



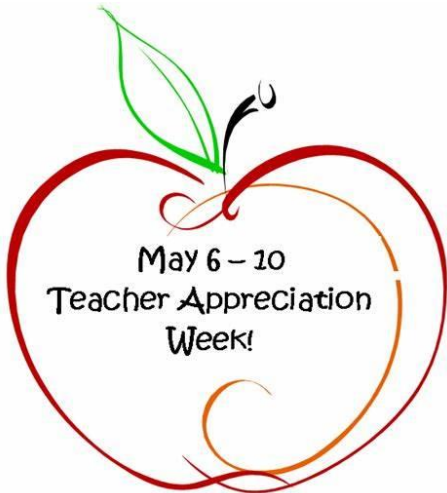
# WALKER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

April 26, 2024 | Weekly Update



“...but now the Lord declares:  
But I will honor those who  
honor me, and I will despise  
those who think lightly of me.”

1 Samuel 2:30 NLT



## WMA Senior-led Vespers

Everyone is invited to a special Senior-led Vespers program. The Senior Class of 2024 will be leading out on **Sabbath evening**, April 27 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Avon Park SDA Church. There will be a good-will offering to support the Senior Class of 2024.

## Business Office Closed

The WMA Business Office will be **CLOSED Tuesday, April 30**. It will reopen on **Wednesday, May 1** for normal business hours: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## WMA Music Concerts

WMA will hold two (2) spring musical concerts on **Saturday, May 4**.

- The Sacred Concert will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Avon Park SDA Church.
- The Secular Concert will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Gordon "Chip" Davis Gymnasium.

## Save the Dates

<b>Monday, May 20</b>	6:00PM	Kindergarten End-of Year Celebration	APC
<b>Thursday, May 23</b>	7:00PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebratory Promotion	APC
<b>Friday, May 24</b>	10:00AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony	WMA
	7:00PM	Senior Consecration	APC
<b>Saturday, May 25</b>	11:00AM	Senior Baccalaureate	APC
	8:00PM	Senior Graduation	APC
<b>Sunday, August 11</b>	MANDATORY Parent and Student Orientations (School Day)		
<b>Tuesday, August 13</b>	First Day of School		

## Register for FREE Summer Camp and VBS

- Summer Basketball Camp – for info contact [rodney.mcfadden@avonparkchurch.com](mailto:rodney.mcfadden@avonparkchurch.com)
- Vacation Bible School (Open for volunteers now at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/apc2024>)  
Child registration opens on May 1) – Flyers and details are attached

## SAVE THE DATE

**FRI. Apr 26**  
Grades K-10 MAP Assessment Testing

**SAT. Apr 27**  
**7:30-8:30PM** Senior-led Vespers, APC

**MON. Apr 29**  
Grades K-3 MAP Reading Assessment Testing

**TUE. Apr 30**  
Business Office CLOSED

**SAT. May 4**  
**4:30AM** WMA Spring Sacred Concert, APC  
**8:15PM** WMA Spring Secular Concert, Gym

**MON. May 6 thru FRI. May 10**  
Teacher Appreciation Week



"Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.  
Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change."

~Anonymous



## 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:  
[careers.floridaconference.com](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

## 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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WMA is sad to see Mrs. Sharon Coldren our Language Arts teacher leaving to begin her retirement but happy to welcome new faculty for the 2024-25 school year

**Stephanie Gonzalez** was born and raised in Moca, Puerto Rico. Among her credentials are a BA in Political Science and Pre-Law as well as a JurisDoctor. She is certified to teach Spanish, Reading, and ESOL by the Florida Department of Education. Even though she practiced law in Puerto Rico, Stephanie received a calling into education and hasn't turned back since.



Mrs. Gonzalez has 9 years of experience in the education field. Throughout her career, she has taught High School and Middle School courses such as Spanish, Reading, Literacy Strategies, served as Student Success Coach and Testing Coordinator. Additionally, Gonzalez served as volleyball Varsity Head Coach for four years.

Mrs. Gonzalez is an active member of Lake Wales Spanish SDA. In her church, she is a board member and Director of the Adventurer's Ministry "Rayitos de Fe". In addition, she is an active member of the church's Children's Ministry "Spark Kids". It is her passion for education and her devotion to follow the Lord's calling that has led her to Walker Memorial Academy.



**Savannah Kahler** has attended Walker Memorial Academy since Pre-Kindergarten. She plans to attend the University of North Dakota for Fisheries and Wildlife Biology. Savannah has been a member of the WMA Band for 9 years, Choir for 6 years, and Fire N Steel band for 8 years. Her favorite WMA memory is attending Sea Camp in 10th Grade. Her favorite teacher is "Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. Kahler because they are my mom and grandma, but also because we had lots of memorable trips in their classes like Green Meadows Farm and Gatorland". Her favorite quote: "Wanting to be someone else is a waste of who you are" - Kurt Cobain. Her favorite Bible verse is James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."



**Natalie Garcia Ceballos** has attended Walker Memorial Academy since Kindergarten and she plans to attend a community college for an associate degree in interior design, then transfer to a university out of state for a Bachelors of Fine Arts. Natalie's favorite class at WMA was her Sophomore arts and crafts class. Her two best friends were in the class and it ranged from a peaceful day to then so much laughter they could barely breathe. Her best Senior memory was joining the Kindergarteners late in the year during Polar Express Day. Natalie's advice for future Seniors is "Work your way out of procrastinating. The senioritis is real and everything can start to feel optional. Find the motivation to keep going and fight for the life that you want". Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

**Julianna Dumanon** has attended Walker Memorial Academy since 3rd Grade. She plans to attend college for nursing in Tennessee at Southern Adventist University. Julianna has many great memories at WMA, but the memories that stand out the most to her were on the mission trips she attended to Puerto Rico and Honduras. One of her most memorable activities with her classmates was the Freshman class trip to Cumberland Island. Julianna has been a member of the WMA Band and Fire N Steel Band for 8 years and WMA choir for 6 years and her favorite teacher is Mr. Cann for constantly encouraging her to be her best. Julianna's advice to future Seniors is "Never be afraid or embarrassed to ask questions/advice. You won't ever know for sure until you ask" and her favorite quote is "Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you know" A.A (Winnie the Pooh author). Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

