



**“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”**
I John 4:11,12

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

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| February | 14/15 | Parent Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm |
| | 15 | 7th/8th Band Festival at Covenant Christian High School 12:00 |
| | 16/19 | No School - Winter Break! |
| | 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 |
| March | 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 |
| | 19-23 | WSCS Math Week |
| | 16 | Half Day - No preschool classes, K-8 dismiss at 12:00 PM staff training |

HOT LUNCH this week:

Wednesday, February 14, is Taco Day

Elementary helpers: R. Thatcher, J. Hop, L. Kauffman

Middle School: R. Thatcher, J. Hop

No Thursday lunch this week.

Friday, February 16 - No School

Monday, February 19 - No School

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

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| Wed., 2/14 | E. Koopmans |
| Thur., 2/15 | No Volunteers ?? |
| Fri., 2/16 | No School |
| Mon., 2/19 | No School |
| Tues., 2/20 | S. Groggel |

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES THIS WEEK Wednesday and Thursday evenings:

Conferences will be limited to 10 minutes each, out of respect for parents’ and teachers’ timing/schedules. Bells will ring every 15 minutes. If more time is needed, a separate conference meeting can be scheduled by contacting the teacher of your choice.

Elementary schedules are all set!

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.

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.

LOST AND FOUND -- So much stuff!! Tables have been set up in the middle school hallway and the elementary entrance. Encourage your kids to check and claim what is theirs. Parents are also encouraged to check the tables this week Wednesday or Thursday evening while in school for parent/teacher conferences.

MUSIC NOTES:

THIS Thursday, February 15: 7th/8th Band Festival at Covenant Christian High School. Our performance time is 12:00 noon. Parents are welcome to listen to us and stay for the clinic at 12:30. The band students need to wear their pink theme t-shirt and bring money as we will be going to Wendy's for lunch.

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!!

Please join us at our annual auction beginning 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 10 for a fun night of food, fellowship and helping WSCS strive for "The Places We'll Go"! We would love for you to join us as we raise money for a new English Language Arts curriculum. 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/>

We will also be selling raffle tickets again this year to win our classroom basket donations, more details will be coming soon!

Food: We are excited to share the menu for the auction. Ham, salad, fruit, Hop on Pop Popcorn Bar, "Green eggs and ham" pretzel bites, ice cream and more. Cost: by donation the night of.

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. Sponsors will receive acknowledgment leading up to the event as well as at the event, giving you 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: Need childcare the night of the auction? Little Sprouts will be open for kids 2.5 years (potty trained) through 13 years of age. \$15 per child (flat rate). Please sign up in the link below. Payment is due by March 9 in the office. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1O5y6ltU-wHgGZ_qwn6leb1HPxt0s0HJTohqARJWgrLw/

27th ANNUAL WSCS SPORTSCARD/COLLECTIBLE SHOW -- SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018 (9:00 AM--3:00 PM).

This event is sponsored by the WSCS PTA and all proceeds are for tuition assistance. The WSCS Gym and main entrance area will be filled with over 50 tables and 30+ dealers prepared and eager to sell, trade, and buy! Snacks and lunch will be available for purchase. Former Detroit Tiger, MR. JAKE WOOD (2nd baseman for the Detroit Tigers from 1961-1967), will be the special guest--autographing items between 11:00--1:00. BASEBALL CARD autographs will cost 10.00 / ALL other items (pictures, bats, balls, gloves, jerseys, etc.) will cost \$15.00 each. Some items for autographs will be available for purchase at the show. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Plan to come, have fun, meet Jake Wood, and help support Christian education! The show is SOLD OUT for Tables and

Dealers!! Questions--Contact Vern Groenendyk (Show Coordinator) at (616)-784-4299 or e-mail: vgroenendyk@wschristian.org

JOIN OUR TEAM!

1. 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.
2. Little Sprouts Childcare and Development is in search of a qualified Assistant Teacher to work in our classroom. We are looking for a caring, dependable, flexible, highly motivated, and enthusiastic person for this position. Someone who has experience working with children, and is able to work well in a team oriented environment.

Responsibilities will include some of the following:

Provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times

Interact with parents on a daily basis

Engage and be actively involved in the children's play

Assist the lead teacher in preschool preparations

Provide proper supervision during outdoor times

Assist lead teacher in preparing and implementing educational center activities

Professional Development hours are required, and may possibly be done on the job

The assistant teacher position will involve working with students from 2.5-13 years. It is a part time position, with hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7:45am-1:30pm, and Wednesday and Friday from 11:30am-5:30pm. This position is open immediately, so please contact the Little Sprouts director, Chelsea Van Vels, with your interest.

**Hours may change, but this is a year-round position.

GROUNDSWELL: We are happy to announce that West Side Christian School has partnered with [Groundswell](#). Being a Groundswell school means that we've joined with a coalition of community partners to support our students' opportunities for place-based, environmental learning. We've been awarded a grant through this partnership to implement a student-led project that solves a real world program all while integrating Christ-centered academic content and problem-solving skills. Parent permission is needed to "show off" the excellent work our teachers and students are producing. Therefore, we ask that you sign the photography release form that was sent home last week and send it back to school with your child by this Thursday, February 15. We assure that no personal information will be included with your child's photograph.

Feel free to contact Janet Staal if you have have questions or concerns.

Requested Announcements

Grandville Calvin Christian High School Dramatics Society will be presenting Disney and Cameron MacKintosh's *Mary Poppins* on March 1 & 2 at 7:00PM and March 3 at 5:00PM at Godwin Heights High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for students (including college) and \$10 for adults and can be purchased through the high school office or at the door. Refreshments will be served for a small donation during intermission, and seating is general admission.

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 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/ or 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 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. Deadline to register is March 8th.

Position: Edison Manor (Christian Rest Home Independent Living Center) needs a responsible, self-motivated, smiling, kind, empathetic and compassionate person, 18 or older to be on-call for second or third shifts. If working with our wonderful geriatric population is something you feel called to do, please contact Sarah Wabeke at (616) 453-0993 to inquire. Moms and grandmas welcome.