



***"A man's mind plans his way,  
but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure."***  
Proverbs 16:9

**WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

<b>January</b>	17	WSCS Spelling Bee 3:30 pm
	19	Recess Bake Sale
	26	End of First Semester
<b>February</b>	2	Report Cards
	3	Family Roller Skating Party at Tarry Hall 11-1
	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>
	23	Recess Bake Sale

**HOT LUNCH this week:**

**Wednesday, January 17, is Taco Day**

Elementary helpers (11:30): R. Thatcher, J. Hop, L. Kauffman

Middle School (12:05): R. Thatcher, J. Hop

**No Thursday lunch this week.**

**Friday, January 19, is Pizza Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): S. Kelley, B. Oosterheert, M. Multani

Middle School (12:45): S. Kelley, B. Oosterheert

**Monday, January 22, is Hot dog day -- BEGINNING OF THE THIRD QUARTER LUNCH SCHEDULE**

Elementary helpers: M. Meeter, B. Oosterheert, P. Buth

Middle School helpers: M. Meeter, B. Oosterheert

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:**

<b>Wed., 1/17</b>	K. Broene
<b>Thur., 1/18</b>	R. Sanders
<b>Fri., 1/19</b>	J. Kazemier
<b>Mon., 1/22</b>	<b>No volunteers</b>
<b>Tues., 1/23</b>	S. Groggel

**STUDENT ABSENCES - PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE** when your child is not at school. We must account for every student by 9:00 a.m. each school day. For the safety of your children, please let us know if they are going to be late or absent by giving us a quick call or an email. It's great to let the teacher know, but PLEASE include the office in those communications as well. Don't forget to fill out the Student Absence form if you know in advance that your child will be missing school for an extended period of time.

**ALL-SCHOOL RECESS BAKE SALE -- SEND A QUARTER ON FRIDAY!** Our all-school baked goods sale (25 cents each) will be THIS FRIDAY, January 19. Goodies will be sold to K-8 students during the morning break time. Proceeds will go toward audio equipment for gym activities. The following moms have volunteered to bake this month: J. VanderVennen, S. Soukup, V. Cuer, J. Buckley, F. VanOss, D. Waters, B. Zwiers, L. Paauw, A. Roorda, J. Helms, J. Holtrop, J. Berg, M. Alvarez, J. Verbeek. Please bring your peanut-free treats to the kitchen on Friday morning. Thank you so much!!

**WSCS FAMILY ROLLER SKATING PARTY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3!** This is a very fun family event and great exercise too! Tarry Hall Roller Rink has been reserved for West Side Christian School students, parents, and family members on Saturday, February 3, from 11-3. Mark your calendar! Admission for skaters (we hope that moms and dads skate too!) is \$4.00. You may bring your own skates or rent a pair for an extra \$1. Concessions are available too. Make plans to join in the fun!

#### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES FEBRUARY 14 & 15:**

**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.

**ANNUAL WSCS SPELLING BEE TOMORROW:** The WSCS Spelling Bee for grades 3-8 will take place TOMORROW Wednesday, January 17, from 3:30-5:00 in the band room. Students who signed up and have studied their word list, are eligible to participate. Parents, relatives, and friends are welcome to attend the bee. Please make every attempt to be seated by 3:30 p.m.

**GIRLS ON THE RUN!** For those interested in doing Girls On The Run this year, we would like you to know that we will be doing a new program this year called Girls With A Goal. More information will be coming to the 3rd - 5th grade girls very soon. This program is more faith-based.

**K-3rd BASKETBALL CLINIC:** Flyers were sent home last week with all K-3rd students. This clinic is run by one of our parents and will be held on Saturday afternoons for four weeks in February. Questions? Contact Josh Berghuis at [berghuisconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:berghuisconstruction@gmail.com)

**WANTED: BUS DRIVERS!** Looking for part time employment? Do you love kids? If you are interested in learning more about driving a school bus, please contact Nella Kosiara. [nkosiara@wschristian.org](mailto:nkosiara@wschristian.org)

#### **MUSIC NOTES:**

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

**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.

**WSCS AUCTION 2018 IS COMING!** We would love for you to join us as we raise money for a new English Language Arts curriculum. Please set aside March 10 at 5:00pm for a fun night of food, fellowship and helping WSCS strive for "The Places We'll Go".

**Dr. Seuss costumes:** Do you have any Dr. Seuss Character costumes? Maybe Cat in the Hat, Thing 1, Thing 2, or even a Horton or Lorax? If you do, and you would be willing to let the Auction committee borrow your costume on March 10, please contact Annette Roorda at [annettecroorda@gmail.com](mailto:annettecroorda@gmail.com). Thanks.

### **COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES:**

Parents, please make sure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing (gloves, hats, boots, coats, etc.) for keeping warm while outside.

1. Before school – Students may come into the building in the morning before school if either the temperature or the wind chill is -5 degrees or below.
2. Recess/Break/Noon hour – Elementary students are expected to go outside if temperature or wind chill is above -5 degrees. Middle school students may decide, on their own, to go outside or stay inside.
3. Elementary students are required to go outside for recess/noon hour unless there is a written note from the parent indicating a physical condition that does not allow the student to go outside.

**SCHOOL CANCELLATION “SNOW DAY” NOTE:** When school is cancelled due to weather or other circumstances, all after-school events are also cancelled (i.e. athletic events). Evening event cancellations will be an administrative decision and will depend on the circumstances. Cancellation notices for school and/or evening school-related events will be posted on WOOD TV8 and WZZM TV13 and on our website at [www.wscsgr.org](http://www.wscsgr.org).

**Note regarding hot lunch:** If school is cancelled on a scheduled hot lunch day, that hot lunch item will be served on the following non-hot lunch day.

### **Requested Announcements**

**HONEY? WHERE’S MY SUPERSUIT?!?!?** Calvin Christian High School Class of 2018 invites you and your family to join them for an INCREDIBLE night of super games, supersuits, super activities, superpower challenges and an “INCREDIBLE” movie!

- Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Grandville Christian School
- Doors open at 5:30 pm for games and activities for families
- Movie starts in the gym at 6:30 pm - bring your own blankets or low beach chairs; snacks provided.
- Dress as a superhero or non-scary villain for the pre-movie parade!
- A \$5/person (or \$20/family) donation covers costs of activities, popcorn, candy and bottled water.
- Pre-movie activities will include: a scavenger hunt, superhero bingo, vanquish the villains game, make & take crafts, super power challenges vs. senior class students, a “Selfie-with-a-Super” photo booth and more.
- It’s going to be an INCREDIBLE night! Please join us!
- Questions? Contact Amy Piersma at [apiersma@gccsmi.org](mailto:apiersma@gccsmi.org).

**CLC NETWORK ANNUAL AUCTION:** Looking for some mid-winter fun for an excellent cause? Bring your family and friends to the CLC Network (also known as Christian Learning Center) Auction on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Calvary Christian Reformed Church (3500 Byron Center Ave SW, Wyoming, MI). The dinner and silent auction start at 4:30, the live auction begins at 6:00pm. Bid on merchandise, gift certificates, activities, and much more! Your participation helps equip schools and congregations to glorify God through purposeful, innovative inclusion of persons with varied abilities. Learn more at [clcnetwork.org](http://clcnetwork.org).

**Grandville Calvin Christian Schools Auction - Saturday, February 10, 2018.** You don't want to miss the event of the year at Calvin Christian High School. Our auction is almost here and we have amazing items for you to bid on. Come enjoy the night with us **starting at 5:30 pm with an On the Border catered meal for \$10 per person and the silent auction. Live auction begins at 6:30 pm.** We have Red Wings tickets, Tigers tickets, a Costa Rica Trip, chain saws, hotel stays, art, a Disney vacation, Amazon circle, airline tickets, a baby crib and so much more. Come and join us for a great

night of dinner, fellowship and fundraising for Christian education. Any questions or to donate an item, call Joan or Donna in the Calvin Business Office at 616-532-2373. The catalog will be online at <http://www.gosquires.org> about Feb 2.

**Camp Geneva** brochures are available from the information rack in the school lobby near the office. This is a great Christian summer camp for kids!

**Marne/Pioneer Spring Baseball Sign-ups:** Flyers for this spring baseball program for boys and girls ages 4-15 are available from the info rack in the lobby by the WSCS main entrance. Deadline is February 28.

**Protect Young Eyes Parent Presentation:** NorthPointe Christian High School will be hosting Chris McKenna on Monday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. If you missed this great presentation when we hosted him at West Side, the public is invited to attend at NorthPointe. Protect Young Eyes wants to give busy parents and tech-savvy kids the information and tools they need to use technology awesomely. Very informative!