



Warren County Christian School

# WCCS Newsletter February 3, 2010

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## ACTION ITEM FOR ALL PARENTS FROM ACSI

For many years, there was an understanding that the annual appropriations for nonpublic school textbooks, instructional materials and auxiliary services would increase at the same percentage rate as the state's public school basic education subsidy. Historically, when the governor's budget proposal was submitted, the agreement concerning equal percentage increases was respected in that document. Recently, however, this agreement has been completely disregarded. Increases in public school subsidies have not been mirrored in the nonpublic school appropriations.

In the 2009-2010 budget, the public school basic education subsidy increased by 5.7% while the nonpublic student programs were budgeted at the same level as last year.

On Tuesday, December 15, 2009, Governor Rendell held a mid-year budget-briefing press conference. During the briefing, he discussed a 1% across the board budget cut to all "discretionary line items." Rendell said there was a budget short fall of \$217 million for the first five months of the year and predicted that the shortfall could grow to \$230 million by year's end. He would not comment on exactly which discretionary lines items would be cut when questioned.

These proposed "discretionary line items" cuts are a major concern. Last year, nonpublic school appropriations were considered discretionary mid-year and received a budget cut. The administration did not make equivalent cuts to the public school subsidy. This exacerbated the growing inequity and further disadvantaged nonpublic schoolchildren. It is probable that our education line items are considered by this administration again to be discretionary line items, so we must speak up to stop possible cuts to nonpublic education. Please contact your legislators, the governor and the secretary of education and let them know that nonpublic education appropriations should not be considered discretionary and that nonpublic school students deserve the same consideration as public school students in the Commonwealth. You may visit, call, fax, write them a letter, or send an e-mail message, but PLEASE take action today!!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

The Sports Boosters will be hosting a spaghetti-lasagna dinner on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 PM. **All** sports participants and their families will be needed to help with this important fundraiser.

**Raise the Curtain!**

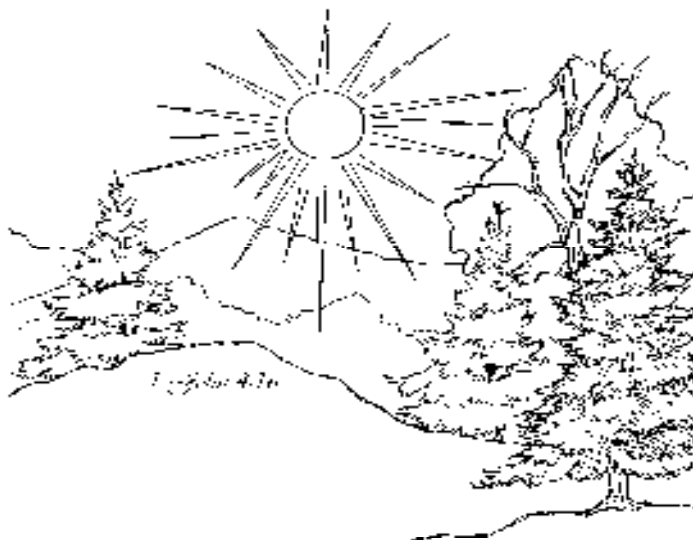
**Light the Lights!**

**If you would like to be part of an awesome theatrical performance of “The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe,” please plan to come for auditions and further details on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM. We will need to cast 16 speaking roles plus dancers and extras, and especially need male actors for many of the major roles. Any WCCS student in grades 5-12, parent, staff member, alumni, or home schooler may audition. The final performances are scheduled for April 22-24.**

**We will also need people to help with sets, stage crew, etc. Please call the school if you like to volunteer your help behind the scenes.**

**Ice Cream Sculpturing**

To remedy the ‘winter doldrums,’ it has been a long-standing WCCS student council tradition to host an ice cream sculpturing contest. Each elementary class and homeroom will vie for the coveted “Golden Cone Award” by designing and creating an edible sculpture from ice cream and other condiments. This year’s event will be held, this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Each student has been asked to bring \$.50 to help cover the costs.



*And so we know and rely  
on the love  
God has for us.*

**DON'T FORGET**

There WILL be school next Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, for a make up snow day.

