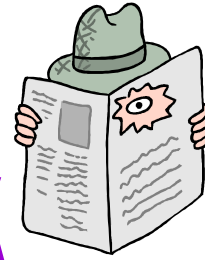


# Sneek Peek



## a journal of WCA Middle School 2011-2012

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## Back to School



**The 2011-2012 school year began August 18 with over 170 students. For the first time ever, we have three 6th grade classes pumping our numbers way up. All our full time teachers are back in place with two new ones on the staff. Mr. Michael Meshaw has returned after having taught several years in Florida, and also joining us is Mr. Gideon O'Daniel. He taught for three years in Guam before returning to the states.**

**For the first two days of school, we had full run of the campus since the high school was gone on retreat. Mainly we went to classes, got books, and were given instructions and procedures to follow throughout the year. During 6th period we all assembled and Mr. Tucker gave a short sermon and discussed our elective opportunities.**



## **the Anchorage**

**When Monday rolled around it was our turn to go to the retreat at the Anchorage at Lake Waccamaw, NC. Lots of fun and food was available while we were there. Hundreds of dollars were spent in the new snack shop, manned by Mr. Attoe, Mr. Meshaw, Mr. Flaming, Miss Pope, and Miss Rollins. After packing all the snacks in possible, we were served all-you-can-eat meals twice each day we were there. The favorite snacks were alligator ice, Cokes, Fuze, NOS, and Power Ade along with multitudes of candies and chips.**

**Highlights of the activities were swimming, tubing, skating, and wall climbing. The all time favorite game has to be "Chicken Murder!"**

**Pastor Benson, Pastor Kyle, and Pastor Knolls gave the sermons for the retreat. The topics varied from the grace of God in salvation, how God reaches out to the worst of us, and the mighty power of God. The unique thing was that all three of the sermons had something to say about leprosy. Any middle schooler should be an expert on the topic now! The important thing was that many young people responded to the messages and made decisions for Christ, some for salvation, some for surrendering some area of their lives to the Lord, and some to serve Christ.**

**"I learned to forgive and not to hold a grudge, like God, to forgive and forget."**

**"I learned how much God really loves us. I made a decision for reassurance. After that, I have never doubted."**

**"I learned that God must be first in my life."**

**"I learned from Miss Hite's testimony that God is always watching me and that he knows what's in my heart; it doesn't matter what's on the outside."**

**"I learned that God has a plan for each and everyone of us; if you have it on your heart that God is speaking to you, don't wait to take care of it."**

**"My heart was convicted to where I am being baptized. I had been thinking about it for a while and I believe this trip put the icing on the cake."**

**"My favorite part of the Anchorage was the ability to get away by myself and think about what the speakers had said. That's important to me, because if you don't think about it, you won't get anything out of the message."**

**"During one of the sermons I really felt like I opened my heart up to God and listened. My overall impression of the Anchorage is that it is a great experience for kids to grow closer to the Lord and have fun."**

**"I made Jesus my Savior and now I see the world in a different way."**



## **cowboy jake**

**Mr. Flaming and Mr. Stevens presented a hilarious skit about "Cowboy Jake," a mechanical cowboy, who for a quarter would challenge the game player to a shoot-out. No matter how Mr. Stevens tried, Jake always won the game. Just when Mr. Stevens thought he was going to win, Jake's power gave out and Mr. Stevens gave up. At that point, Cowboy Jake have a sudden power surge, fired his pistol, and Mr. Stevens lost one final time. You had to be there to appreciate it!**

## activities



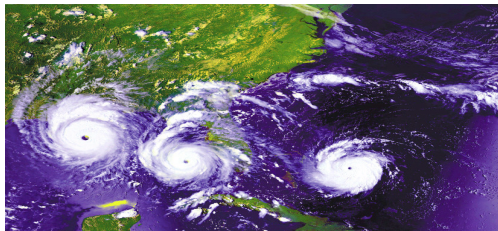
**The consensus seems to be that tubing and the Summit were the most fun activities, although skating, the rock wall, and kickball and dodge ball were also popular. Others preferred the game room.**

**-student observations:**

**""I saw Mr. Tew getting ready to climb the second wall. Near the top he fell and stopped about two inches from the ground; he stopped, did a flip, bounced up, and hit Brianna Falk. It was hilarious!"**

**On seeing a penguin bookbag, Mr. O'Daniel said, "Penguins are my top three favorite animals...they are short and cute, just like me!"**

## Back to School and Out Again



**So Wednesday came around and classes began for real, and just when we were settling in, here came Irene! School was called for Friday, so we had two two-day weeks to begin. The hurricane came, hung out a long time, and finally went leaving behind minimal damage in our area. We are thankful to God for His protection during the storm.**

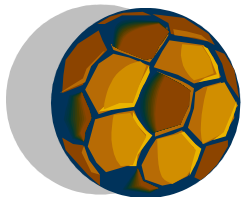
# World's Finest



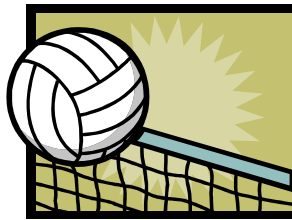
**The famous "World's Finest Chocolate" sale has begun and hopefully with everyone's help we can raise a lot of money to enhance our technology needs for our school. We hope to raise around \$30,000. "How many bars of chocolate would you like?"**

**"In the assembly, the person I sat by got chosen to get some chocolate. When she came back I found out it wasn't really chocolate; it was chocolate covered raisins! Yuck!"**

**\* Congrats to Haleigh Somberg who won \$7 in the money machine!**



**play ball!**



**Volleyball and soccer are in full swing now and our teams are having a good season. The girls defeated Cape Fear and Wake while having a little trouble with Friendship. The soccer team lost to Cape Fear and Wake, but won against Friendship. Both teams have some outstanding players. Go, Patriots!!**

**-from some of the players:**

**"in the Cape Fear game, there were some great serves by Kayla Thomas and Ellie Kohl, and a great hit by Kassi Herchenhahn."**

**"in the Friendship game Jakara Jordan, Kassi Herchenhahn, Kayla Thomas, Courtney Benson, Ally Bennett, and Caroline Fountain made some great saves."**

\*"at the half of the Cape Fear game they were up 0-, then we fell apart in the second half and lost 0-4. In our next game with Friendship, we did much better. Reece tucker deflected the ball off a Friendship player for our first score. Chris Karras scored the second goal and led us to the win!"

***The current scoreboard: (as of 9/16/11)***

**Volleyball**

Cape Fear-W

Friendship-L

Wake-W

Raleigh-W

Myrtle Grove-L

Greenville-W

Wilson-L

Wake-W

**Soccer**

Cape Fear-L

Friendship-W

Wake-L

Raleigh-W

Myrtle Grove-L

Greenville-W

Wilson-W

Wake-L

## Cross Country



We also have a large Cross Country team led by Pastor Kyle Sullivan. The high school and middle school works together in practices and share some of the meets as well. The first meet, a mix of high school and middle school, was held at the Anchorage at Lake Waccamaw. Our boys team ranked 1<sup>st</sup> over all and the girls took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. One of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls, Callie Anderson, took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the meet. The high school team had a meet on Saturday, September 17 and Callie joined them in the competition even though she is a middle schooler. In the high school meet, Callie came in 85<sup>th</sup> out of 146 runners. Good job, Callie!

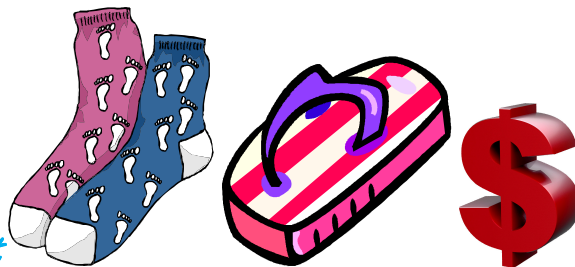
## Crazed Crew Competition



Crew competitions have begun. This year the theme of the competitions will be “snakes.” The teams are as follows: Rollins’s Rattlers, Attoe’s Death Adders, Pope’s Pit Vipers, Gillenwater’s Anacondas, Stevens’s Spitting Cobras, Hite’s Black Mambas, and O’Daniels’s Pythons. The students are all geared up for some stiff competitions this year. They will compete in five different areas: community service, crew calls, crazed competitions, chapel, and conduct. At the end of the school year the two crews that have accumulated the most points will have a play day at a water park in Myrtle Beach. The fight is on; the teams that are leading as of our first competition are the Anacondas, 7000 points; the Pythons, 6000 points; the Adders, 5000 points, followed by the other four teams with 1000 points each. The venom is flowing freely!

This past week we had more competitions this past week and the standings have changed drastically! Our point range now is in the 20,000s and two teams are tied for the lead. Who they are cannot be revealed right now, since the students do not know yet. It is evident, however, that anyone can pull ahead at anytime, so no one should be too confident.

### *Community Service Project*



Our community service project for first semester has been presented. Last week in chapel, one of the directors from the Good Shepherd Ministries came to speak to the students and show them a video of the ministry there. Hearts were touched by what we saw and heard. The homeless of Wilmington are

**many, and Good Shepherd is there to give help when possible. We as a middle school are collecting flip flops and socks, as well as giving money to purchase undergarments for the many who come to them for meals and overnight accommodations. The donations have already started to come in; we will be collecting until September 30.**

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**Look for updates in the next couple of weeks!**