



40 Days of Thanksgiving

The year 2012 ushers in a significant anniversary for Westminster Schools of Augusta. Forty years ago, Westminster was founded in order to offer students a high-quality education grounded in a Biblically-based Christian worldview. During the past forty years, the Lord has established the work of Westminster and has exceedingly blessed the school.

It is, therefore, right and good to give praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Isaiah 12:4 tells us, “In that day you will say, ‘Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted.’”

On February 3, Westminster will initiate ‘40 Days of Thanksgiving’ that will end forty days later with the school-wide ‘Days of Prayer’ from March 14 to 16.

The faculty and staff of Westminster have created a list of forty items of thanksgiving. Please join with them in utilizing this list to daily offer a thanksgiving to the Lord for His work within and His blessing upon Westminster. A link to the list may be found in the Wildcat Scratch and on the Moms In Prayer (formerly Moms In Touch) page on wsa.net, under the Community/Parents tab.

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"Thanksgiving for the past makes us trustful in the present and hopeful for the future. What He has done is the pledge of what He will do." ~ A.C.A. Hall

Please join us as we thank God for:

Feb. 3 ~ Keeping Himself and His Word at the center of what defines Westminster

- I am thankful that God is at the center of all we think and do and that our policy making is always centered on grace.

Feb. 4 ~ His people at work at Westminster

- I'm thankful for the faculty—they are so supportive and I enjoy going to work because I get to spend time with them.
- I am thankful to work with such a dedicated and professional staff.
- I am thankful for all the teachers here that invested in my life. My years at Westminster were wonderful and I have been richly blessed. I am thankful for each teacher that took the extra moment to guide, encourage and pray with me. Westminster gave me so much and I am so thankful that God has given me a chance to give back to this school and to serve Him here each day.

Feb. 5 ~ The standard of excellence and honoring God in all things

- I am so very thankful that God put me in a place where I can be surrounded by people who do their best each day to honor God and teach His ways. I have been humbled by the experience. I am in awe of the amazing things that God has shown me through my fellow believers at WSA.

Feb. 6 ~ A school that educates the whole child

- I am thankful that we recognize the importance of educating the whole child ~ not only the intellect but the mind, the body and the soul.

Feb. 7 ~ The students and families that God sends us

- I am thankful for the wonderful children and families that God has sent us.

Feb. 8 ~ Westminster's Core Values that are in line with biblical principles

- I am thankful that Westminster encourages excellence in the context of doing everything for and through the Lord Jesus.

Feb. 9 ~ The family atmosphere of support and encouragement

- I am thankful for my colleagues and their support and encouragement.

Feb. 10 ~ A school that values variety, creativity and diversity

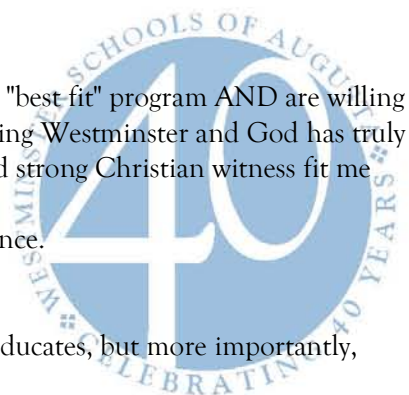
- I am thankful for the great variety of students we have at Westminster. In one class, I have students from five different countries of origin! That is amazing and exciting!

Feb. 11 ~ A school that values excellent academics and biblical teaching

- I am particularly thankful to be teaching here. Very few schools match my "best-fit" program AND are willing to hire someone with my experience. I looked for three years prior to finding Westminster and God has truly blessed my time here. The combination of high academic expectations and strong Christian witness fit me extremely well.
- I am thankful for the combination of academic rigor and Christian excellence.

Feb. 12 ~ Westminster's impact on the lives of students for generations

- I am so very thankful that I am able to be part of a ministry that not only educates, but more importantly, guides children into a deeper walk with Christ as well.



Feb. 13 ~ Students who want to be challenged and grow in every area of life

Feb 14 ~ The kindness demonstrated at our school

- I am especially thankful for our Westminster Lower School students. They go out of their way to show kindness to one another and to their teachers.

Feb. 15 ~ A school that values and supports fine arts and athletics

- What a blessing it is to have the talent of our teachers and coaches in fine arts and academics! They give so much back to our students.

Feb. 16 ~ Our history and our future

- I'm thankful that we're still here! And we are still striving to offer the CSRA an excellent, Christ-centered college-preparatory education.

Feb. 17 ~ Our admissions policy and that the school is a ministry to all those in the community

- I'm thankful that we have an open door admissions policy and accept both Christian and non-Christian students.

Feb. 18 ~ The school leadership – past and present

- I'm thankful that we have a Board of Trustees that understands Christian education and sacrificially serves year after year and gives generously to the school.
- I'm thankful for the servant leadership and connections personally to whom they serve.

Feb. 19 ~ The weekly chapels and chapel speakers

- I'm thankful that Westminster brings in speakers to challenge our students. It is a place where Bible verses are openly recited and the Word of God is spoken and shared.

Feb. 20 ~ A loving, Christian atmosphere

- I am thankful for the loving and Christian atmosphere that I work in. It is a blessing to know that I work with people who are daily encouraging me and others as we try to make a lasting impact for Christ.

Feb. 21 ~ Westminster is a great place to work

- I am thankful that I can say I truly get excited about coming to work at Westminster each and every day! Not only do I get to do what I LOVE to do, but I am surrounded by people (faculty and parents) who love and support me. What an incredible gift from the Lord!
- As I am in my sixth year teaching, I am still so blessed and thankful that the Lord gave me my dream job. Having my child attend Westminster is an added bonus to all the blessing that He has given me.

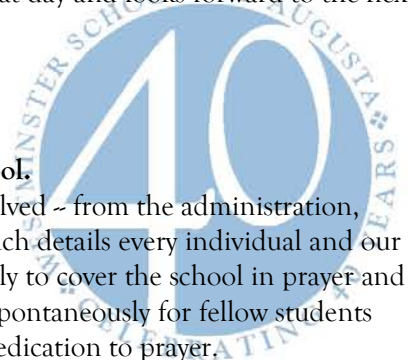
Feb. 22 ~ Westminster being the kind of place we can entrust our children

- I am so thankful for the wonderful education that Westminster has given my sons. We are also blessed to be teachers and parents in a school that has allowed us to watch our sons grow into Godly young men.
- I'm thankful that my daughter is in a Godly, safe, secure and friendly environment. It is radically different from our previous educational experiences. Every day she says she has had a great day and looks forward to the next—even with all the homework and tests included in education!

Feb. 23 ~ The fact that leadership is taught and fostered at every level

Feb. 24 ~ The prayer warriors through the decades who have battled for our school.

- I am thankful for the foundation of prayer in the school. Everyone is involved ~ from the administration, Board of Trustees, faculty and staff praying through the prayer booklet which details every individual and our mission and goals in prayer, to the Moms In Prayer group who meets weekly to cover the school in prayer and welcome any prayer requests. There are also prayer groups that break out spontaneously for fellow students when there is a need. What a blessing to witness and be blessed by such dedication to prayer.



Feb. 25 ~ The importance of God's Word being upheld

- I am so thankful that there is a place where children can come and see the world through the truth of God's Word. Christ is the strength of this school and we are equipping these students to be citizens of light in a dark world.

Feb. 26 ~ The generosity of those who gave to the school to make her what she is today

- People have given so much and continue to give so much to this school.

Feb. 27 ~ The support and direction of the Westminster Board of Trustees.

Feb. 28 ~ The Word of God permeating all aspects of the school - academics, arts and athletics.

- The children have the freedom and are encouraged to talk about God or spiritual matters in every class and every situation.

Feb. 29 ~ The founders who took a risk nearly 40 years ago and those who are planning for our future now.

- I'm thankful that God gave men and women in the 1970s the courage to step out and begin the school that has grown in to all it is today. He built this school and He is the one who sustains it.

March 1 ~ That Westminster is impacting generations to live extraordinary lives for Jesus Christ

- I am thankful for the opportunity to touch the lives of the students at Westminster and help prepare them for their future!

March 2 ~ The traditions – new and old—at Westminster

March 3 ~ Freedom to invest in the Spiritual lives of students

- I'm thankful for the prayer support and the freedom to share Godly principles when led by the Holy Spirit.

March 4 ~ The community at Westminster

- I am thankful for the godly influence our teachers have on my children.

March 5 ~ That the school continues to grow and thrive even in difficult economic circumstances

March 6 ~ The often unseen and talented parent volunteers

- I am amazed by the ways parents give time and talents to make the school even better.

March 7 ~ Faculty and staff who love the Lord, each other, their students and others in the Westminster community.

March 8 ~ The vision of the Leadership Team

March 9 ~ Our beautiful campus

- I'm thankful for the ways God has allowed the school to acquire property at just the right time, every time.

March 10 ~ The way people here really love what they do

March 11 ~ The growing number of alumni who have gone out to impact the world in areas of academia, medicine, missions and more

- I'm thankful that we have more than 700 alumni who are impacting the world. I love that so many of them come "home" to tell us of what they are doing.

March 12 ~ The emphasis on service at Westminster, which reminds students that we are part of something larger.

- I love that our students do service projects throughout their time here.

March 13 ~ That we have been here long enough to impact not one generation but several generations.

- I'm thankful that we have many second generation students.

