

## 2010-2011 School Profile

*“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles....” Isaiah 40:31*

**The School’s History:** Warner Christian Academy, a ministry of White Chapel Church of God, opened the doors of the first grade in September of 1971 and soon after added a Day Care Center. In September of 1972 WCA opened the school year with 228 students in grades K5-9. By the 1973 fall term, Warner had 440 students and the athletic program was started. In 1974, the first graduating class became the first official alumni of WCA. Throughout its 40 year history, Dr. Maurice Berquist’s vision of providing a Christ-centered education to as many children in Volusia County as possible has been realized as thousands of young people have benefited from the opportunities offered at Warner Christian Academy.

**The School’s Mission:** Warner Christian Academy strives to be a school where Jesus is Lord and students are led to develop spiritually, academically, socially, physically and in service to others.

**Accreditation:** Warner Christian Academy is fully accredited by SACS, *The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools* and by ACSI, *The Association of Christian Schools International*.

**Facilities:** Warner Christian Academy is located on a 15 acre campus in the heart of South Daytona, a suburb of the greater Daytona Beach area. WCA serves students from age 6 weeks through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The school has a physical plant of 198,000 square feet, comprised of a double-wing preschool building, two two-story elementary buildings, and a two-story middle/high school building. The school has a high school science lab, a middle/high school computer lab, a mobile elementary computer lab, a virtual center, two libraries housing nearly 15,000 volumes and over a dozen computer stations for research and AR, a band room, two gymnasiums, a weight room, a cafeteria, two outside playgrounds, a baseball field, and a football/soccer field. Two school buses and two mini-buses safely transport our children on athletic events, field trips, and service projects.

### WCA Core Values

We value:

- **God’s Word** is divinely inspired and relevant to all generations and is the expression of God’s love to the world through His son Jesus Christ.
- **Children** are gifts from God, treasures to be nurtured as they grow into adults.
- **Families** are a God-ordained institution and the primary educator of children.
- **Godly wisdom** is significant in effective decision-making, problem-solving and character-building.
- The rigorous study of **Knowledge** is a means to become effective leaders and contributors to society.
- Emotional, spiritual, and physical health.
- The pursuit of **excellence** as a means to honor Christ as His ambassadors.

### Statement of Non-Discrimination

WCA will admit students of any gender, race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We will not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of our educational and admission policies nor in our scholarship, athletic, and other programs.

### WCA Statement of Faith

We believe:

- The Bible to be the inspired and only infallible authoritative Word of God (2 Peter 1:20-21).
- There is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit (Jude 1:24-25).
- In the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (John 17:1-3; Romans 1:3-4; Philippians 3:10-11).
- That people are sinful by nature and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for salvation (Romans 3:23).
- In the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Acts 24:14-15).
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. Those who are saved unto eternal life, and those who are lost unto eternal damnation (Galatians 6:10).
- In the spiritual unity of the believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:11).
- In the creation of man by the direct act of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

**Elementary Faculty:** 15 full-time

**Secondary Faculty:** 19 full-time, 1 part-time

**Special Services:** 3 full-time therapists, 1 full-time librarian

**Administration:** 7 full-time

**Longevity:** Faculty and Administration have served the school an average of 18.7 years, ranging from 1 to 39 years.

**Credentials:** All faculty and administration have Bachelor's degrees and 20% hold Master's degrees. All are certified and many have dual certification with ACSI and the State of Florida.

**Current Enrollment:** Elementary – 245 Secondary – 248

**Faculty/Student Ratio:** 1 to 15

**Maximum Class Size:** K5-22(w/an aide), 1<sup>st</sup>-22, 2<sup>nd</sup>-22, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-25, MS/HS-28

**Average Class Size:** 19

**Student Body:** WCA has an ethnically diverse community of students who come from many communities surrounding South Daytona. Our families represent a wide range of socio-economic groups and many area churches.

**Spiritual Life:** Warner Christian Academy offers Bible class every day at all grade levels. Chapel is held weekly in two levels, elementary and secondary. Spiritual Impact Week is planned for the middle/high school twice a year. Since being a Christian is not an admissions requirement, leading students to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is an important part of our program.

**Academic Program:** In addition to basics in Bible, reading, math, science, and social studies, elementary students have physical education, music, art, and Spanish instruction. Middle School students take classes in Bible, English, math, advanced math, history, science and electives including choir, band, art, Spanish, computer, drama, life skills, study skills, and home economics. Warner Christian Academy provides its High School students a college prep curriculum with graduation requirements that meet and exceed those of the state's Department of Education. Students must earn 26 credits and at least a 2.0 GPA. Required credits include: 4 Bible, 4.5 English, 4 Social Studies, 4 Math, 3 Science, 1.5 Health & Physical Education and 5 electives. College bound students are encouraged to take two years of a foreign language. Honors classes are available and students may dual enroll at Daytona State College. AP classes are available through Warner's Virtual Center and FLVS, Florida Virtual School.

**Grading Scale:** Within each subject, student work is graded by percentage. For recording on report cards and transcripts, those percentages are converted to letter grades as follows: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=0-59.

**GPA and Honors Weighting:** Grade Point Averages are figured on a 4 point scale in which A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. GPA's are calculated beginning with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, including all subjects attempted. Honors and Dual Enrollment classes are averaged with weighting of an extra point in which A=5, B=4. Grades below a B are not given extra weight. GPA's are figured on the final grade, not semesters.

**Class Rank:** Class rank is computed using all graded high school courses. Rank is numerical, weighted, and cumulative (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>). Class rank on transcripts includes WCA, dual enrollment and transferred credits. Valedictorian and Salutatorian are awarded based on class rank.

**SAT Scores:** For the past three years, SAT scores have averaged over 1000 for the combined Verbal and Math tests. Our highest SAT score for 2007 was a perfect 1600. This senior also scored a perfect score on the writing section and had an 11 out of 12 on the essay. Another senior had a perfect score of 12 on his essay and 49% of the class of 2007 scored over 1000 with 21% scoring above average (10-12) on their essay. In 2008, the highest score was 1330 with 650 on the writing and an 11 out of 12 on the essay. In the class of 2008, 52% scored above 1000. In 2009, the highest score was 1420 with a perfect 800 Critical Reading score. 39% scored above 1000. The average ACT score in 2009 was 21, which is above the state average in every category.

**Standardized Testing Program:** Warner Christian Academy maintains a testing program as follows:

- Admissions Testing: K5-Developmental Screening, 1-2 Reading Assessment, 3-12 provide evidence of recent test scores
- OLSAT (Otis Lennon Scholastic Ability Test) for Grades 2 and 7
- Achievement Test: Stanford Achievement Test for grades K5-11 annually in the spring.
- Seniors must take the SAT, ACT or CPT for college entrance.
- PLAN – Grade 10 in the fall.
- PSAT – Grade 11 in the fall.
- ASVAB – Grade 11 in the fall.

**Discovery Program:** Warner's Discovery program, associated with the National Institute for Learning Development (NILD), is dedicated to meeting the needs of students with specific learning disabilities. Students with specific learning disabilities have average and above average cognitive ability yet have difficulty with academic performance.

The Discovery Program is an educational deficit stimulation therapy program that seeks to remediate a student's deficits. It is based on the premise that God has formed our bodies, including our brains, in such a manner that through His guidance and with specific therapeutic techniques, these learning deficits can be overcome.

Students with specific learning disabilities who are enrolled in the Discovery Program can be given accommodations and/or modifications in their classroom instruction. Modifications will be indicated with an asterisk (\*) by the grade on

the report card. Students who receive modifications in grades 9, 10, 11, and/or 12 will receive a Diploma of Completion unless they repeat and pass the class without modifications. High school students will earn an additional 1/2 credit for each year they participate in the program. Enrollment in the Discovery Program is limited and students are placed by need and availability.

**A Virtual Center.** The Virtual Center provides on line programming with instruction for students. The teachers assist the students with the lessons as necessary and provide small group instruction for core subjects. Programming uses include advanced electives for college bound students, advanced placement courses, grade replacement, required course makeup for students entering Warner from a different scheduling format (block scheduling) and students with individual needs which may include learning disabilities, long-term illnesses or health impairments.

**College Acceptance:** Approximately 90-95% of Warner Christian Academy graduates pursue post-secondary education at colleges and universities across the country. Graduates from the classes of 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 have been accepted at the following colleges and universities:

Anderson University	Jacksonville University	The Citadel
Adrian College	John Brown University	West Point Military Academy
Auburn University	LaGrange College	US Naval Academy
Baylor University	Liberty University	University of Alabama
Carson Newman College	Mid-America Christian University	University of Arkansas
Catholic University of America	Mercer University	University of Central Florida
Chestnut Hill College	Northwood	University of Florida
Clearwater Christian College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Louisville
Colorado College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Miami
Colorado State University	Penn State University	University of North Florida
Cornell University	Princeton University	University of South Florida
Daytona State College	Purdue University	University of Mississippi
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Rollins College	University of South Florida
Flagler College	St. Andrews Presbyterian College	University of West Florida
Florida Atlantic University	Santa Fe Community College	Valencia Community College
Florida Southern College	Siena College	Warner Southern University
Florida State University	Southeastern University	Webber International University
Furman University		Wheaton College
	Stetson University	

Ithaca College

Other colleges and universities our previous graduates have attended include:

Boston University	Harding University	Samford University
Bethune-Cookman University	Indiana University	Southern Methodist University
Clemson University	King College	Toccoa Falls College
Dallas Baptist University	Mars Hill College	Treveca Nazarene College
Emory University	Messiah College	Vanderbilt University
Full Sail	Milligan College	Wake Forest University
Georgia Tech	Purdue University	Westmont College
George Washington University		

Seniors regularly earn academic, athletic, merit and need-based scholarships to attend college. In 2006, 46% of seniors earned the Bright Futures Scholarship, in 2007, 51% qualified, and in 2008, 57%. In 2009, 45.5% earned the Bright Futures Scholarship.

**Athletic Program:** The athletic program consists of the following sports:

JV/V Girls' Volleyball	JV/V Girls' Basketball	Girls' Track
JV/V Football	Boys' Soccer	Boys' Tennis
Girls' Cross Country	Boys' Weightlifting	Girls' Tennis
Boys' Cross Country	JV/V Boys' Baseball	Girls' Flag Football
JV/V Boys' Basketball	Boys' Track	Cheerleading

**Student Activities:**

Organizations:

Council of Eagles  
 Jr. Council of Eagles  
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
 National Junior Honor Society  
 National Honor Society  
 EAGLE yearbook and newspaper staff

Events:

WCA Spelling Bee  
 ACSI Spelling Bee  
 ACSI Math Olympics  
 ACSI Art Festival  
 Homecoming  
 Jr/Sr Prom  
 Athletic Banquets

Programs:

All-School Christmas Program  
 Science Fair  
 Academic Fair  
 Elementary Spring Program  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Circus  
 School Plays  
 Elementary Choir Musical  
 Band Spring Concert  
 Band Tour