





## A Letter from Mrs. Leebrick

**November 7, 2026**

November is here and we are gearing up for our annual Week of Thanks and Giving! November 16–20, we will come together as a school community for a special week of serving others, showing kindness, and giving back. Our theme this year is Filling Hearts & Filling Baskets, and we are excited to fill our hallways with generosity as we collect donations to support families and children in need.

Each day will bring a new opportunity to give, along with a fun spirit day for our students! Below is a look at what we have planned.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | CANS FOR KINDNESS**

- **Donation Focus:** Canned goods
- **What to Bring:** Canned vegetables, fruits, soups, beans, tuna, and pasta sauce.
- **Spirit Day: Mismatch Monday!** Wear mismatched clothing to show that kindness never has to match—it just matters!

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | TOILETRY TUESDAY**

- **Donation Focus:** Hygiene items
- **What to Bring:** Soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, and lotion.
- **Spirit Day: Wacky Hair Day!** Let your hair go wild while helping others feel fresh and clean!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | WARM HEARTS WEDNESDAY**

- **Donation Focus:** Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- **What to Bring:** Fill and return your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to WCA by Friday.
- **Spirit Day: Cozy Day!** Students may wear their favorite socks or sweater with their chapel attire as we celebrate the warmth of giving and caring for others.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | THRIVING THURSDAY**

- **Donation Focus:** Hawk Fund
- **How to Participate:** Decorate your Hawk Feather, bring in a donation to the Hawk Fund, and help us show what happens when our WCA community comes together!
- **Spirit Day:** WCA Spirit Day! Wear your favorite WCA spirit wear or school colors and show your Hawk pride!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | GIVING BACK DAY**

- **Donation Focus:** Final collection and celebration!
- **Spirit Day: No Uniform Day!** Students may enjoy a no-uniform day as we celebrate a week of generosity, kindness, and giving back.
- JK/Kindergarten should wear Chapel Attire for their Thanksgiving program.

As we prepare for this special week, we encourage every family to participate in whatever way they can. Every can, toiletry item, shoebox, and donation makes a difference. More importantly, each gift provides an opportunity for our students to understand the joy of serving others and putting kindness into action.

Thank you for helping us make this week meaningful for our students and the families we have the opportunity to serve. We are looking forward to filling hearts, filling baskets, and celebrating the incredible generosity of our WCA community!

With gratitude,
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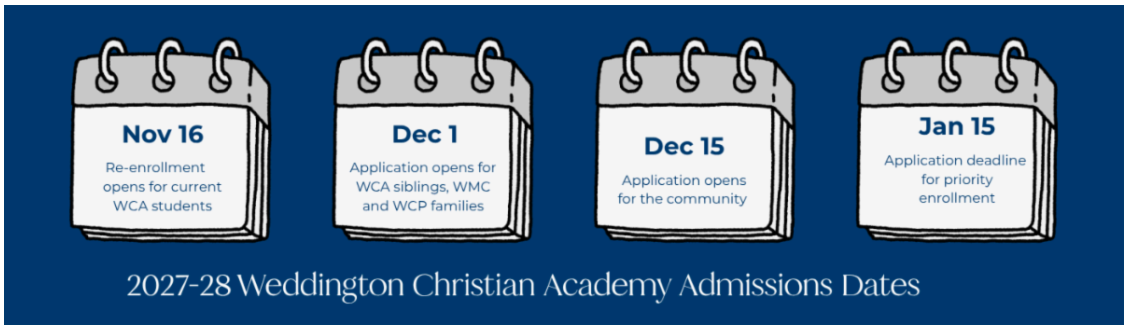



## Tip of the Week:
### Helping Students Navigate The Holidays (Part 1)

### Validate Their Feelings

- **Remove the pressure to perform:** Let them know that they don't have to act perfect around family/friends pretending to feel exceptionally confident or cheerful. Let them know it is okay to feel sad, anxious, or tired (while being pleasant/respectful) and that you will be there as a sounding board.

- **Listen without judgment:** Ask open-ended questions like, "How are you feeling about the holidays?" or “What can we do to create space for downtime/processing/play time?” “Is there something that would help you feel more comfortable?” “Is there a time when you feel really nervous, that it’s too loud and/or that your body simply says “enough?”



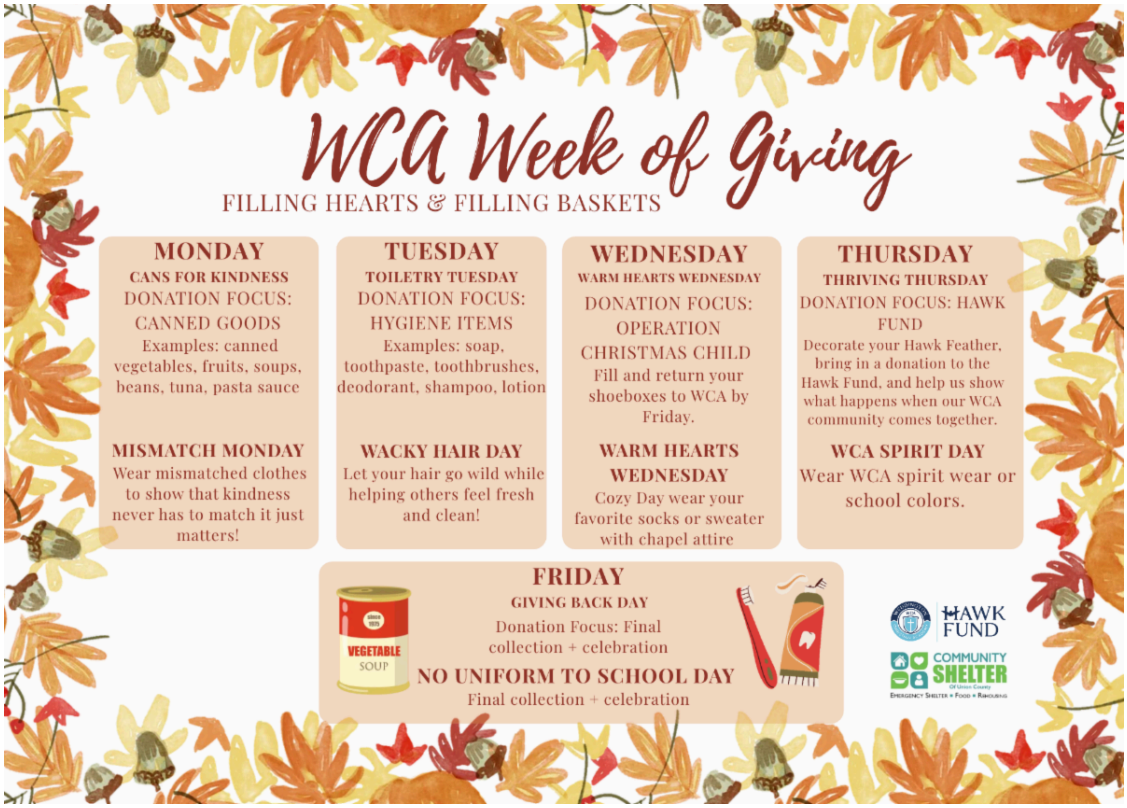

### Manage Expectations & Schedule

- **Describe the characters and environment:** Surprises are hard for children. Talk ahead of time about family visits, travel plans, and/or schedule changes. Describe the personalities of the people coming, events taking place in their lives and what they may have in common with your child. Help the children make connections by showing them pictures of these people. Help them role play introductions and conversation starters. Have the child bring something that they would be comfortable doing a “show and tell’ with such as favorite stuffed animal or drawing.
- **Layout a specific plan:** List times that people will be visiting and/or times of travel for everyone to see. Give the child a heads up as to when their scheduled break to a quiet space will happen.




- **Veterans Day Chapel** - Wednesday, November 11
- **Grandparents' Bingo Bash** - Friday, November 13 at 9:30 am
- **Re-Enrollment Opens for Current WCA Students** - Monday, November 16
- **Week of Thanks & Giving** - November 16-20
- **JK/K Thanksgiving Performance** - Friday, November 20
- **Christmas STEAM Day** - Friday, December 4
- **1st-5th Christmas Performance** - Friday, December 18









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## Grandparents Bingo Bash

**Friday, November 13 at 9:30 am**

We can't wait to welcome the grandparents and grandfriends of our **JK through 8th Grade** students to campus for a morning filled with music, laughter, faith, and fellowship!

The morning will begin with special musical performances and an encouraging message from Rev. Dr. Terry Moore. Then, get ready for some friendly competition as grandparents and grandfriends head to the classrooms to enjoy a round of BINGO with their favorite students!

**Click here to RSVP!**



# Church Life




## Veteran's Day Celebration Luncheon

**Sunday, November 8, 12:30–2 p.m.**
**Weddington Youth Center**

Join us for a special Veteran's Day BBQ luncheon as we honor the military members and families in our congregation and celebrate America's 250th year. Military members are welcome to wear their uniforms, though it's not required, as we enjoy patriotic music, and hear inspiring stories from Lieutenant General Michael Tucker. We invite you to email a photo of a veteran who has impacted your life to local.missions@weddingtonchurch.org so that we can share it during this special event.

# Athletics

## Coach's Notes

The winter season got off to a hot start as both the middle school girls' and boys' basketball teams claimed victory over Covenant Classical to open their season with a strong conference win. In addition, our cheer team was phenomenal, supporting both teams non-stop and providing halftime entertainment. It was great to start the season with a packed gym!

This week, all three teams will be back in action as basketball welcomes Grace Covenant into The Hawks Nest on Tuesday. Be sure to come out and support our teams as they look to move to 2-0 on the season and in conference play.

Go Hawks!

Follow @wcahawksathletics on Instagram for all the latest updates, highlights, and action!

For questions or more details, contact Coach Sanders at **jsanders@wcahawks.org**.




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