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Wisconsin Academy Alumni,

As we look forward to Thanksgiving, we have much to be grateful for. We are grateful for the generosity of you, the alumni, who have made it possible for us to move forward on improvement projects more quickly than anticipated. We are grateful to our staff who dedicate endless hours to making our programs run smoothly. We are grateful to our students who bring life and energy to our campus. Most of all, we are grateful to God for giving us another year to serve Him at Wisconsin Academy.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Development Director, LeAnne Baptist (Cunningham). An alumnus herself, LeAnne has many ideas for promoting our school to potential students and being the liaison with the Alumni Association. We are excited to have her as part of our WA team.

In the spirit of our mission statement, we are focusing on developing leadership skills in our students. We recently finished our second week of prayer which was student led and very successful. During morning chapels, five girls spoke from the perspective of one of the women in the genealogy of Jesus. In the evenings, five guys spoke as the male counterpart. The speakers brought out unique insights into their character's lives. This year the students are also taking an active part in leading out in all phases of Sabbath worship once a month. They lead in everything from the children's Sabbath Schools through the worship service. This involvement prepares them for leading out in the worship services in their home churches.



Another opportunity we are excited about is the Reformation Tour planned for this Spring. The students participating in this tour are required to take a Reformation History class so they can appreciate what they encounter on the tour. The class uses *The Great Controversy* as its textbook. This experience we hope will give a greater appreciation of their Protestant heritage.



Thanks to the donations of alumni and conference church members, we are moving ahead with a four-year plan to renovate the campus. We began with some of the oldest buildings. The Tech Ed. building has had windows removed, been resided, and insulation added to increase the efficiency

of the building. Winterizing makes it cost effective for use both semesters, allowing for a new

welding class to be offered. A new welder will be purchased for use in teaching ARC, TIG, and MIG welding. During the course, the students will be working towards MillerWelds certification.

We are also renovating the Quonset, which was the original gymnasium. A lot of work has been done on the inside, and we hope this summer to have totally transformed it. We might even be able to bring back roller skating!





If you have been on campus, you may have seen the improvements that have been made to the church parking lot. Cracks have been filled, and the asphalt has been resealed and striped.

Another concern has been to improve the security and safety on campus. A contract has already been signed to

replace four sets of old, worn-out doors in the gym, and we hope to have them installed in the new year.





If you ever took a science class at WA, you may recognize these as the original lab stations. Through many years of use, they are falling apart no longer adequate. Next month, we plan to have six new



New Lab Stations

workstations installed to provide a safer, more functional lab experience for the students.

As we look forward to Wisconsin Academy's 75th Anniversary in 2025, we are hoping to have these projects, and maybe more, completed by Alumni Weekend. Progress on these projects has only been possible through the generosity of you, our alumni, and we are truly grateful. Each campus improvement enhances the overall program we are able to provide for our students. Again, I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support.

Thanks Again,

Ken Smith

Principal, Wisconsin Academy

P.S. If you would like to see more information about these projects, you can go to wisacad.org/development-projects.