



WALKER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

May 17, 2024 | Weekly Update



“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Proverbs 19:21

Last Day of School

The last day of school will be **Friday, May 24**. All students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. If your child is staying for afterschool care, please pack a sack lunch – no deliveries will be accepted. Please be considerate and pick up your child PROMPTLY and no later than 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

Pick Up/Sign Out of Students

For the safety of your child, please do not use back driveway to pick up your child. All students are to be signed out in the school office. We appreciate you waiting patiently in the driveway loop at the end of the day. If possible, it is recommended that your child’s doctor’s appointment be scheduled as late as possible in the school day. Sign out and pick up at the school office no later than 3:00 p.m.

We appreciate your patience. **FACT:** The time it takes us to move 236 students to cars after school on an average day is 25 minutes.

Swim Attire

Just a reminder of WMA swimwear policy for student that attend on-campus or off-campus water activities:

- **Girls** are to wear a modest one-piece swimwear. (Tankinis and two-piece, even if covered with a t-shirt, are inappropriate and NOT allowed)
- **Boys** are to wear board-shorts type swim trunks. (Spande/Lycra briefs and shorts are considered inappropriate and NOT allowed.)

No Cell Phone Usage at Dismissal

Parents and Students – for the safety of our children and to keep the traffic moving, please do not use your cell phones during dismissal. This delays the students arriving to the cars, keeps the traffic continuously moving without gaps, and alleviates close-call accidents to occur. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation 😊

SAVE THE DATE

FRI. May 17

7:00PM Seniors return from Class Trip

MON. May 20

High School finals

10:30AM Yearbook Assembly

6:00PM Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration, APC

TUE. May 21

High School finals

8:00AM-6:00PM Island H2O Water Park

9:00AM Grade 8 Rehearsal

WED. May 22

High School finals

Grades 4&5, 7&8 Water Fun Day

9:00AM Grade 8 Rehearsal, APC

THU. May 23

High School finals

Grades K-3 Water Fun Day

9:00AM Grade 8 Rehearsal

12:15PM Grade 8 Early Dismissal

7:00PM 8th Grade Celebration, APC

FRI. May 24

Grade 9 to YMCA

10:00AM Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony

12:15PM EARLY DISMISSAL – Last Day of School

7:00PM Senior Consecration, APC

SAT. May 25

10:50AM Senior Baccalaureate, APC

8:00PM Senior Graduation, APC

MON. May 27 thru FRI. May 31

Administrative and Business Office CLOSED

Save the Dates

Monday, May 20	6:00PM	Kindergarten End-of Year Celebration	APC
Thursday, May 23	7:00PM	8 th Grade Celebratory Promotion	APC
Friday, May 24	10:00AM 7:00PM	5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony Senior Consecration	WMA APC
Saturday, May 25	10:45AM 8:00PM	Senior Baccalaureate Senior Graduation	APC APC
Monday, May 27-31	Administrative and Business Office CLOSED		
Sunday, August 11	MANDATORY Parent and Student Orientations (School Day)		
Tuesday, August 13	First Day of School		

Summer Office Hours

The school office and Business Office will be CLOSED the week of **May 27-31** to finalize end-of-year reports and post-week responsibilities.

School Office: Summer Office hours will be begin on **June 3**

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Office Summer Office hours will be begin on **June 10**

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Do what you HAVE to do
until you can do what you WANT to do."

~Oprah Winfrey



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

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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2024-2025 Parent Orientation / 1st Day of School

All are Mark your Calendars! Mandatory Parent Orientation will be held **Sunday, August 11** with the first day of 2024-2025 school year to begin classes on **Tuesday, August 13**. If you haven't reserved your child's seat yet - Get your reenrollment online application in as soon as possible. Classes are filling up quickly.

New System Update

Starting **May 6**, messages sent via Parent Alert will have a new short code. Please add the new short code 317065 to their saved contact for WMA so it does not display as an unknown sender. Your text header will be WMA's FACTS SIS District Code.

Register for FREE Summer Camp and VBS

- **Summer Basketball Camp** - for info contact 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

ATTENTION Step Up Families:

If you want to receive award priority, you must submit your 2024-25 scholarship application by **May 31, 2024** to receive priority for your renewal student!

Any renewal applications received after May 31 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis along with all new applications.

Renew Your Student's Scholarship in 3 easy steps:

Step 1: Click on the blue button below to visit our Log In/Apply page.

Step 2: On the Log In/Apply page, review all resources for Renewal Families.

Step 3: Log in to your EMA account and click the "Apply" button for the appropriate scholarship program at the bottom of your Dashboard.

REMEMBER You may only apply for one scholarship program at a time for a student. Please ensure all students you want to apply for are included on the one application before it is submitted.

**Once approved please log-in and provide the
WMA Treasurer, Diana.Rodriguez@WMAeagles.org your NEW AWARD NUMBER. **



Laila Thompson has attended Walker Memorial Academy since 1st Grade. She plans to enroll in the nursing program at SFSC to begin her journey of becoming a Registered Nurse. Laila has been a member of WMA Choir since 7th Grade and her most memorable teacher was Pastor JB. Laila enjoyed all of the WMA class trips because she enjoyed making memories with her class, but if she had to pick a favorite it would be one of the science field trips to Sea Camp or Cumberland Island. She would like future seniors to know not to put anything off, it goes by fast. But make sure you have fun and enjoy yourself, it's the last year. Make it count. Her favorite quote is "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11-13, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

