

Superintendent's Update

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"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!" Ephesians 3:20-21

What an exciting beginning to the school year this has been. Students and faculty have settled in to their schedules and I have observed in my class visits on both campuses, dynamic creative lessons integrated with technology and hands-on learning experiences that capture the students attention and raise the bar of excellence. Our High School students and faculty are especially thrilled about their new home now in Upland, and are finding their surroundings most conducive to effective learning and programs beyond the classroom.

Our Grand Celebration at the new Upland Pre School and High School, commemorating 89 years of God's blessings upon Western, was well received by an audience of over 1,000 including students, parents, and city officials from the County and State. Congratulations, Western!

Our athletics have the best facilities ever with all the volleyball games being played at the Upland campus on the brand new wood floor gym! Yeah! The basketball teams are already enjoying our newly completed athletic floor and the football teams are playing at Covina as we are having the Upland field revamped and upgraded.

There are many new and exciting things on the horizon for this school year and our WCS team is working hard to see all those come together successfully to benefit our students. One of the main events for which we are planning is our third Annual Legacy Celebration Dinner coming up on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at APU. As you know, this event is a time for all of us to come together as a school family, to celebrate and honor our students, our history and our future. It is a night of great student entertainment, food and fellowship. Tickets are only \$25 each. You can also sponsor our teachers for \$25 each (All teachers were sponsored by parents last year. Thanks!) Last year over 400 family members and faculty attended – you won't want to miss this amazing event.

As signified by it's name, the Legacy Celebration represents celebrating the Legacy of the past years to the present, but also maintaining that Legacy for the future for our children. This is an occasion where the entire Western team of faculty, staff and administration joins efforts with students, parents, and alumni, as well our members from our community including pastors, city leaders, and business people, to celebrate the future of the school and learn more about how we can help make our great aspirations become a reality.

In the past two years, we have been able to obtain funds to undertake many projects that have enhanced the overall educational program for the students, faculty, and Western. **This year we have the goal of raising sufficient funds to aim at greater undertakings, including establishing a Teachers' Endowment Fund.**

Additional school needs to be met through Legacy funds are in the following areas:

Campus Security Fencing (Claremont)
Academic and Curricular Resources (Preschool through High School)
Technology Advancement
Student Scholarships (K-12)
Sports, Fine Arts, Extra Curricular Programs
Educational Equipment and Resources
Facilities and Landscaping Enhancements (All School)
Revamped Football Field (Upland)
Library/ Media Expansion
Playground, Equipment and Fencing (All School)
New Gym Floor (completed with funds from WCS savings)



WCS seniors at the Grand Celebration

In addition to inviting you to attend the Legacy Celebration Dinner, I ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a Legacy sponsor. The many sponsorship options, from \$250 - \$50,000 or more, can be viewed by visiting the school's website at www.westernchristian.org/wcs/legacy or by using the RSVP cards that have been mailed with our invitations to your home. Feel free to call the school at (909) 624-8291 and ask to speak directly with me at extension 227 or to Carissa Saugstad at extension 233. **I am counting on your support and commitment, which is an affirmation of our efforts to date and an encouragement to make even greater strides in the future.**

This school year is bound to be an exciting one with anticipation of great and new things happening for our students both academically and spiritually. I thank you for your continued prayers and support to help us reach our goal.