

WCS nEws-Letter

September 18, 2009

It was a great first full week of school on both campuses!



Upland Campus



Claremont Campus



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Plan to attend...**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!!!**

Middle School: Monday, September 21, 6:00PM

Elementary: Tuesday, September 22, 6:00pm

SEPTEMBER

- 21 Minimum Day for Middle School/ Middle School Back to School Night/Parent Mtg.(6:00)
- 22 Minimum Day for Elementary/Elementary Back to School Night/Parent Mtg (6:00)
- 23-24 Eighth Grade Leadership Retreat
- 23-24 Sixth & Seventh Grade Leadership Retreat
- 25 Picture Day
- 30 Picture Make-up Day

OCTOBER

- 2 Family Fun Night/Harvest Fest (minimum day)
- 9 Progress Reports
- 19-23 Bus Safety Week
- 19-22 Book Fair
- 22 Grandparent's Day for Preschool, Elementary and Middle School@ 8:30/All-School Minimum Day
- 23 Minimum Day for Accreditation Work
- 23 Bus Safety Day 9-10:30am
- 27 Parent Meeting 4:30pm
- 28&30 4th Grade Walk Through California

SAVE THE DATE!

WESTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER

Legacy

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION OF WESTERN'S LEGACY AND FUTURE,
BENEFITING PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2009

Western Christian History

The history of Western Christian reflects a rich heritage of those who have gone before us who were so committed to Christian education; they made sure it was provided to young people, even without a permanent home. The Western Christian forefathers exemplified determination, passion, flexibility and commitment to Christian education.

For the first forty plus years, Western Christian's home was in Upland. From 1920 to 1935 the school was located on the corner of Third Ave. and F Street, which was also the location of the Upland Brethren in Christ Church where our founder, Christian Charles Burkholder, was pastor. During the first fifteen years the high school enrollment averaged 37, and the college enrollment averaged fifteen.

In 1935 the school moved to the corner of Arrow Highway and San Antonio, which had served as the original San Antonio Hospital. Enrollment grew slightly after this move, but increased significantly in 1946, after the close of World War II. The school's name changed during this time from Beulah College and Academy to Upland College and Academy.

The early sixties brought change to the school system. In 1963 the high school division moved from the college campus site in Upland, as both programs sought to build their own identities and grow enrollment. On June 9, 1963, the LA Times printed an article introducing the new name under which the former Upland Academy would now operate. The new name of Western Christian High School, and its new location at a church in Pomona was announced. Up until 1963, the high school division was always housed with the college division.

In 1965 the college division of the school was closed due to low enrollment. The property in Upland was sold to pay off the college debts.

During the late sixties and seventies, the high school enrollment grew, which necessitated additional moves. Since 1963, Western Christian High School moved to Pomona, La Verne, Glendora and Covina. During these years enrollment and programs have grown. We now have a thriving preschool, elementary and middle school in Claremont, a successful home school program, over 1500 students in our school system, thousands of alumni, and dedicated constituents. We are humbled and honored to serve in a ministry that has such a rich history in this community.

It is important to note that the high school has not had a permanent, owned campus facility until today, where we find ourselves back in Upland, where we began in 1920, which is why today is such a significant celebration in the history of Western Christian. We praise God for His faithfulness through the years and we celebrate today.