



**“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind  
and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’  
There is no commandment greater than these.”**  
Mark 12:29-31

**WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

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| <b>February</b> | 14/15   | Parent Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm                                     |   |
|                 | 15  | 7th/8th Band Festival at Covenant Christian High School 12:00         |   |
|                 | <b>16/19</b>  | <b>No School - Winter Break!</b>                                      |   |
|                 | 22  | 7th/8th Orchestra “Giving Bach” concert at BA of WM (see music notes) |   |
|                 | 23  | Recess Bake Sale  |   |
|                 | 23  | Middle School “Wish It Were Spring” event 6-8 pm (see announcement)   |   |
|                 | 27  | Regional Spelling Bee   |   |
|                 | <b>March</b>  | 2   | 6-8 Band Solo Festival at WSCS (a.m.)                   |
|                 |   | 3   | Annual WSCS Sportscard/Collectibles Show in the gym 9-3 |
| 5-9             |   | WSCS Staff Appreciation Week  |   |
| 6               |   | Middle School Skating Party 7-9pm                                     |   |
| 8               |   | 7th/8th grade Choral Workshop (a.m.) and concert (7:30pm) at GRCHS.   |   |
| 10              |   | Annual WSCS Auction in the gym - doors open at 5pm                    |   |
| 11              |   | Daylight Savings Time begins  |   |
| 12-16           |   | WSCS Math Week  |   |
| 16              | Half Day - No preschool classes, K-8 dismiss at 12:00 PM staff training |   |   |

**HOT LUNCH this week:**

**Wednesday, February 7, is Sub Sandwich Day**

Elementary helpers (11:30): K. Duthler, T. Kosiara, T. Wielhouwer  
Middle School (12:05): K. Duthler, T. Kosiara

**Thursday, February 8, is Breakfast Burrito Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): A. Raterink, L. Vermilye, S. Wielhouwer  
Middle School (12:05): A. Raterink, S. Wielhouwer

**Friday, February 9, is Pizza Day.**

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

**Monday, February 12, is Arby’s day**

Elementary helpers: A. Kobza, T. Jonker, B. Oosterheert  
Middle School helpers: A. Kobza, T. Jonker

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:**

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| <b>Wed., 2/7</b>   | M. Adema     |
| <b>Thur., 2/8</b>  | J. Hop       |
| <b>Fri., 2/9</b>   | J. Kazemier  |
| <b>Mon., 2/12</b>  | T. Houtstra  |
| <b>Tues., 2/13</b> | C. Veldhouse |

## **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES NEXT WEEK:**

**Preschool:** Mandatory Parent/Teacher conferences on February 14 & 15. Click the link below to schedule.

**Elementary:** \* Spring Parent/Teacher conferences are not mandatory for parents of K-8th students, however, teachers are available to discuss student progress at these times. Teachers may also request conferences with parents, so check their communications as well.

\*Alison Groenboom's (1st grade) conferences will be Feb. 7 and 8 because she was chosen to attend the Christian Schools International Bible Instruction Symposium in Washington DC -- quite an honor!

**Pick your time:** Preschool - 5th grade conference scheduling is done online. The link is below and can also be found on our website. [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/West\\_Side\\_Christian\\_School](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/West_Side_Christian_School)

**Middle School** -- teachers and special subjects teachers will be available in the gym in an open format to meet with parents between 6 and 8 p.m. These conferences will be limited to 10 minutes each, out of respect for parents' and teachers' timing/schedules. If more time is needed, a separate conference meeting can be scheduled by contacting the teacher of your choice.

Mrs. Bultsma (ESS) will be available on Wednesday evening from 6:45 - 8:00 pm in the gym.

Mrs. Meekhof (orchestra) will be available on Thursday evening from 6-8 pm in the gym.

**PROUD OF OUR ARTISTS!** Out of the 10 students whose artwork was chosen for adjudication into the Michigan Art Educators Art Show, six of them have moved up to the state level. The opening night reception for the selected students and their families will be held this Thursday evening, Feb. 8, at the Grand Rapids Art Museum from 6-8 p.m. Their artwork will be on display for the next few weeks. Congratulations!

## **MUSIC NOTES:**

**Thursday, February 15: 7th/8th Band Festival** at Covenant Christian High School at 12:00 noon.

**Thursday, February 22: 7th/8th Orchestra "Giving Bach" concert** at Behavioral Analysts of West Michigan. 10:00 - 11:30 AM

**Friday, March 2: 6th - 8th Band Solo Festival** here at WSC.

**Thursday, March 8: 7th/8th grade Choral Workshop** at GRCHS in the a.m., with a **concert in the evening** at 7:30 p.m. at the GRCHS Center for Arts and Worship. This is a requirement for all 7th and 8th graders.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL "Wish It Were Spring" Event:** Our WSCS Middle School Student Council is sponsoring the 'Wish it Were Spring Event.' This event will include open gym activities, casual dancing and music, and video and board games. The Winter Olympics will also be streaming at this time. The event will cost \$2 and will be held at West Side from 6-8 pm on Friday, February 23. Snacks will be provided by the student council and WSCS staff will be available as chaperones.

## **"OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO!!" WSCS AUCTION 2018 -- Saturday, March 10!!**

We would love for you to join us as we raise money for a new English Language Arts curriculum. Join us at 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 10 for a fun night of food, fellowship and helping WSCS strive for "The Places We'll Go". Check out the school's auction Facebook page for more information, and please like and share the event to get the word out to your friends! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1976345095959697/>

- **BECOME A SPONSOR:** Our well attended auction is an affordable and valuable way for you to receive public recognition of your business or individual support. Sponsoring will receive acknowledgment leading up to the event as well as at the event giving you the exposure to hundreds of potential customers. For details and sponsoring: <https://goo.gl/forms/lZp6wiZGLMp0E5B93>
- **DONATE:** We LOVE donations and we love promoting your business! We will gladly accept any and all donations and will arrange for pickup too. For details on how to donate: <https://goo.gl/forms/lZp6wiZGLMp0E5B93>
- **CHILDCARE:** Available by Little Sprouts...more info on Feb. 20th.

## **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

We would love for you (or someone you know) join our team! West Side Christian School is looking for candidates to fill the following job openings:

1. Custodian: One of the most important jobs on our campus is to ensure that facilities are open, safe, clean, and comfortable. The custodian is also responsible to keep the building, grounds, and equipment in good working condition. Experience in maintenance, and general knowledge in skilled trades (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) and/or similar work is preferred. Part-time to full-time options available.
2. Director of Marketing and Communications: Telling others about West Side Christian School is key to increasing enrollment. The Director of Marketing and Communications will promote WSCS and its programs through strategic planning and the use of communications platforms, advertising, social media, and strategic partnerships. Requirements: Degree in marketing, communications, or journalism (preferred); photography, video, and basic editing skills, website content management experience preferred, along with experience with managing social media. Part-time with flexible summer hours.
3. School Bus Drivers: Our school bus drivers are an integral part of the WSCS community. They are dependable, committed to safety, and have a genuine, caring attitude toward our students. Paid training. Part time during the school year.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please send a letter of interest, faith statement, and resume to An Kurosu (principal), [akurosu@wschristian.org](mailto:akurosu@wschristian.org).

**ATHLETICS:** Think Spring! The spring sports sign-ups are on the Athletic board.

6/7/8 girls and boys swimming Practices start the end of March and the meet is 4/28/18.

7/8 boys baseball

7/8 girls soccer and

7/8 girls fastpitch softball ( joined with Calvin Chr.)

The track signups are coming later and it does not interfere with these sports.

Join the team! Join the fun! And keep yourself active!

**JANUARY BOX TOPS CLASSROOM COMPETITION:** Everyone did a great job this past month! Mr. Falk's 8th grade class earned the trophy by bringing in 813 box tops! Ms. Vibber's 4th grade class came in 2nd place and had the highest collection in the elementary wing with a total of 246. A huge thank you to all of you for saving and sending them to school. We earned \$208.50 last month!

### Requested Announcements

**Autism Spectrum Disorder: The New Developmental Melting Pot or Distinct Disorder?**

Thursday, February 22 at 7 PM at Calvin College Chapel Sanctuary (1795 Knollcrest Circle SE), join Dr. Erin Seif for an informative conversation about autism spectrum disorder (ASD). You'll learn about:

- The prevalence of autism in the U.S.
- Diagnostic criteria, referrals and types of ASD evaluations
- Educational and health care services for individuals with ASD

RSVP for this free community event at [www.MSUYourHealthLecture.com](http://www.MSUYourHealthLecture.com) or 616.234.2694

**Allendale Christian School will be hosting their 11th annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament** on Saturday, March 17, at Allendale High School! There will be divisions for boys and girls for each grade level in 3rd through 8th grade. Please visit [www.facebook.com/ACS3on3/](http://www.facebook.com/ACS3on3/) or [allendalechristian.com](http://allendalechristian.com) for more details and the registration form. Early registration discount is available through Feb 10. We hope to see you there!

**Spring Break Rental:** Regretting not having made Spring Break plans? It is not too late. A 2 bedroom, 2 bath home is available at beautiful Nettles Island, Florida. Call Karen or Tom Postmus at 616 4534967 or email me at [karenpostmus@gmail.com](mailto:karenpostmus@gmail.com) for more information.

**Byron Center Christian School 3 on 3:** Byron Center Christian will be holding their 9th annual 3 on 3 tournament on Saturday, March 24th at South Christian High School. The event is for girls and boys grades 3rd-8th grade. [Click here for the registration form](#) or contact tournament director Carla Fles at [carla.fles@gmail.com](mailto:carla.fles@gmail.com). Deadline to register is March 8th.