

Christmas Program



BIBLE FAIR 2010

Our Christmas musical, "Dr. Newheart's Christmas Cure," will take place Friday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m.

The children in Kindergar-

ten through eighth grade have been working very hard on this special Christmas performance.

That night we will also have our Christmas cookie bake sale and the Christmas tree gift card raffle.

DVDs of the performance will also be available to purchase.

WCLC elementary and preschool students participated in Operation Christmas Child again this year.

The Neighbors edition of the Youngstown Vindicator included an article and photographs of students writing letters to send with their boxes.

Last year they prepared one hundred six boxes and our goal for 2010 was one hundred ten boxes.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Christmas Program
- ◆ Science Fair
- ◆ Former Students



Science Fair 2011

Science Fair projects (grades four through eight) are due Monday, February 7th. All projects will be on display the week of February 7th through 11th in the hallways.

Parents and friends are invited to view projects, listen to presentations and ask questions on Friday, February 11th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Students with projects receiving a superior rating will have the opportunity

to attend Youngstown State University's Lake to River Science Day on Saturday, March 2011.



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WCLC Former Students

Paul Walker is a 2007 graduate of the Williamson College of



Business Administration at Youngstown State University.

He graduated with honors and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance. During his tenure at YSU he was actively involved in student government where he served as an elected representative of the College of Business and as Secretary of External Affairs.

The governor of Ohio appointed Paul to serve as one of two student trustees on the YSU Board of Trustees.

After graduation Paul accepted a position in financial reporting at a multinational engineering construction technology firm based

in Pasadena, California. He oversaw cash flow forecasting and implemented several new cash flow and reporting systems in his starting role. In his newest assignment Paul serves as a corporate treasury analyst. He is responsible for managing the relationship between the company and its banking interests and maintaining all banking platforms utilized by the company.

Paul attended Willow Creek from pre-school through sixth grade. He attended Poland Middle School and graduated from Poland High School in 2003.

PAUL'S TWO -YEAR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALLOWED HIM TO ACT AS THE VOICE OF THE STUDENT BODY DURING A CRITICAL TIME OF GROWTH AT YSU.

Mathematics

The first Math Olympiad of the 2010-2011 school year was held on November 16th. Cooper and James had perfect scores. Ryan, Paul, Samantha F., Jacob and Andre earned top scores. The next Olympiad is December 14th.

Willow Creek students continue to keep Dr. Math at Youngstown State University busy every week. Photographs of Dr.

Richey from YSU, Sue Ann Taylor from the Youngstown Vindicator and WCLC students at the awards reception in May 2010 are included in this issue. Our thanks to Mrs. Cerneka for the photographs.

The Math Counts team was selected in December. The team includes Ryan, Cooper, James and Lauren. The alternates are Samantha, Paul, Cassidy and

Lisandra. The Math Counts competition will be held at YSU on February 10th.

The first graders have earned hundreds of points on First in Math online. They spend about fifteen minutes each day online and several of them practice at home as well. The second and third graders are also participating as well as some fourth and fifth graders.

Computer Lab

The computer lab at Willow Creek has twelve relatively new computers that are all connected to the internet. We are thankful to Mr. Michael Murphy and the local office of the Social Security Administration for donating these used computers.

Willow Creek donated its used computers to Goodwill at the Boardman Plaza.



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With inspiration from teachers throughout his life in mathematics and sciences, Brian Hoffmaster decided to pursue a degree in Pharmacy Practice from the University of Toledo. His academic record at Boardman High School provided him with a significant scholarship that covered half of his tuition for all four years of his undergraduate degree. After completing two years at Toledo, he applied and was accepted to the professional division of Pharmacy Practice to complete the bachelors and doctoral degrees. He served as a resident advisor in the freshmen dormitory for three and a half years and as an assistant hall director for a half year. These opportunities covered the cost of room and board with a stipend for the position of assistant hall director.

He has recently finished the equivalent of a doctoral thesis and dissertation with high accolades.

Brian attended Willow Creek from kindergarten through sixth grade. He also attended Board-

man Glenwood Middle School and Boardman High School.

Brian writes, "When I look back on my memories, I am most fond of the strong background that I received in mathematics, science, English, and the constant encouragement to embrace performing arts and creativity. I have always felt that my founda-



tion has let me stay a step ahead throughout my education. My high school experience was full of unlimited possibilities due to the foundation and confidence that I received early in my education at Willow Creek. I believe in the value of the education that Willow Creek Learning Center has to offer children in this day and age."

"I THINK THAT MY TIME AT WCLC HAS BROUGHT MANY BENEFITS TO MY LIFE TODAY, BUT THOSE I VALUE MOST THE FOUNDATION THAT ENABLED ME TO EXCEL IN MY STUDIES, AND MOST PARAMOUNT, THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE OTHERS FOR CHRIST.

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Willow Creek Learning Center is a non-profit, tax-exempt educational institution whose purpose is to provide a quality education in a Christian environment while passing on the joy of learning. WCLC meets or exceeds the state of Ohio's minimum standards for non-tax supported private schools.

WCLC was established in 1985 and sits on four and one half acres of grassy play area and woodland with stream. Its location, several hundred yards off Western Reserve Road, gives the school the privacy and quiet conducive to learning both indoors and outdoors.

