



*Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.*  
Charles Wesley, 1744

**WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

<b>December</b>	12	Early Childhood Christmas Program -- 6:30 pm at Westend CRC
	14	Middle School Christmas Concert -- Choirs/Bands/Orchestras 7:30 pm in the gym
	19	5th grade band and orchestra Christmas music demo concert 9:00 AM
	20	All-School Christmas Chapel at 9:30 at Westend CRC -- All welcome!
	20	Half day -- K-8 dismiss at noon for Christmas Break No Preschool or Young 5's classes
	26	Hot lunch ordering window opens for the 3rd quarter - emails will be sent
<b>January</b>	3(Wed)	Classes resume
	<b>3,4&amp;5</b>	<b>No GRPS busing</b>
	10	Hot lunch orders and payment due by 3:30 pm
	11	Kindergarten/Preschool Preview Night 6:30-7:30
	<b>15</b>	<b>No School</b> - Staff professional development
	17	WSCS Spelling Bee 3:30 pm

**HOT LUNCH:**

**Wednesday, December 13, is Spaghetti Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): J. Augustyn, C. Evenhouse, M. Reyers  
Middle School (12:05): J. Augustyn, C. Evenhouse

**Thursday, December 14, is Chili/Potato/Salad Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): M. DeKock, M. Reyers, S. Staal  
Middle School (12:05): M. DeKock, S. Staal

**Friday, December 15, is Pizza Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): S. Kelley, B. Oosterheert, M. Multani  
Middle School (12:45): S. Kelley, B. Oosterheert

**Monday, December 18, is Chicken Sandwich Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): S. Bruin, K. Ritsema, P. Buth, B. Oosterheert  
Middle School (12:45): S. Bruin, K. Ritsema

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:**

**Wed., 12/13** E. Koopmans  
**Thur., 12/14** J. Hop  
**Fri., 12/15** A. Bruin  
**Mon., 12/18** **No volunteers**  
**Tues., 12/19** S. Groggel

**T.R.I.P. - Christmas orders need to be placed by 4 pm TODAY** to receive them before the break. Emails will be sent out when the orders are ready for pickup. If you would like to get started in this tuition-saving program, stop in the office for information. Remember, there are several vendors available for purchase from the office at any time.

#### **MUSIC NOTES:**

\*Our Middle School Christmas Concert will be held THIS Thursday, December 14, at 7:30 PM. This will involve ALL 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, so please mark your calendar. Concert attire is required -- tuxedo shirt, black pants, black shoes, and dark socks.

\*Our 5th grade Christmas "DEMO" Band and Orchestra concerts will be next Tuesday, December 19, at 9:00-9:20 am in the orchestra and band rooms. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited.

#### **CREATION CARE:**

- In a <http://www.wscsgr.org/blog/75-creation-caretakers.html> you can catch a glimpse of ways our students are developing a love of their Creator God - who made all things good - as they enjoy integrated learning moments outdoors.
- A volunteer group of middle school students, staff and parents formed the newly created WSCS Creation Care team. The team strives to work towards leading efforts at WSCS to increase stewardship opportunities through terracycle, composting and more. Curious know more about what they're up to? Join the newly formed <https://www.facebook.com/groups/143806829718684/> Facebook Group. The purpose of this group is to support, learn, grow with, and inspire each other as we seek out ways glorify God as we tell His story through our caring actions.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR STAFF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION?** We still need a few more parents to supervise the playground and middle school hallways from 10:15 until 10:45 on Wednesday morning, December 20, (right after chapel). Staff and students will have an extended morning break on that day, and the staff will be gathering for a short Christmas celebration during that time. If you can help, please call the office (453-3925) or email Sue at [svandermeer@wscsgr.org](mailto:svandermeer@wscsgr.org)

**BOX TOPS NOVEMBER CLASSROOM COMPETITION:** Our November classroom winner was Mrs. Geers' 5th grade class! They brought in a whopping 725 box tops! Congratulations on earning that trophy! Mrs. Looman's first graders came in second with a total of 215 box tops. Good job to all who participated! We appreciate it! We only have another week to bring in more box tops before we total for December!

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AND KEY CARD BOOKS** - We have a limited supply of both of these coupon books in the office that are available for sale. They make great Christmas gifts! Entertainment Books are \$30 and Key Card Books are \$25. Give us a call or stop by the school office.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR BUS DRIVERS!** Wouldn't it be great to have a part-time job that follows your child's school schedule? We need school bus drivers! If you, or someone you know, are interested or would like to ask some questions, please contact Nella Kosiara (453-3146) [nkosiara@wschristian.org](mailto:nkosiara@wschristian.org). Great team, good pay, paid training, and summers off!

**SHOPPING FOR TEACHERS?** Will you be looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a WSCS teacher or staff member? We have a binder in the school office with each staff member's "favorite" things. You are welcome to stop in and check it out!

**2017-18 WSCS PROFILES ADS:** The yearbook committee is pleased to offer businesses the opportunity to place an advertisement in the West Side Christian School *Profiles* yearbook. Ads will cost from \$25 to \$125 depending on the size of the ad. The deadline to submit ads is January 26, 2018.

**ATHLETICS:**

Girls 7th and 8th grade **Basketball Signups** have been going on. Students should sign up on the Athletic board to join the teams.

The first practice for 8th grade will be January 3 @ 3:30; and 7th grade January 4 @ 3:30.

**Requested Announcements**

**Part-time Position - Christian Rest Home (Edison Manor): Manor Assistant:** 18 years old or older, willing to answer phones, check on residents' well-being, setup for supper, read a devotion before the meal. Someone with a ready smile, someone who shows kindness, patience and caring, along with doing a few chores during the shift. This person needs to be independent, self motivated. The job will start with **Thursdays 3-11pm**, and on call (3-11) to cover for days off and vacations. This could eventually work into more hours. Moms and grandmothers welcome. If interested, **please call Sarah Wabeke (453-0993)**.