum of \$68,500, setting a new tournament record in support of the advancement of the Warrior Athletic and Fine Arts Programs.

Thank you to our tournament chairs, Amy Torres and Kristie Terpstra, and the many sponsors and volunteers for making this tournament a success. Congratulations to the Pell 1990 team on your win!





We greatly appreciate all our generous supporters including our Victory, Supporter, Banner, and Event Sponsors.

We thank you for investing in our athletes and fine arts students!

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Warrior Cookers

Boosters feed several hundred hungry Warriors throughout the year. This year, Boosters provided over 1,500 meals. They cooked chili during soccer season, smoked BBQ for Grand Days, fried catfish in January, and hosted a crawfish and shrimp boil in April. Thank you for the excellent food and fellowship!



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STANDING OVATION FOR A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

ANNUAL AUCTION & GALA RAISES \$2.7M

The Night at the Opera Auction & Gala chaired by Amy and Tony Torres was a truly elegant affair. Approximately 530 guests gathered for a formal evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising.

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we grossed \$2.7 million from the gala. With this and previous gifts and pledges, we soon met the \$10.8 million goal needed to begin construction on the Fine Arts Education Building and Outdoor Amphitheater.

We are grateful for the strong financial support from our school community, and we look forward to seeing our students flourish in this inspirational, creative learning center!



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2022-2023 GIFT SUMMARY

FINE ARTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REACHES THE MULTI-YEAR GOAL OF \$10,800,000

FINE ARTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (100% of Remaining Goal)	\$ 5,500,000
<i>A Night at the Opera Auction & Gala</i>	\$ 2,700,000
<i>Additional Gifts, Pledges & Commitments (Cumulative)</i>	\$ 2,800,000
WARRIOR BOOSTERS	\$ 445,645
<i>Golf Tournament, Color Run, Memberships</i>	
<i>Sponsorships, Fellowship Meals and Spirit Wear</i>	
PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP	\$ 137,021
<i>Paintball, Worthy Servants, Butterfly Ball</i>	
DESIGNATED OTHER	\$ 152,952
TOTAL	\$ 6,235,618

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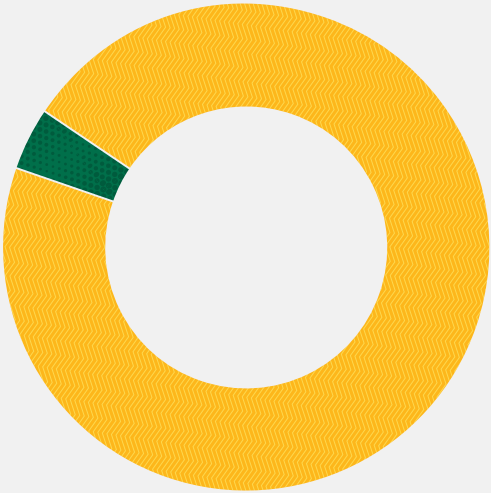
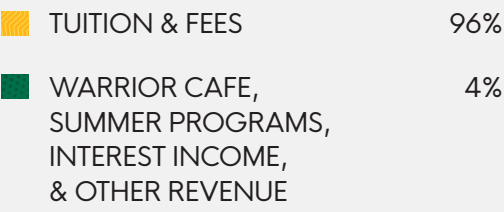


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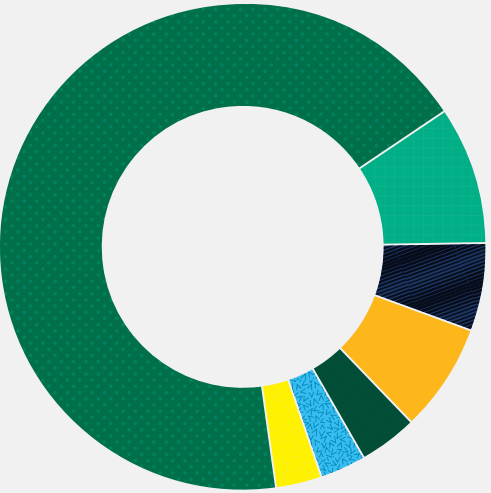
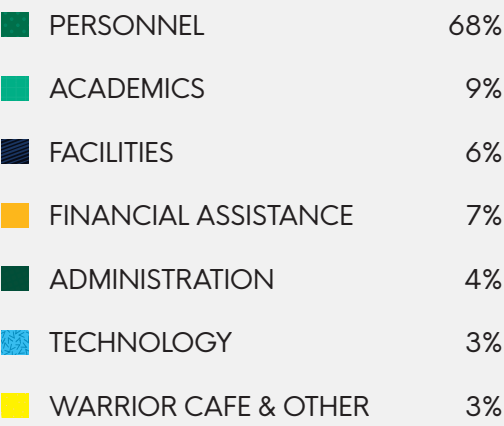


2022-2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating Revenues



Operating Expenditures



Key Performance Indicators (Pre-Audit)

GROSS FIXED ASSETS	\$ 34,500,000
NET FIXED ASSETS	\$ 21,000,000
BALANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ 895,000
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES	\$ 11,200,000
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 36,500,000



FINE ARTS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING & OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER

Groundbreaking, Breaking News

A large group of students, parents, staff and community members gathered on the last Tuesday of May for a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the end of the capital campaign and the beginning of construction on the new Fine Arts Educational Building and Outdoor Amphitheater. Students led the group in prayer, and we thanked God for His goodness to our school. It was a wonderful way to end this fantastic school year and begin the summer!

A total of \$10,800,000 was raised in gifts and pledges for this project, enabling us to begin construction on the new facility. We are extremely grateful to our Campaign Chairs, Johnna and Ryan Edone, and all of our generous families who have helped us meet this goal so quickly! Our construction partner, SLI, is ready to get to work on this project. Barring any unforeseen construction delays, our students will be able to enjoy this new facility in Fall 2024.

The 22,585 square foot, one-story Fine Arts Education Building will be the latest addition to the school's 40-acre campus. The facility will accommodate fine arts specialties including theatre, band, choir, dance and the visual arts. Features include the largest black box theatre in the Houston area with the ability to seat up to 400 in a variety of configurations, an art studio, a dance studio, a choir hall, a band hall, and space to showcase student artwork.

Back row left to right: Todd Lucksinger, SLI Group; Rachel Ray, Director of Development; Kurt Kleeman, Chief Advancement Officer; Ryan & Johnna Edone, Capital Campaign Chairs; Anthony George, Chief Governance Officer; Michelle George; Julie Ambler, Head of School; & Phil Sweger, Director of Fine Arts. First row left to right: TWCA students Madison Edone, Shane Dunnivant, Matthew Wheeler, & Macie Petro.

"I am so grateful for the generous support of our families and friends. This learning space will further enable our students to grow as leaders for Christ and to flourish - spiritually, intellectually, creatively, physically and socially."

- JULIE AMBLER, HEAD OF SCHOOL

"Thanks to all who made this day possible. This building will provide a dedicated space where our students can create and perform for years to come."

- PHIL SWEGER, DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS



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Middle schoolers "Chalk the Walk," to spread messages of love, hope and encouragement through the campus. From scriptures to uplifting illustrations and even hopscotch, the sidewalks were transformed into a beautiful canvas of love and kindness, and added an extra element of fun to our campus and community!