



# WALKER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

May 6, 2022 | Weekly Update



**“God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.”**

**James 1:12 NLT**

## Grades 8-12 Awards Ceremony

Parents of grades 8-12 students are invited to the end-of-year awards ceremony at the Avon Park SDA Church (1410 W. Avon Blvd., Avon Park) on **Friday, May 6** at 8:00 a.m. **Grades 8-12 students are to be dropped off in the morning at the church from 7:45-8:00 a.m.**

## Early Dismissal, Monday May 9

All students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. on **Monday, May 9** for teachers Professional Development.

Please be prompt in picking up your children. We ask that you please pick up your child promptly or make arrangements to have him/her picked up prior to 6:00 p.m.

**After School Care is offered as a service for those that have emergent cases** and cannot pick up their child at dismissal time. Charges for this service are \$5 per hour or any portion of the hour.

We are seeing many students that are staying just to have 'play time with their friends'. **Students are to leave campus as soon after dismissal as possible** because preparations for next day's classes are being made by the teachers during those after hours. **This is not a time for students to remain at school to play with their friends.** Please be courteous and not abuse this service. The number of students that are staying is increasing and adult supervision is getting strained. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Grades 9-12 Vespers

All high school age students are invited to the Osborne Youth Center on **Friday, May 6** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Chaplain J.B. will be the speaker.

## Engage Youth Church

Hello WMA 8-12 graders and families! You are so very much welcome and invited to the Engage Youth Worship on Sabbath, **May 7** at 11:00 a.m. in the Gordon 'Chip' Davis Gymnasium on the campus of Walker Memorial Academy.

This will be a place and time for youth (and those young at heart) to praise and worship our awesome God. I am looking forward to seeing you all there for our last Engage Youth Worship of the 2021-2022 school year. Blessings, Chaplain J.B. McMillen

## Keep Updated!

Although it is the end of the school year, it's not too late! **JOIN NOW!**

- **Remind/Bloomz App:** Check with your child's teacher(s) to see which app they use. This is the best way to communicate with teachers when groups are off campus, on field trips, etc.
- **RenWeb/FACTS and/or CANVAS:** Keep up with your child's grades, attendance, missing assignments, emails from teachers and principal, health incidents, etc.



## 'Closing the Summer Learning Gap'

WMA principal, Mr. Michael Berglund will be speaking on "Closing the Summer Learning Gap" on **Tuesday, May 10** from 6:00-6:30 p.m. at the Walker Memorial Academy in Mr. Pauls Math Classroom Room 203. Refreshments and reception to follow.

Students forget up to 25 percent of what they learned in the previous school year over the summer holiday. Find out what you can do to minimize this learning loss and give your child the best chance at future educational success. Parents, grandparents, and guardians are invited to attend the **FREE** Parent University presentation. Invite your friends. This program is open to the public.

## SAVE THE DATE

### FRI. May 6

**8:00AM** Grades 8-12 Awards Ceremony  
**(Grades 8-12 students to be dropped off at APC)**  
**2:30-4:00PM** Adventurers/Pathfinders  
**7:00-8:30PM** Grades 9-12 Vespers, OYC

### SAT. May 7

**11:00AM** Grades 8-12 Student & Family Engage Youth Church, Davis Gym

### MON. May 9

**12:15PM** Early Dismissal  
**12:30-5:30PM** NHS Escape Room trip

### TUE. May 10

**3:30-5:30PM** Junior Robotics  
**3:30-5:30PM** Robotics League  
**6:00-6:30PM** Parent University  
**7:00-9:30PM** WMA Alumni Volleyball

### WED. May 11

**3:30-5:30PM** Junior Robotics  
**3:30-5:30PM** Robotics League

### THUR. May 12

**3:00-7:00PM** Robotics & Innovation Expo

### FRI. May 13

**2:30-4:00PM** Adventurers/Pathfinders  
**7:00-8:30PM** APC/WMA Vespers

### SAT. May 14

**11:00AM** WMA Education Sabbath with Select Choir and Steel Band, APC

### SUN. May 15

**6:00-8:00PM** WMA School-wide Spring Concert, APC

"When educating the minds of our youth, we must forget to educate their hearts."

Dalai Lama



## WMA Job Openings

- Grades 9-12 Science Teacher
- Maintenance Supervisor
- School Nurse (*Part-time, flexible hours*)
- Substitutes for Teachers (*salaried*)
- Substitutes for Local Hires (*hourly employees*)
- Floater-on-Call (*miscellaneous areas*)
- Bus Driver (*when needed*)

To apply and details visit:

<https://careers.floridaconference.com>

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

## 2022-2023 Parent Orientation/1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

Mark your Calendars! Mandatory Parent Orientation will be held **August 3** with the first day of the 2022-2023 school year to begin on **Monday, August 8**. Get your reenrollment online application in by May 1, 2022 to reserve your child's seat. Time to be announced.

## Wednesday Hot Lunch

The Sophomore class had a fun and educational time in Sea Camp last week! Thank you for your continued support. Meals will continue to be ordered from Merlo Taqueria for three more **Wednesdays: May 4, 11, and 18**. Fill out this form by 12:00 noon each **Tuesday: <https://forms.office.com/r/RkCWab32xm>**

## Re-enroll NOW

Only half the students have re-enrolled for next school year. Submit your online re-enrollment NOW to reserve your seat for the 2022-23 school year! Open Enrollment has started for new applicants.

Visit the school website at [www.WMAeagles.org](http://www.WMAeagles.org). Click on Apply tab. Go to bottom of page. Click on ParentsWeb. Complete and submit now to reserve your spot! You can also reenroll on the Parent Portal on RenWeb.

Use District Code: FC-SDA

## Congratulations WMA Mega Builders Robotic Team!

Please join us in celebrating the success of our robotics team at the national event in Orlando this past Sunday.

After competing against 33 teams from around the country that qualified for this event, our Mega Builders team took first place in the Innovation category with Highest Score: Innovation Project, Robot Design, and Core Values.

Overall, they beat out somewhere between 150 teams nationwide for this award.

The team performed exceptionally well and lost the grand championship by a very, very slim margin to a team they beat at regionals.

Congratulations is in order for all the coaches and team members. Join us in celebrating our overall Regional Champion and Innovation Category National Champion Mega Builders Robotic team! Go Eagles!



Coaches Denny Nelson, Earl Ploche and Nicole Ploche pictured with team members: Khamina Montague, Khimora Montague, Khalia Edwards, Hartley Cleghorn, E.J. Ploche, Chloe Berglund, Joshua Reid.

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