

# Annual Report 2005



## Administrator's Letter...



Webster's dictionary defines *vision* as "the power of sight; the ability to see; an image created in the imagination." The vision we form for our lives may change over time, or we may set a course from which we never deviate. Vision in one sense is a landscape we see in our minds and the masterpiece we spend our lives completing. Proverbs 29:18 states, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Wake Christian Academy established its vision statement based upon Paul's letter to the believers at Colosse. Through this letter, Paul clearly presents Jesus Christ as the Creator, Sustainer, and Savior. Paul pauses in chapter one to state, "That in all things he might have the preeminence." It is from this passage that the vision for Wake Christian Academy was formed: "Emphasizing the preeminence of Christ in life and learning."

How does this vision affect the daily activities of our school? The vision is expressed, but each member of the Wake Christian family must work together to paint the picture. Each day the staff is charged with evaluating every activity to determine if we are directing ourselves and our students toward the fulfillment of this vision in their lives.

As we strive to achieve the intent of this vision, we must daily set aside our personal thoughts and feelings so that we may have the mind of Christ. This vision can only be accomplished by continuing the strong partnership we have established with the family and church. God has blessed our school with wonderful families and staff. Take a few moments to see the picture we are painting for His glory!

Since January 2003, Wake Christian Academy has provided an annual report to our families as a way of reviewing the various areas of the school, such as student ministry, academics, fine arts, athletics, development, and finance. We are enclosing this summary of the Wake Christian Academy ministry for the calendar year of 2005. This report is not a complete listing of the blessings our school has received, but just a sampling of what God is doing.

Additionally, the Annual Report contains re-enrollment information and the 2006/2007 tuition rates. The early re-enrollment period will conclude on February 28, 2006. After this date, open enrollment and admission will begin for new families. For your convenience, the tuition includes all academic classes, academic services, elective class fees, and one yearbook per family. As a reminder, the first month's tuition for 2006/2007 is due by May 1, 2006.

In Christ,

Mike Woods  
Administrator



*"That in all things  
He might have the preeminence."  
Colossians 1:18*

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### Re-Enrollment Information:

- The **Early Re-enrollment Fee is \$100 per student if paid by February 28**
- The **Re-enrollment Fee is \$200 per student beginning March 1**
- The **first tuition payment is due May 1.** (This secures enrollment for the '06/'07 school year.)
- **Forms are available for download from our website [www.wakechristianacademy.com](http://www.wakechristianacademy.com)**

## Academic Accolades...

### The Class of 2005

50 % had a GPA of 4.0 or above and were members of the Beta Club

Graduates were offered over \$1.5 million in scholarships and grants

#### Post-Secondary Education

26	State schools	38%
8	Private colleges	12%
18	Christian colleges	26%
16	Community colleges and technical schools	24%

**68 Graduates in  
the class of '05**

Many of those attending community colleges are in transfer programs intending to earn 4-year degrees.

All graduates are furthering their education.

**To God be the Glory, Great things He hath done!**

#### TESTING

The 5-year average SAT score at Wake Christian had been 1066, but the graduating classes of 2004 and 2005 have averaged approximately 1100.

Beginning in March of 2005, the SAT score is comprised of three parts: verbal, math, and writing. The PSAT and the ACT are also adding a writing section to their tests. Only for the ACT is the writing test optional. Students should check with their college choices to determine their testing requirements.

WCA requires that a student achieve at least a score of 15 on the ACT in order to graduate. A perfect score is 36. The school average has been about 21.8. Last year it jumped to 22.8.

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

In 2004-2005, WCA offered Advanced Placement classes in English Literature and Composition, Biology, Music Theory, and Calculus AB. Overseen by the instructor, two students in 2004-2005 studied Calculus BC independently. We now also offer AP Calculus BC, and English Language and Composition. Further AP classes will be added as space and personnel become available.

In the 2003-2004 school year, 38 students took an AP course. In 2004-2005, 57 students participated in the Advanced Placement program. Of those participating in 2004-2005, 75% earned a score of 3 or better (on a scale of 5 to 1) on the national exam. This score qualified them for one semester of credit in that subject from most colleges or universities, and 3.5% qualified for two semesters.

#### GUIDANCE

Each fall, in an effort to provide services to the WCA family, the Guidance Department holds an informational meeting dealing with college choice, admissions, financial aid, and scholarships. Spring meetings help parents and students develop a 4-year educational plan and choose courses specifically for the following year.

#### TRANSCRIPTS

Cumulative transcripts are maintained for all students. GPA and class rank are not calculated officially until the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade year. GPA is based on year-end grades only. For the seniors these numbers are recalculated at mid-year for college admissions. Transcript copies are available free from the guidance office at any time.

#### COLLEGES WHERE 2005 GRADUATES ARE ATTENDING:

Barton College	Southeastern College
Bob Jones University	Tennessee Temple University
Campbell University	Toccoa Falls College
Cedarville University	University British Columbia
Central Carolina Comm. College	UNC-Asheville
Covenant College	UNC Chapel Hill
East Carolina University	UNC-Charlotte
Elon College	UNC-Greensboro
Florida College	UNC-Wilmington
Freewill Baptist Bible College	Valley Forge Military College
Johnston Comm. College	Wake Technical Comm. College
Louisburg College	Western Carolina University
NC State University	
Meredith College	
Peace College	
Pensacola Christian College	
Rowan-Cabarrus Comm. College	

## Academic Accolades... continued

### DUAL ENROLLMENT

Wake Christian Academy students 16 years of age or older continue to have the opportunity for enrollment at Wake Technical Community College while attending WCA. The program has no cost except for books, but the class must be a college-level course not offered at Wake Christian. More information may be found in the WCA guidance office or on the Internet.

### ELEMENTARY EXCELLENCE

The elementary students performed above average once again on the annual Stanford Achievement Test. Their scores ranked in the top twenty -to-thirty percentile of kindergarten through fifth grade students. These figures measure the performance of the typical student in an age group compared to students in the same grade across the nation.

## Around Campus...

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ◇ Upgraded Elementary Building
- ◇ Exterior painting of HS building and gym
- ◇ New Welcome Center in HS lobby
- ◇ Walkway to athletic fields
- ◇ Cleared wooded area around front parking lot
- ◇ Interior painting in gym, locker rooms, and class rooms
- ◇ Complete renovation of business office



Adding the wiring and duct work for the new central heat and air system

### UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR 2006

- ◇ Replace interior and exterior signage campus wide
- ◇ Replace exterior windows & doors in gymnasium
- ◇ Replace roof on Primary and HS buildings
- ◇ Campus-wide security improvements



A new lobby greets the WCA family in the C building.



Mrs. Carr enjoying lots of room at her new desk.



Attractive signs make for easier navigation in the elementary building.



## Development

### Elementary Renovations

The summer of 2005 was a busy one for the elementary school. Over \$500,000 worth of renovations was completed in a very short amount of time. Every classroom was torn apart and rebuilt from the inside out. The carpet and windows were replaced, every wall painted, and ceiling tiles replaced. New teacher desks, podiums, bookshelves and cabinets were built and placed in each classroom. To make our classrooms more comfortable in the hot and cold months, central heating and air conditioning was installed.

The Lord is so good to us! He blessed us with a great leadership team that shared a vision for the completion of this project. Together they coordinated WCA staff, as well as outside companies like Allen Kelly and Co., Bobbitt Design Build and Russwood Manufacturing.

Staff, parents, and students were all part of the team of workers that cleared out the building to get ready for the job at hand.

In September 2005, the elementary building was dedicated to the glory

of God in loving appreciation for years of unselfish service as a board member and a friend, to Mr. Russell K. Carroll, Sr.



*Teamwork gets the job done unloading elementary furniture*

## Walk for Wake



*Slurping snowballs after a long Walk for Wake!*

The 2005 **Walk for Wake** was held at Crowder Park in Apex. The elementary school participated on October 24 and the middle and high school on October 31. Our high school Student Council members assisted with the elementary school, walking with different classes making sure everyone stayed together. The park was a great place to have the walk because it allowed our students the opportunity to play on the playground and play ball in the field while waiting for the picnic lunch. Steve and Debbie Byers, Frank and

Jill Howard, Roy and Terrie Jernigan and SYSCO all donated hotdogs for the students to enjoy. Adrian Johnson and Pelican's Snowballs provided a cool treat for the students after their walk. Many parents and younger siblings attended the event. Dan Bowers with *Mission Sports* designed the awesome t-shirts worn by all. Overall, the event was a success, raising more than \$35,000 for our campus improvement projects.



*Many volunteers made Super Saturday successful.*



*Super Saturday offered fun for the whole family!*



*Student work on display during the Academic Expo*

## *Development, continued*

### *Franklin Pierce Educational Foundation*

In 1967 Franklin Pierce began serving as the first administrator of Wake Christian Academy, a position he held for over 23 years. A visionary with a servant's heart, Mr. Pierce was always intent on providing a Christ-centered education for every student. It is in his memory that the Franklin Pierce Educational Foundation was established as a charitable organization to accomplish the following:

- ◆ Promote and fund need-based financial aid for students attending Wake Christian Academy.
- ◆ Provide financial resources to enhance the campus facilities and resources of Wake Christian Academy.
- ◆ Assist in funding special projects of Wake Christian Academy.
- ◆ Establish an endowment for the long-term support of Wake Christian Academy.
- ◆ Provide additional financial support to further the continuing education of the faculty and staff of Wake Christian Academy.

The first annual banquet for the Foundation was held on October 1, 2005. The evening began with tours of the elementary building followed by a dinner catered by Mrs. Terrie Jernigan. Students from the senior class served as waiters for the tables, and music was provided by a student ensemble. The focus of the evening was to educate our patrons about the financial aid program the school provides for families who are in need and qualify for the benefit. Our annual giving was almost doubled to \$1,500 a month, and donations exceeded \$8,000. We look forward to our second annual banquet in 2006.

**Consider how you can partner with the Franklin Pierce Educational Foundation** in the following areas:

- ◆ **Pray for the leadership** and ministry of Wake Christian Academy.
- ◆ **Make a year-end tax-deductible gift** to the Franklin Pierce Educational Foundation.
- ◆ **Sign up for a monthly tax-deductible contribution** to the Franklin Pierce Educational Foundation
- ◆ **Donate your time or talents** to assist the foundation with future projects.
- ◆ **Consider the benefits of donating appreciated securities, property, or deferred gifts.**

**Franklin Pierce Educational Foundation**

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*Learning is fun!*



*Enjoying lunch during Walk for Wake*



*Fun at Buffalo Lanes for the after-school bowling teams*



*Friends celebrate a job well done with middle school projects completed!*



## 2005 Ministry Moments

It is truly our desire here at Wake Christian Academy to emphasize the preeminence of Christ in every aspect of our school. In addition to being diligent in the study of His Word through our chapels and Bible classes, we strive to provide numerous opportunities for our students to carry out His Word by ministering to others. Each year our students are actively involved in helping the Durham Rescue Mission through monetary donations, canned food drives, and on-site labor in their food and clothing closets. Students are also involved in sharing the gospel through Child Evangelism Fellowship, ministering to needy children through Operation Christmas Child, encouraging the elderly in the local nursing homes, and fulfilling other missions opportunities as God directs.

In addition, each year our students give of their time and finances to serve the Lord by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others on a mission trip. This year Pastor Jeff Everett, Mr. Jernigan, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Bridges, and twelve middle school students traveled to Morehead City, NC, where they worked in the Second Blessings Thrift Store and helped prepare the old post office in Smyrna for a community relief center. Their hard labor accomplished much for the Lord. The evening devotions with Pastor Jeff encouraged the workers and trained them for our Lord's service in Morehead City and wherever He may lead them in the future.

We are continually grateful for the way that God continues to work in the lives of our students, alumni, and staff in extending the Kingdom of God throughout this world. We look forward to seeing how God will use each of us in His master plan to reach the world for Jesus Christ.



Organizing clothing in the Second Blessings thrift store



The missions team in Morehead City, NC

***“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost:”  
Matthew 28:19***



Cleaning up to aid in the opening of a local community center



Blessed after a great day for a great job!

## Ministry Moments continued...



*"Mr. Bob" and the Good News Express offer many opportunities for our students to share Christ.*



*Missions-minded young men ministering to a coastal community by helping to clean up the Thrift Store.*

- † **May** A senior student was sponsored by the elementary with a two hundred dollar donation for his summer mission trip to Belize.
- † **August** A two hundred and fifty dollar donation was given by our elementary students to help sponsor the Child Evangelism Fellowship Spectacular held at the Dorton Arena. Over six thousand people attended this outreach event and heard the gospel.
- † **September** The Middle School Mission Fund sent \$36.80 to the Durham Rescue Mission to help pay for Thanksgiving meals. In addition, approximately 160 Middle School students learned to share the Wordless Book during Bible class.
- † **October** Fifty students, using the Wordless Book, ministered at the NC State Fair . The entire week resulted in 2472 presentations and 128 decisions.
- † Select elementary students, along with the middle school and high school student council officers, participated in a toy-shopping spree at Wal-Mart on October 21. The \$1500 to purchase the toys was donated by our school family for Hurricane Katrina relief . The toys, along with Bibles and canned goods, helped outfit FEMA travel trailers sent to Louisiana by Hawley's Camping Center of Garner .
- † **November** A school-wide canned food drive resulted in approximately 5,000 items of food and \$1350.00 donated to the Durham Rescue Mission to help replace freezer items . Also, for operation Christmas Child, the high school student council traveled to Charlotte for a day to help in sorting shoeboxes for needy children. WCA donated 230 boxes.
- † The fifth graders shipped Christmas stockings to WCA alumnus, Chad Swanson, in China. The students made ornaments and collected scarves, hats, gloves, and toys to pack into the bright red stockings. Chad and his friends will distribute them to orphans that he visits regularly.
- † WCA faculty and staff took time to be a blessing to those in need of blood! The American Red Cross was on hand to facilitate our first Blood Drive. The pints processed into over 84 products collected to help save or sustain lives of the sick and injured.
- † **December** The elementary collected almost 400 "Joy Toys" for Child Evangelism Fellowship to help needy children in the area.
- † **Other** The Practical Christian Service Class ministers once a month at two different nursing homes in the area. The Nor-Len Nursing Home and Laurels of Forest Glen bring about 10-15 people into the recreation area and students play games with them.

## Technology

WCA continues to make considerable progress in the use of advanced technology. We have made gains in the areas of student-to-computer ratio, integration of technology in courses, and web-based educational applications. WCA is thankful for the progress that has been made and looks forward to a successful future as we continue to prepare students with the technology skills they need.

- The K-12 student to Internet-capable computer ratio is 100%.
- Three labs are available (elementary, middle and high school) for classes and technology integration projects.
- Eighty-five percent of students

are using technology in regular classes, labs, and/or the library.

- Teachers are reporting success in utilizing available technology to meet individual student needs.
- The Accelerated Reader program continues to grow as it improves students' reading comprehension.
- Elementary school lab is upgraded with all new computers
- The computer to student ratio is 1:6.
- Middle school computer application class has been added as an elective.
- Access to instruction through computer-based technology, video and other technology-based instruction continues to

increase.

- Kindergarten through 5th grade have upgraded computer systems.
- Multimedia equipment has been added to allow students to take advantage of the advanced capabilities of our teaching software.



*Hard at work in Lab C2*

## Athletic Achievements

**COMMISSIONER'S CUP** -- Wake Christian Academy won the NCCSA 3-A Division Commissioner's Cup this past year for the fourth consecutive year. The Commissioner's Cup is an award that honors overall varsity athletic excellence by awarding points based on each school's finish in regular and post-season play along with points for any sportsmanship awards that may have been won during the year. The school that accumulates the most points from the spring sports season through the following winter sports season wins the Cup. The total record for WCA sports teams for 2005 was 245 wins, 111 losses, and 6 ties.

**ALL-SPORTS TROPHY** -- Wake Christian Academy won the All-Sports trophy again this past year for the fifth consecutive year. This trophy is given by the Capital Christian Middle School Conference and is patterned after the Commissioner's Cup which is awarded to schools based on varsity competition. The All-Sports trophy honors overall athletic excellence within the CCMS by awarding points based on each school's finish in regular and post-season play. The school that accumulates the most points from the spring sports season through the following winter sports season win the All-Sports trophy.

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS** -- Wake Christian Academy won the NCCSA East Region Sportsmanship Awards for the fall sports season (boys' soccer & volleyball), winter sports season (boys' & girls basketball), and girls soccer in the spring.

**WINTER SPORTS 2004-05 REVIEW** -- The combined record for the winter sports teams last year was 87 wins and 39 losses. The varsity boys' basketball team was 22-4 and finished third in the state. The middle school girls' basketball team was 18-1 and won the CCMS championship.

**SPRING SPORTS 2005 REVIEW** -- The combined record for the spring sports teams in 2005 was 87 wins, 28 losses, and 3 ties. The varsity baseball, varsity golf, and varsity girls' soccer teams finished second in their state tournaments. The junior high baseball won the CCMS tournament and the junior high softball team finished second.

**FALL SPORTS 2005 REVIEW** -- The combined record for the fall sports teams in 2005 was 71 wins, 44 losses, and 3 ties. The varsity volleyball team finished strong by making a tournament run into the state championship match for the first time in 10 years. The middle school soccer team finished the season with a perfect 15-0 record

and a CCMS championship.

**STUDENT-ATHLETES AT THE NEXT LEVEL** -- The following WCA Class of 2005 student-athletes are playing in college: Bobby Buffaloe (Barton College – basketball), Michael Chavez (Valley Forge Military College – football & ROTC), Jon Douros (Barton College – basketball), Lauren Haegele (Cedarville – soccer) and Barrett Martin (Barton College – baseball).



*"Go Bulldawgs!"*



## *Fine Arts*

The Fine Arts Department of Wake Christian Academy consists of students involved in the performing and visual arts, including art, band, strings, drama, choral, and handbell groups. Art and general music are offered to all Kindergarten through 5th grade students. Vocal groups begin in 3rd grade, band and strings in 4th grade, and drama and handbells in middle school.

The pep band has encouraged school spirit by performing at home ball games, and plans are underway to begin a marching band in the fall.

The Praise Team plans and leads chapel music in middle and high school. Other performing groups assist with special music for chapels.

Students in the Fine Arts Department participate in the North Carolina Christian School Association Fine Arts Competition, often placing in several categories. In addition, groups participate in local and regional competitions and clinics. In 2005, Fine Arts students did exceptionally well in the state Fine Arts Competitions:

- Jenna Elfont– First Place, Art. Jenna went on to place first at the national level.
- Rob Hobgood– First Place, Organ solo
- Stephen Mangum- Second Place, Brass solo
- Chorus/Chorale– First Place
- Chorale– First Place
- High School Handbells– Second Place

During the fall of each year, high school handbells and chorale go on tour promoting Wake Christian Academy by performing at churches, assisted-living centers, and other schools.

The newly organized Fine Arts Booster Club is actively involved in the support of the Fine Arts Department at WCA. Already accomplished in 2005 was fund raising on Super Saturday; assisting with concert decorations; organizing an Evening of Art, a display and auction of many original artwork pieces by WCA students; and publishing a Fine Arts Program featured at all of our concerts.



*Band students sound forth His glory in Chapel.*



*Handbells ring the Christmas story .*

*"And whatsoever ye do,  
do it heartily as to the Lord  
and not unto men"  
Colossians 3:23*



*High School Chorus celebrates Christmas in Chapel.*



*The Chorale lifts their voices in praise to the Lord.*

## 2006/2007 Tuition Information

As WCA begins the re-enrollment period, please recognize that this information is vital in our preparation for the new school year. It assures accurate hiring of new staff, ordering of curriculum and supplies, and the scheduling of classes.

- ◆ The Early Re-enrollment fee is **\$100** per student if paid by **February 28**.
- ◆ The Re-enrollment fee is **\$200** per student beginning **March 1**.

There are **two options for payment of tuition**:

- ◆ **Pay annual tuition in full by May 1, 2006**, directly to Wake Christian Academy (\$100 discount per student for choosing this option.)
- ◆ **Enroll with FACTS** to pay in 10 or 12 monthly installments

The tuition includes:

- ◆ all academic classes, academic services, elective class fees
- ◆ Student insurance
- ◆ one yearbook per family

Annual tuition per student for the 2006-2007 school year has been established as follows:

- ◆ **K-5: \$4600**
- ◆ **Elementary: \$4700**
- ◆ **Middle School: \$4800**
- ◆ **High School: \$4950**

If you have any questions, please contact the business office.

### **FACTS -**

#### ***A new convenient payment service for 2006-2007***

One of the challenges in Christian education is achieving a balance between our educational mission and financial stability. It is for this reason we are enlisting the help of FACTS Tuition Management. FACTS performs electronic processing of your monthly tuition via an automatic bank payment. You will no longer have to mail or drop off a check each month or be concerned with your payment arriving on time. Starting with the May 1 payment for the 2006-2007 school year, WCA will implement the FACTS payment plan. Families that choose to pay on the 10 or 12-month plan will enroll in the FACTS payment service plan. Families that pay in full will submit their payment to the business office no later than May 1, 2006. For additional information visit our website at [www.wakechristianacademy.com](http://www.wakechristianacademy.com).



*Concentrating in Computer class!*

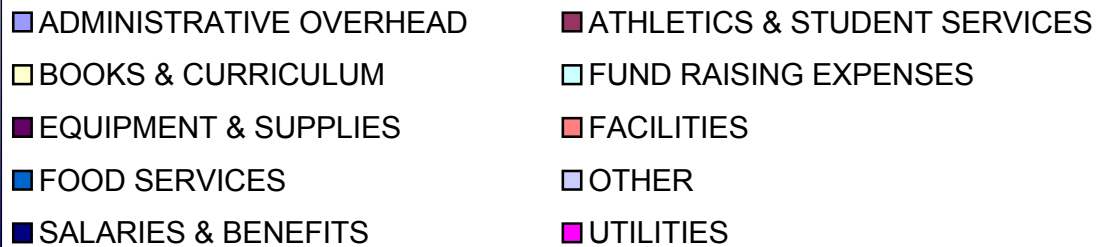
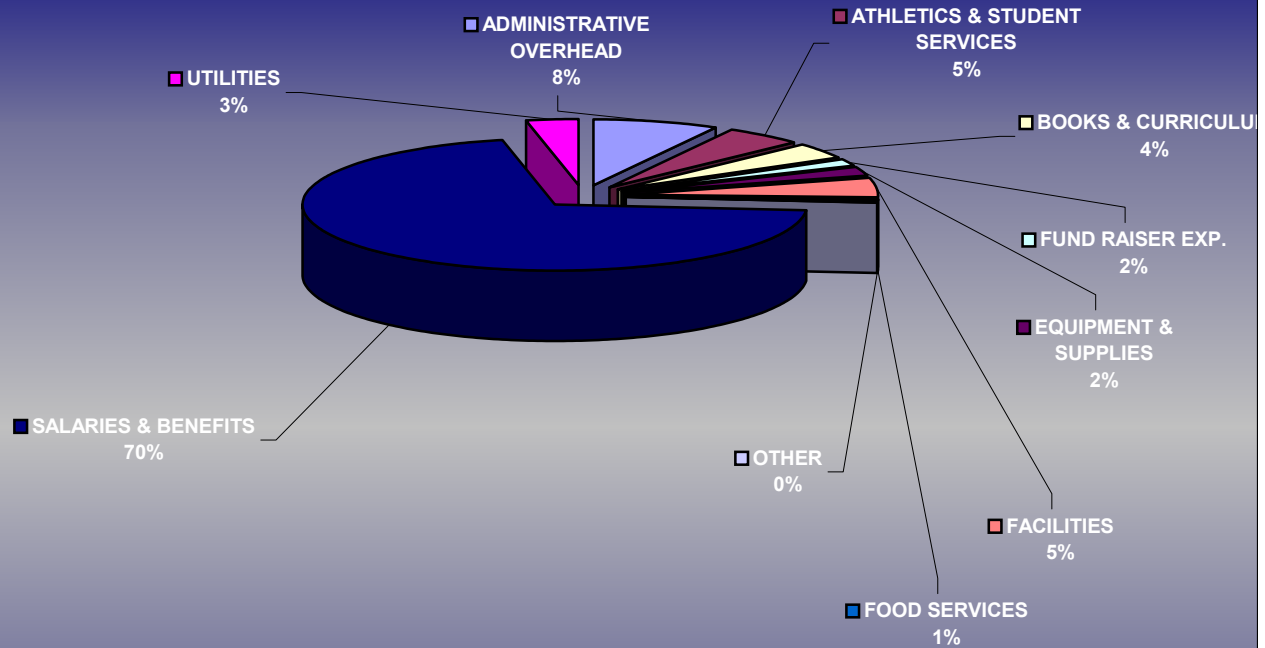
## *Tuition Assistance Is Available*

Wake Christian Academy offers tuition assistance for families in need, who have been enrolled at WCA for at least one



year. Families who qualify can receive up to 25% of the tuition amount. If you have questions about tuition assistance or would like to apply, go to [www.ffna1.com](http://www.ffna1.com) (family financial needs assessment) and click on the online application, or contact the business office to request a packet. **Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2006.**

## WCA Expenses 2004/2005



## WCA Salary Statistics

WCA and North Carolina Public Schools  
Starting Teacher's Salary Comparison\*

Year	WCA	NCPS	Difference
1998-99	\$18,430	\$25,044	\$6,614
1999-00	\$19,430	\$27,698	\$8,268
2000-01	\$20,000	\$28,925	\$8,925
2001-02	\$20,500	\$29,359	\$8,859
2002-03	\$21,000	\$27,572	\$6,572
2003-04	\$21,200	\$28,454	\$7,254
2004-05	\$21,400	N/A	

WCA and North Carolina Public Schools  
Average Teacher's Salary Comparison\*

Year	WCA	NCPS	Difference
1998-99	\$23,183	\$36,883	\$13,700
1999-00	\$24,901	\$39,419	\$14,518
2000-01	\$25,472	\$41,496	\$16,024
2001-02	\$26,060	\$42,118	\$16,058
2002-03	\$26,531	\$42,411	\$15,880
2003-04	\$24,386	\$43,211	\$18,825
2004-05	\$25,156	N/A	

\* Source: American Federation of Teachers, annual survey of state departments of education. Starting and average Teacher Salary for the 2004/2005 school year is not yet available.





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## *Catch the Vision!*



*"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."  
Proverbs 29:18*