



# WALKER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

March 22, 2024

Weekly Update



**"Train up a child  
in the way he should go,  
even when he is old  
he will not depart from it."**

**Proverbs 22:6**

## Early Dismissal – Friday, March 29

All students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. on **Friday, March 29**. This will count as one of our Hurricane Make-up dates.

Students that remain on campus for after school care, parent is to provide a brown sack lunch for each of your children.

## Attendance and GPA is Vital

Attendance and a high GPA (grade point average) is critical in the learning and development of each child. Is your child prepared for their college? While going through the quarter reports, high school student grades and attendance are not where they should be if students expect to pursue college or university. GPA and attendance matters!

## Unexcused Tardies and Attendance

To provide your child an outstanding education, your child must maintain on-time attendance and attend school regularly. Students receiving state scholarships must have 90% class attendance to maintain receiving funding. Parents - please talk to your child about the importance of being accountable and striving for a good GPA with consistent attendance to support the academic success for progress in their future.

A new quarter has started. Let's turn over a new leaf – get to school on time and attend your classes! Student that acquires five (5) unexcused absences or ten (10) unexcused tardies will be required to pay a \$50 fee prior to child's reentry to class.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **FRI.Mar22**

School Spirit Week

### **SAB.Mar23**

**11:00AM-12:00AM** Fire 'n Steel at Kress  
Memorial SDA Church

### **SUN.Mar24**

**9:00AM-12:30PM** Car Wash , O'Reilly's  
(SA Fundraiser)

### **MON.Mar25**

Accreditation Visit  
K-4 Spiritual Emphasis Week

### **TUE.Mar26**

Accreditation Visit  
K-4 Spiritual Emphasis Week

### **WED.Mar27**

K-4 Spiritual Emphasis Week  
**5:30PM** Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Meeting

### **THU.Mar28**

K-4 Spiritual Emphasis Week  
**10:30AM-12:30PM** HS students – Pacific  
Union College Presentation, Gym  
**5:30PM** Grade 7 Parent/Guardian Meeting

### **FRI.Mar29**

K-4 Spiritual Emphasis Week  
**12:15PM** Early Dismissal (Hurricane Make-up  
Day)

## Items Left on Campus

Every day after school there are lunch boxes, backpacks, textbooks, calculators, binders, uniforms (jackets, PE clothes, etc.) water bottles, and other miscellaneous items left lying around campus. PLEASE take these items home. Unclaimed items that are not labeled with student names will be sent to Community Services at the end of each week to avoid the growing pile and for critter control. Thank you for your help.

## High School Students - Community Service Reminder!

Following the mission and vision of Walker Memorial Academy by glorifying God through a life of service. We encourage students to develop a sense of responsibility for others within their community. Community service helps students foster an understanding of the value and the rewards of helping others.

### **What are the benefits of Community Service?**

Universities value student volunteerism. Community service can expose students to various career options available to them. Most importantly, students will have the opportunity to further demonstrate their character while displaying Christ-like behavior in their service to others.

### **How many Community Service hours are needed?**

A total of 25 community service hours are needed per school year of attendance at WMA. A student may also participate in community service activities during the summer prior to the new school year. A total of 100 community service hours is required for graduation.

How do I check how many community service hours are recorded?

- Login to your FACTS family account
- Click on "Family Information" tab
- Click on your name
- Click on "Service Hours"

"You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you.  
You have to go to them sometimes."

~A.A. Milne, *Pooh's Little Instruction Book*



## 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](http://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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## School Spirit Week

Show your school spirit, **March 18-22!** Students that decide not to participate are required to wear their school uniform.

Please remember to abide by school policy to dress modestly: No jeans, no shorts 3" above the knee, no tank tops or spaghetti straps, no PE uniforms, no tight clothing, no tummies showing, no swim suits, no jewelry, no hair color – you get the idea. If dressed inappropriately, parent will be called and student will need to change into school uniform.

### Friday

K-2: Blue  
3-5: Orange  
6-8: Green

### Class Color Day

Freshman: Pink  
Sophomore: Purple  
Juniors: Yellow  
Seniors: Red

## Car Wash (Senior Fundraiser)

Support the Student Association! Bring your car, truck, vehicles to the FREE Car Wash to O'Reilly's Auto Pans in Avon Park on **Sunday, March 24.** Donations accepted.

## Free Used Children's Bibles

There are used children's Bibles in the school office that have been donated to be given out. If you are interested please stop by the school office or call for one to be sent home with your child.

## Teacher's Aides Needed

WMA needs your help!

Did you know these informational facts:

- Teacher's Aides are a great benefit in enhancing your child's education.
- Teacher's Aides hours vary from only 2 hours per Week, or up to 5 hours per Day
- Teacher's Aides are needed in elementary, middle school classes including PE

Please apply at [careers.floridaconference.com](http://careers.floridaconference.com)

## Help Support Forest School

The on-campus Forest School needs your support. Please copy and paste the link below to your browser to view items in registry that is needed. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you for your help in being a part of the progress at WMA!

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/tr/4a98be78-291b-4e73-a721-a7a37874e7c7>

## Share a Compliment or Complaint Box

We like to hear from our **students, staff, parents, and visitors.** Share a written compliment or a complaint with a possible resolution so it can be shared with our AD Council. Cards can be found above the message box under the TV at the entrance of the elementary hallway.

## Volunteers Needed for Food Distribution

Lake Wales Seventh-day Adventist church does a food distribution **each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month to the local community. If high school WMA students are looking for a place to volunteer, we would welcome their help. Please arrive at 12 pm and expect to stay for about 3 hours. Location: 233 Burn Ave., Lake Wales. Contact person: Tony Miller (954)608-9095

## Save the Date -

- **June 3-6** Basketball Camp. Contact Pastor Rodney at [Rodney.mcfadden@avonparkchurch.com](mailto:Rodney.mcfadden@avonparkchurch.com) or 813-956-4529 for information and to sign up
- **June 10-14** Vacation Bible School