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Walker Memorial Academy Weekly Update

January 10, 2025

“I the Lord search
the heart and
examine the mind,
to reward each person
according to their
conduct, according to
what their deeds
deserve.”

Jeremiah 17:10

SAVE THE DATE

WED. Jan 8

12:00PM Select High School students leave for Prayer Conference, Camp Kulaqua

THUR. Jan 16

NO SCHOOL – MANDATORY Parent-Teacher Conferences
3:30-6:30PM Sports Practice, Gym

FRI. Jan 17

NO SCHOOL – FTK Collaborative Meetings

MON. Jan 20

NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

TUE. Jan 21

8:00AM Classes resume

Parent Teacher Conferences

The first grading period ended on Friday, December 18. Grade cards will be distributed at the Parent-Teacher Conferences held on Thursday, January 16. Teachers look forward to visiting with you and sharing information about your child's progress so far this school year. Set up an appointment time with your child's teacher. Report cards will not be given out without a meeting until teacher meets with a parent.

No School Days – January 16, 17 and 20

There will be no school on the following days

- Thursday, January 16 MANDATORY Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- Friday, January 17 FLCOE Teacher Collaborative Cohort Workshops
- Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday

WMA Talent Show Sign Up

Walker Memorial Academy presents "Talent Show 2025!" Students, teachers, family, and friends can participate by singing, playing instruments, reading poetry, doing gymnastics, or any other talent you may have!

The talent show will take place on February 8 at 7:00 pm in the Gordon 'Chip' Davis Gymnasium, and the entrance will cost \$5 per person as a fundraiser for the Music Department.

If you would like to participate, please write an email to: roy.bournissen@wmaeagles.org or nicole.neugebauerutz@wmaeagles.org to receive more information. **Sign-up to participate is open until February 2, 2025.**

Southern Union Prayer Conference

A select group of high school students will be attending the Southern Union Academy Prayer Conference at Camp Kulaqua January 15-18. This years featured powerful speaker will be Pastor Chad Bernard, Youth Directors for the Michigan Conference of SDA. This year's theme is "Relentless", where students will explore the pursuit of a deeper relationship with God. Please pray for safe travels and special blessings for the attendees:

Samantha Balida
Uptavia Campbell
Leilani Ellsworth
Malinda Falor
Benjalys Garcia
Llewor Lobo
Cameeyah Odom
Sponsors: Sam Paschal, Sharlene Naar

Kindergarten Roundup

Gather your friends to become little Eagles! See what you can be at WMA's Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, February 18. Parent and future Eagle will visit the classroom. Meet the teachers, ask questions and arrange for pre-testing. Session will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hurry and sign up NOW! Space is limited. Sign up by calling 863-453-3131 extension 2.

Community Events:

- Twice is Nice Shoppe (1418 W. Avon Blvd., Avon Park – across the street from Avon Park SDA Church) will be open 2 Sundays in January. Mark your calendar – January 12 and 19.. Open 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy terrific, thrifty prices for a variety of clothing, household items and furniture. Christmas items reduced at end-of-season.
- Indian Foods – Shaista's Catering. Good food, good health. A recipe for Every Occasion! Call 863-414-5229

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

WMA Job Openings

- After Care Assistant (part-time)
- Facilities Coordinator (on-call)
- Floater-on-Call (Flexible, miscellaneous areas)
- Maintenance Repair Building (on-call)
- Substitutes for Teachers (flexible hours)
- Substitutes for Local Hires (flexible hours)
- Teacher's Aide (part-time)

To apply and details visit:
<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
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15 New Year's Resolutions for Parents

Given that the new year is upon us, I'm proposing a number of parenting resolutions for my readers to consider. The list is by no means comprehensive. It's just a good beginning on what is probably a much-needed family revolution:

1. We will not throw expensive "event parties" for our children on their birthdays. Instead, we will confine all birthday celebrations to our family, including extended family. We will keep it uncomplicated: a special dinner of the birthday boy or girl's favorite food, a cake, the song, and a few simple gifts, mostly clothing or other useful things.
2. We will spend at least as much time helping our children develop good manners as we do helping them get good grades in school, which means we will cut back significantly on the time helping with the latter (in consideration of the fact that good manners, which are expressions of respect for others, will take one further in life than will good grades). Each week, we will work on one specific social courtesy, such as saying "excuse me" when you walk in front of someone. Taking two weeks off, that's 50 courtesies a year!
3. We will show our love for our neighbors by properly disciplining our children, insisting on proper behavior, and reprimanding immediately (even if that means in front of other people) when they behave otherwise, and on those occasions we will also insist they apologize appropriately.
4. If we have not already done so, we will assign a routine of daily chores to each of our children (at least those who have reached their third birthdays) and we will insist that the chores be done, and done properly, before they engage in recreation or relaxation.
5. When our children ask us for cell phones, we will tell them that they may have cell phones when they are able to pay for them as well as the monthly bills.
6. When our children complain that they are the only kids who don't have cell phones (and do chores), we will tell them that learning how to be different is character-building.
7. Our children will not be able to order customized meals unless we take them to a restaurant. At home, they will eat what we are eating, and they will sit at the table until they are finished. We will do this so that when they are invited to eat at someone else's home, they will be the best of guests.
8. We will surely bond with our children, but we will not bond with them in the marital bed, nor will we bond with them in their beds.
9. In keeping with number 8, we will put our marriage first and our children second, for their sake as well as ours. They will revolve around us; thus, they will not grow up thinking the world revolves around them.
10. If I am a single parent, I will take good care of myself for my sake as well as my children's. I will have an active, adults only, social life. I will take plenty of personal time to simply relax and do those things I like to do. I will do all of that so that my children will not ever think the world revolves around them.
11. We/I will put our/my children to bed early so that we/I can end each day reconnecting as a couple or relaxing as a single.
12. We will eat as a family around our own table at least six nights a week.
13. We will keep after-school activities to a minimum, and let them enroll only in activities that do not prevent us from delivering on number 11.
14. Instead of buying our children expensive things, we will help them develop hobbies and take them to museums and on trips.
15. We will do all of the above so that when they grow up, they will have wonderful memories of their childhoods and raise our grandchildren in a manner that honors us.