



Wisconsin Career Academy

WCA News...

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Special points of interest:

- Welcome!
- WKCE Testing is on the way!
- WCA Sports teams are waiting your support.
- Seniors, don't forget ACT test.

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Welcome Back to School!

On Friday, September 21, WCA celebrated the start of school with a welcome back carnival for the students. Classes were held through lunch, at which point the gymnasium was transformed into a wonderland of giant proportion.

Music on the Move came to WCA with blow-up activities for the students to partake in. Some of the activities included an obstacle course, climbing wall, sumo wrestling, bat-

ting cage, moon-bounce, giant slide, bungee basketball, and a jousting pit.

For those students who enjoy music, dancing and karaoke were other options. Free pizza and beverages were provided to complete the party.

Needless to say, a good time was had by all- students and teachers alike!



Parent/Teacher Conferences PASTA DINNER!!!

The first night of Parent/Teacher Conferences for the school-year is **Wednesday, October 3**. Conferences run from **3-6pm**, and dinner will be provided. The meal will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, and a dessert. The dinner is open

to parents, students, and siblings. Please come for conferences and enjoy dinner as well! Tips for successful conferences:

If unable to attend, call the school. Teachers will try to make arrangements

to meet with you at another time.

Come prepared to give information in addition to receiving it. No one knows your child as well as you!

Write down questions before you come to conferences so they're not forgotten.



Getting Started

Why a Good SAT / ACT Score Is More Important Than Ever?

Nicholas Lemann said in a PBS Frontline interview, "A good school puts you in the way of more opportunity." Since getting to a good school now involves standardized tests, the modern motto might just as well be "a good SAT score puts you in the way of more opportunity."

ACT Test & Registration Dates

All seniors that have not yet taken the ACT will need to do so by the end of the semester. Juniors will need to take the test in the spring semester. See dates below.

<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007
February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

The test costs \$30.00. Students with free or reduced lunch may use up to two fee waivers.

Congratulations to the Girls' Volleyball Team!



They are off to a great start and won their first game last week! Team members are:

Games are at the Boys & Girls Club on Rogers Street in Milwaukee. The season schedule is:

Sharmaine Addison	Cassandra	October 2	7:30pm
Nowacki		October 9	7:30pm
Alice Baez	Claudia Sithy	October 16	5:30pm
Mariah Bell	Vicky Sithy	October 23	6:30pm
Lesette Cortez	Kaylyn Schultz	November 6	7:30pm
Sarinthia Guy	Lilly Torres	November 13	5:30pm
Julia Marquardt			

November 20	7:30pm
November 27	5:30pm
December 4	Playoffs

Coached by Ms. Wanezek



WKCE Testing

The Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examination (WKCE) is scheduled for:

November 5, 6, and 7

November 12, 13, and 14

Grades 6, 7, 8, and 10 will be taking the WKCE test. Students will take the test during 2nd period and 3rd period.

Grades 9, 11, and 12 will attend their regularly scheduled classes on these days.

These standardized tests include commercially-developed questions used in schools across the country and questions developed specifically for WI in order to improve coverage of WI academic standards. The WKCE measures achievement in reading, language applications, mathematics, science and social studies using a multiple choice and short answer questions.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, you must call the school office and report this by 8am.

If you report by phone, you are also required to send us a written explanation within two days of the child returning to school following the absence.

Flag Football

All games are played at Lincoln Park, 1301 W. Hampton Ave in Milwaukee.

The schedule is:

	October 29	6pm	
October 1	7pm	November 5	6pm
October 8	7pm	November 19	Playoffs
October 15	6pm		
October 22	7pm	Coached by Mr. Sharpee	

Yearbook Club

The Yearbook Club will be meeting weekly starting this Thursday, October 4 after school.

school spirit.

Led by Ms. Kellner, Ms. Warfle, & Mr. Lamp

All WCA students are invited to participate in the club. Please join in if you want to express your creativity and WCA

Meet the Staff

Administration

Mr. Kaman- I am the new director of WCA, where I was part of our team as a science teacher/project coordinator from 2001 to 2004. I have had 15 years of teaching and administrative experience, and I am excited to be back with you again. Thank you to all of our families for their continuing support. My team and I are looking forward to the privilege of meeting with you at our school and WCA events.

Mr. Bora- I am returning as the WCA Dean of Academics for a 2nd year. As such, I am responsible for leading department head meetings, supervising the

curriculum and instruction, coordinating and supervising all standardized tests, and evaluating and observing teachers. I have been employed in various positions teaching math for the past 14 years. I attended DePaul University to pursue a master's in Mathematics Education, completing it in December of 2000. I am married with two children.

Mr. Dawursk I am returning as the WCA Dean of Students for a 2nd year. Last year, I developed the Alternative Learning Center (ALC). Currently, I am responsible for all school discipline, as well as running the student council. I have a master's in Education with an emphasis in Education and Administration from Concordia University, St.

Paul, MN, and a bachelor's in Education with majors in Speech, Theatre, and English from Concordia University, Seward/Lincoln, NE. I have an extensive technology based background, including experience in radio, television, multi-media, computer, and Internet. I am a single father of three children, and in my free time, I volunteer as a youth worker and song leader at my church.

Mr. Hansen- I am a graduate of Cedarburg High School, class of 1995. After high school I went to Southwest State University in Marshall, MN, where I majored in Physical Education and Health Education with a minor in Coaching. This is my 4th year at Wis-

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consin Career Academy and my first full year as Athletic Director/Asst. Dean. I was the high school Physical Education teacher and middle school Health teacher from 2003 to 2007. Currently, I have started taking master's degree classes at Cardinal Stritch University in the Educational Leadership Program.

Support Staff

Ms. Arndt- Hello! I am the School Social Worker at WCA, and this is my 2nd year here. I received my bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN in 2005. I then received my master's degree from UW-Madison in 2006. My main job at WCA is to help children to be successful in school. This encompasses many aspects of a child's life and education. On a personal note, I enjoy traveling, reading, and playing sand volleyball.

Ms. Hall- I really enjoy working at WCA as a Special Education Teacher and am looking forward to my second year here. I received my undergraduate degree at UW-Milwaukee and my master's at Loyola University of Chicago. I have been teaching for 10 years at the 6-12th grade level. I have had experience working in residential facilities and public high schools. I have taught in

Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin. I am a parent of 4 wonderful girls who keep me busy when I am not at school.

Ms. Hill- I come to WCA to assume the position of Events Coordinator, working with both the Milwaukee Regional Science and Engineering Fair (MRSEF) and the Milwaukee Regional Art Fair (MRAF). I have worked in the past on the executive level of state government, as well as on the community base organizational level. I am excited and pleased to be a part of the WCA team.

Ms. Pieper- I am one of two Special Education teachers, and this is my first year at WCA. I have an Inter-Arts degree from UW-Milwaukee with a focus in Technical Theater. I am certified in grades 6-12 Special Education with an emphasis in CD/EBD. I enjoy writing, practicing martial arts, and gardening. I also love watching movies and T.V. with my grandchildren, and my favorite song is *Imagine* by John Lennon.

Ms. Reuchlen- I am returning for my 2nd year as WCA's school counselor. Upon receiving my BA degree from Marquette University in Psychology and Theology, I volunteered for a year in Haiti. I then returned to Marquette

to obtain my master's degree in Counseling. As school counselor, I help students to be successful in school and to connect the classroom to the "real world" beyond high school. I enjoy reading, baking, and spending time with my husband and son.

Ms. Stango- As the Academy secretary, I interact with students and parents in the main office daily. I earned my degree in Communication Studies from Marquette University. My past experience is in counseling and working with special needs children and adults. I started working at WCA in early summer this year, and I am enjoying getting to know the students and parents. In my free time, I enjoy outdoor activities such as biking and playing softball and volleyball.

Ms. Wolff- At WCA, I serve as the administrative assistant and have recently moved down the hallway, immediately next to Mr. Kaman. I have earned my bachelor's degree and am currently working on my master's in Anthropology & Archaeology, where I will then go on to complete a PhD in Anthropology. I am heavily involved in experimental Archaeology, where the recreation of period artifacts and processes are undertaken. I am also involved in historical re-enactments of the Elizabethan period of the Irish, Welsh, and Scottish Keltoi.

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Fine Arts

Mr. Lamp- I attended UW-Eau Claire, majoring in Art Education with a minor in Art History. I graduated in August of 2006. This is my second year teaching and my second year at WCA. This year I am teaching Art Foundations I & II, Drawing and Painting I & II, Sculpture, 6th/7th grade Art, and 8th grade Art. I will be helping with Yearbook Club, coaching JV basketball, acting as grade 12 chair, and serving as event coordinator for MRAF. My tutoring time is Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4.

Computer & Business

Mr. Tanriseven-I graduated from Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. I am a Microsoft certified professional and network engineer. Currently, I teach Computer Applications, Computer Programming, and Web Design in the high school level at WCA. I also serve as the IT manager, maintaining the WCA website and computers. I am married with three children, and I love food and traveling.

Mr. Wisniewski- I attended UW-Whitewater and received my degree in Busi-

ness Education. This is my first year at WCA and my first year as a teacher. I am currently teaching two classes of Business and Consumer Concepts, two classes of Computer Literacy, and 8th grade Computers. Next semester, I will teach 6th and 7th grade computers. Please call me with any questions, and I am looking forward to a great year.

Health & Physical Education

Mr. Briggs- I went to UW-Whitewater and then UW-La Crosse where I earned my bachelor of science in Exercise Sport Science with the emphasis on PreK-12 Physical Education. During college I played for the varsity football team and also participated in a number of intramural sports. I have been teaching physical education for the last four years, one of those in MPS and three in Chicago Public Schools. This is my first year at WCA, teaching high school Physical Education and middle school Health Education. I will be running a football club during second semester and will be available for tutoring on Fridays from 2:30-3:30pm.

Ms. Wanezek- I am returning for my fifth year at WCA, teaching middle school Physical Education and high school Health Education. I

received my BSE in Kinesiology at UW-Whitewater and have teaching certification in Health and Physical Education through Carroll College. At WCA, I also serve as the department head for Health and Physical Education and the coach for the girl's volleyball team. I provide tutoring on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30.

Language Arts

Ms. Kellner- I graduated from UW-Eau Claire. I am currently teaching Speech, World Literature, and 10th grade English here at WCA. I am one of three leaders of Yearbook club, which will be held every Thursday night in room 208. On Wednesday nights, I will be tutoring in my room from 2:30 - 3:30. Please feel free to call me at any time with questions or concerns.

Mr. Sharpee- I am a 1st year English teacher at WCA, instructing four sections of freshman English and one AP English class. I received my undergraduate degree in English from UW-Madison in 2001. I had the opportunity to live abroad for six months and fell in love with teaching while working as an English as a second language teacher. I received my teaching certificate from Concordia University and student taught this past

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I am also assisting the flag football team with the help of some WCA alumni.

Ms. Warfle- I am originally from North Carolina and have a degree in History from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and an education degree from the University of North Carolina-Asheville. This is my fifth year of teaching, and currently, I teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English and one section of English

10. Tutoring is available on Wednesdays from 2:30 until 3:30.

This year, I will be heading up Yearbook Club along with Ms. Kellner and Mr. Lamp.

Mathematics

Mr. Clark- I am one of the new math teachers this year at WCA. Currently, I am teaching Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and Geometry. I will also be advising the soccer club, which will probably start second semester. I am a 2007 graduate of UW-La Crosse. In my free time, I enjoy going to Brewer games and playing many sports, including tennis, soccer, and baseball.

Ms. Kosiboski- I hold a bachelor of arts in Mathematics and completed my teaching certification at Alverno College. This is my 1st

year at WCA, and I am teaching two classes of Algebra I, one Algebra Support, one Algebra Honors, and one class of Geometry. I am also a co-advisor of the Dance Team with Ms. Wiza. I am available after school on Wednesdays, 2:30-3:10, and on the other days by appointment.

Mr. Steffanus- Hello parents! I teach Math to all middle school students. I was born and raised in Waukesha. I graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a degree in Elementary Education, and I have a minor in Math and Social Studies. This will be my third year teaching at WCA. I will be running Chess Club every Thursday after school for about an hour. I also tutor students on Wednesdays for up to one hour. If Wednesday is not a good day, students can set up another day to come in for extra help.

Science

Mr. Akyol- I have been with WCA since 2002, having received my BS degree from Middle East Technical University. This year I will complete my master's degree in School Administration from Marian College. Currently, I am teaching three Physical Science and two Chemistry classes and serve as the chairperson of the science department. I also worked actively as a trainer and a mentor in International Chem-

istry Olympiads. I have been married for 11 years and have two lovely children, ages 6 and 10.

Ms. Huynh- I earned my BS in computer engineering and minored in philosophy at the University of California. While there, I took graduate courses in computer security and OS models and worked on research in security and education. I now teach Physics, Astronomy, and 6th and 7th grade Science. My tutoring/office hours are after school on Mondays or by appointment. I will be working on the Robotics club, as well as the Gay Straight Alliance. My hobbies include photography, reading, logic puzzles, and being a renaissance woman.

Ms. Wiza- I currently teach three classes of high school Biology, one class of Environmental Science, and the 8th grade science class at WCA. I hold a degree in both General and Broadfield Biology with a Mathematics minor from UW-Whitewater. I will be co-advising the dance team with Mrs. Kosiboski. If any student needs help, I am available for tutoring on Mondays from 2:30-3:10. Also, if you have any empty 2 liter bottles, send them to room 101. It would be greatly appreciated!

Spanish

Ms. Hallinan- I graduated from Campbell County High School in Gillette, WY.

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I then went on to Marquette University and received my bachelor's degree in History and Spanish, with a minor in Philosophy. Before coming to WCA, I had 6 years teaching experience in MPS. At WCA, I teach 4 sections of Spanish I and two sections of Spanish II. I offer tutoring on Thursdays after school and hope to start a running club.

University College Galway in Galway, Ireland, earning a history certification. This combined with living in Germany for a year, and various world travels, have given me a passion for cultural studies. My crowning glory, however, is my five beautiful grandchildren.

to a great year here at WCA!

Mr. Mikulasch- I am starting my 2nd year at WCA teaching the subjects of U.S. and World History and serving as Social Studies department chairperson. I will also be acting as interim boy's basketball coach for the 2007-08 season. A graduate from UW-Whitewater with a BSE degree in History and German, I bring 22 years of teaching experience to the WCA classroom. I have also served as an athletic director and girl's varsity basketball coach at the high school level. A U.S. Army veteran, I reside in Lake Geneva, WI.

Ms. Lahvic- I graduated from UW-Oshkosh in 2006, and I teach two sections of World History in the high school level and all classes of Social Studies in the middle school. This is my second year at WCA, as well as my second year as a teacher. I am the middle school grade chair, I run game club on Wednesdays, and I tutor on Thursdays. I am looking forward

Social Studies

Ms. Becker- I graduated from Alverno College with a Broad Field Social Science degree. I am currently teaching AP Psychology, Sociology, and American Government, as well as coaching Academic Decathlon. I also attended



The fairs allow students to interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions to discuss course offerings, admission and financial aid requirements, college life in general, and other information pertinent to the college selection process.

College Fairs

Wisconsin Education Fairs (WEF):

Oct. 8	Franklin High School	6:30-8:30pm
Oct. 11	New Berlin West High School	6:30-8:30pm

Meet with approximately 100 admission representatives from all over the region, for FREE! Check out the website at www.wefs.org for directions and details.



WCA Athletics Participation Information 2007-08

Dear Parents/Guardians and Potential Student-Athletes:

An Athletics Participation Meeting will be held in the WCA Café/Gym on Thursday November 1 at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is for athletes and parents/guardians to take care of all paperwork related to Athletic Participation. Parents/guardians will have an opportunity to do the following:

Fulfill all obligations for sport participation:

- Go over the Athletic Handbook with the Athletic Director
- Pay participation fees
- Turn in physicals or alternate year cards
- Sign Code of Conduct Cards if needed

Meet with individual sport head coaches to ask questions and receive participation rule and expectations

Ask questions related to general sport participation and/or sport specific participation

If your son or daughter is planning to participate in athletics this year they must complete all obligations listed above before they will be allowed to participate in practice.

Please do not miss the meeting on Thursday November 1 at 6:30 pm (*it is the last athletics meeting till next year*) in the WCA Café/Gym. This meeting will conclude no later than 8pm.

Thank you,

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WCA October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. Flag Football 7pm	2. Bryant & Stratton @ WCA 3rd Hour V-ball Game 7:30pm	3. Parent Teacher Conferences 3-6 Pasta Dinner	4. Alverno @ WCA 2nd Hour	5.	6.
7.	8. College Fair Franklin High School 6:30-8:30pm Flag Football 7pm	9. V-ball Game 7:30pm	10.	11. College Fair New Berlin West H.S. 6:30-8:30pm	12.	13.
14.	15. Flag Football 6pm	16. Marines @ WCA 2-3rd Hour V-ball Game 5:30pm	17.	18. PAC Meeting 5:30	19. HALF DAY	20.
21. National College Fair Midwest Airlines Center Noon-3:30 pm	22. Flag Football 7pm	23. V-ball Game 6:30pm	24.	25. NO SCHOOL	26. NO SCHOOL	27. ACT Test Date
28.	29. Flag Football 6pm	30. V-ball Game 6:30pm	31. Happy Halloween!			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Athletic Meeting 6:30pm	2. ACT Registration Due for Dec. Test End of 1st Quar- ter!	3.
4.	5. Flag Football 6pm	6. V-ball Game 7:30pm	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12. B-ball Tryouts 3-4:30pm	13. V-ball Game 5:30pm B-ball Tryouts 3-4:30pm	14. Financial Aid 101 6-7:30pm, Bay View Library 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. B-ball Tryouts 3-4:30pm	15. PAC Meeting 5:30pm	16. HALF DAY	17.
18.	19. Flag Football Playoffs	20. V-ball Game 7:30pm B-ball Game @ WCA v. Believers Christian Acad- emy Varsity 6	21. HALF DAY	22. Happy Thanksgiving! NO SCHOOL	23. WIAA B-ball T'ment in Mero- monee Falls v. Calvary Baptist NO SCHOOL	24.
25.	26.	27. V-ball Game 5:30pm B-ball Game @ Ethan Allen H.S. JV 6, Varsity 7:30	28.	29.	30. B-ball Game @ Waukesha North H.S. JV 5:45, Varsity 7:30	

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