



WALKER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

November 17, 2023 | Weekly Update



"I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30

The Faculty and Staff of Walker Memorial Academy wish you and your family a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Break!

Thanksgiving Break

The WMA Administration, Business Office and campus will be CLOSED over Thanksgiving Break, **November 20-24.**

Thanksgiving Baskets

Do you – or someone you may know – in need of a Thanksgiving meal? There are several youth groups putting baskets together. Please contact Patty Palsgrove at paslgrove@gmail.com with information.

HSPN Thanksgiving (and Christmas) Food Basket Drive

A huge THANK YOU is in order for all that have contributed in some way to the Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. HSPN has had such a generous support of donations that we will be able to provide a few needy families with a Christmas Food Basket, as well. If you have been wanting to donate and have not had a chance yet, please feel free to do so. We will keep the food drive barrels out until Christmas Break.

SAVE THE DATE

FRI.Nov 17

No Uniform Day (Senior Fundraiser)
5:00-6:00AM AP SDA Church (ages 18+) Early Morning Basketball, Gym
9:30AM-12:15PM EEI Sophomore Biology – Lake Lillian
12:15PM Early Dismissal

MON.Nov20 thru FRI.Nov24
NO SCHOOL -THANKSGIVING BREAK

SUN.Nov26

10:00AM-2:00PM APC (Ages 18+) Basketball, Gym

MON.Nov27

8:00AM Classes Resume
7:00PM WMA Float in AP Christmas Parade

THU.Nov30

7:30AM-5:30PM Middle School trip to NASA
8:00AM Senior Pictures and Photo Retakes

FRI.Dec1

Door Decorating Ends
7:30PM High School student Vespers

SAT.Dec2

11:00AM Church Service, Gym

Fundraisers

- **Friday, November 17** - Bring \$2 to not wear your school uniform that day. Clothing must be moderate and school appropriate attire. Administration has the right to acknowledge if clothing is appropriate or student may be sent home for change of clothes. Support the Senior Class of 2024! Proceeds towards expenses for their Senior class trip.
- **Glass 'Bear bottle' of honey** for \$10 each. Proceeds of sales offset grade 7 trips. Contact Mrs. Camps at ruth.camps@wmaeagles.org
- **CANCELLED: Saturday, November 18** — Star Spangled Diner (Senior Fundraiser)

'Deck the Halls' Door Decorating Contest

WMA students and staff Show your Holiday Spirit by decorating your door* for the holiday season! What creative idea can you come up with? Decorating **ends on December 2.** (See guidelines attached) Doors will be judged, and a classroom will be named "Top Winner". *Be resourceful; materials are to be supplied from teacher's classroom budget.

WMA Float at Avon Park Christmas Parade

Join in the holiday celebration as the WMA Fire 'n Steel band will be performing on the WMA decorated float at the Avon Park Christmas parade on **Monday evening, November 27** at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Concerts

Saturday, December 9

11:00 a.m.

APC

"Joy to the World"

7:00 p.m.

Gym

"Christmas is a Feeling"

"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



WMA Job Openings

- After School Care (Part-time)
- Bus Driver (as needed)
- Floater-on-Call (Flexible, miscellaneous areas)
- Substitutes for Teachers (flexible hours)
- Substitutes for Local Hires (flexible hours)
- Teacher's Aide (Part-time)

To apply and details visit:

<https://careers.floridaconference.com>

Go to Search Jobs, Go to Location, Click Walker Memorial Academy

If not posted on site yet and you are interested, contact the school at 863.453.3131

Free or Low-Cost Tutoring

<https://schoolchoiceweek.com/free-tutoring/>

<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/how-can-i-afford-a-tutor-for-my-child>

Office Hours

- **Administration Office:**
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM-3:00PM
Friday 8:00 AM-2:00PM
- **Business Office:**
Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM-1:00PM

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School Photos, Retakes and Senior Pictures

Senior Portraits and Picture Retake day will be on **Thursday, November 30** in the Library/Innovation Lab. If you are not satisfied with your original picture, or were absent that day, this will be your chance to redo your picture or get one taken.

Aftercare Fridays

With the time change comes earlier closing time on Fridays for the After School care. As Seventh-day Adventists our Sabbath runs from sundown Friday evening until sundown Saturday evening. Starting **December 1, 2023 until March 1, 2024** After school care closing time on Fridays will change from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thanks for making arrangements accordingly to allow for staff to leave earlier to prepare for the Sabbath.

High School Vespers

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to a special Vespers entitled "Journey of Faith" with Melina Thomas on **Friday evening, December 1** at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym upstairs Bible classroom. There will be snacks and discussion.

Worship Service

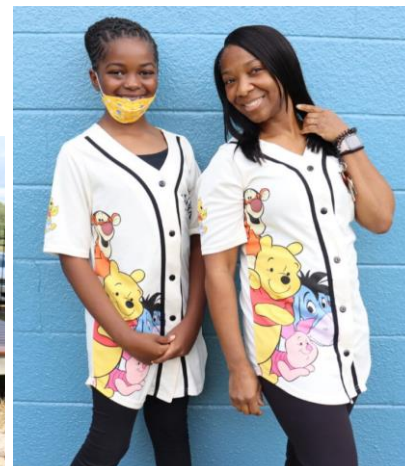
All students and families are invited to a special Worship service on **Sabbath, December 2** in the Gordon "Chip" Davis Gymnasium at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Melina Thomas on the topic "Journey of Faith". All are welcome!

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be held on **December 4-9!** We **will not be accepting cash** this year to prevent lost money, incorrect amounts and having to give change back. Parents will need to go online to our book fair website (<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/apwma>) to load up their students account. Then students will be all set to shop at the book fair! Shopping can also be done online during our book fair dates. Grandparents and family members can also shop even if they are not local!



School Spirit Week



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