



Save-the-Date: Heritage Field House Dedication

After months of earnest prayer, faithful fundraising, and dusty construction, we look forward to celebrating

the completion of the Heritage Field House and the newly renovated Warrior Dome.

Please join us as we dedicate these facilities on **Saturday, August 22 at 9:30 am**. We'll host a brief ceremony recognizing the many people whose hard work and generous giving has made this milestone possible, as well as a time of prayer and thanksgiving recognizing that this gift, like all good gifts, comes only through Christ. The facilities will be open immediately thereafter for tours even as our fall sports teams inaugurate the courts with their first scrimmages of the year.



Into the Woods Giants Large and Small

For five nights in late February and early March, the Wheaton Academy community was thrilled and challenged by the richly textured Stephen

Sondheim musical *Into the Woods*. Drawing from the children's stories *Little Red Ridinghood*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Rapunzel*, and *Cinderella*, the musical asked the questions, "What is responsibility?" and "How do we deal with the giants in our life?"

Over 3,000 people attended the musical. The show included 70 people in the cast, 21 people in the pit orchestra, and 140 people in the production staff and crews.

On the morning of opening night, Corbett Burick, the director of the Fine Arts department and the musical, gave birth early to her son Syrus. Corbett made a surprise appearance in the closing night show to the joyous roar of the audience.



Girls Basketball Completes Record Season

Wheaton Academy's girls basketball team advanced to the IHSA Sectional Finals after winning their first Regional Championship and PSL title since 1999.

Finishing with a best-ever 28-2 record, Coach Beth Mitchell's leadership and collegiate coaching experience showed as they met tough opponents head-on throughout the year.

- Junior Alexa Sharkey was named to the all-area team, and, along with senior Jennifer Lee, was named All-Conference.
- Jennifer also won the IHSA Queen of the Hill three-point competition which included hitting the bonus shot, winning \$500 for Wheaton Academy.
- Mitchell was named Girls Basketball PSL Coach of the Year.

Academy Responds to Troubled Economic Times

The current recession impacts Wheaton Academy and each of our families. Here's an insider's look at how we are responding to make sure each dollar goes further:

- Our Board has approved a conservative '09-'10 budget based on similarly conservative enrollment projections, as well as a series of contingencies in case of enrollment variances.
- The normal pay scale has been suspended and employees have been given a cost-of-living increase only for the year to come. Program expansion requiring new funds are being put on-hold.
- In response to an increase in need, we are seeking to raise additional scholarship funds.
- In a further effort to help our school families, we have instituted one of the smallest tuition increases in the last 20 years.
- We are prayerfully continuing our efforts to complete *Transforming Every Student: The Campaign for Wheaton Academy* before 2010. Please pray that God would help our school complete the journey that we believe He started us on back in 2007.

Thank you again for your continued financial support, prayers and partnership in God's work here at Wheaton Academy.