

News and Notes - Walden Academy

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Walden CARES

Cooperation

Assertion

**Responsibility &
Respect**

Empathy

Self-Control



Upcoming Family Events

- ◆ 9/11: Board meeting @ 6 PM in Rm. 3
- ◆ 9/17-21: Student Council Election Week
- ◆ 9/19: Back to School Night @ 6 PM
- ◆ 9/26: Town Hall @ 6 PM in Parish Hall

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Director's News

Welcome back! We've had a great first week of school with our Sneak Peek and Good Morning Walden on the first day of school to help students learn our school rules. We have scheduled our Good Morning Walden assemblies for the remainder of the year and you will find that schedule on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation with our drop-off and pick-up procedures! The church has asked that we not use the Wood St. driveway closest to Pacific Ave. in the mornings because they have a service going on during that time.

Thanks to the charter school start-up grant we received, we now have six laptop computers in every classroom. Students will be able to

Dear Parents

This year, all classes are starting their day with a Morning Meeting. We are using vocabulary about lifeskills during Morning Meetings that comes from Responsive Classroom. You will hear students talking about using their CARES, which stands for cooperation, assertion, responsibility and respect, empathy, and self-control. This vocabulary will be used across our campus. Staff will hand out CARES cards to students for good behavior and I will be giving our prizes weekly to students for our CARES card drawings. At Good Morning Walden, we will give out awards each month to students who are using their CARES.

use them for assignments and during centers time. We are excited to use them to help create individualized learning experiences.

Please join us this Tuesday for our monthly board meeting. We will be meeting in Mrs. Zabell's room (Rm. 3) at 6 PM.

Congratulations to our Walden students for rocking the STAR test last year! Our schoolwide data was released recently and your hard work paid off. The Willows journal covered our opening and our success with the STAR test: <http://www.willows-journal.com/news/school-8905-walden-students.html>

Go River Hawks!

In addition to CARES awards, we will be giving out high achievement and growth academic awards as well as attendance awards. Attendance awards will be given to students for each trimester of perfect attendance and for the entire year of perfect attendance. Walden staff discussed our attendance awards before school started and would like to encourage attendance every minute of every day. We will be looking for students with no absences, tardies, or early releases for perfect attendance awards. It's a lofty goal, but we know our students can do it!