



***“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”***

Psalm 51:10,12

**WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

<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>	
	22	7th/8th Orchestra “Giving Bach” concert at BA of WM (see music notes)	
	23	Recess Bake Sale	
	27	Regional Spelling Bee	
	<b>March</b>	3	Annual WSCS Sportscard/Collectibles Show in the gym 9-3
		5-9	WSCS Staff Appreciation Week
6		Middle School Skating Party 7-9pm	
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, January 31, is Chicken Strip Day**

Elementary helpers (11:30): L. Verbeek, S. Offringa, E. Simpson, L. Kauffman

Middle School (12:05): L. Verbeek

**Thursday -- no Thursday lunch this week.**

**Friday, February 2, is Pizza Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): J. Alcumbrack, J. Berg, M. Jousma

Middle School (12:45): J. Alcumbrack, J. Riddering

**Monday, February 5, is Chicken Sandwich day**

Elementary helpers: S. Bruin, K. Ritsema, P. Buth, B. Oosterheert

Middle School helpers: S. Bruin, K. Ritsema

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:**

**Wed., 1/31** M. Adema

**Thur., 2/1** J. Hop

**Fri., 2/2** R. Hop

**Mon., 2/5** T. Houtstra

**Tues., 2/6** C. Veldhouse

**WSCS FAMILY ROLLER SKATING PARTY THIS 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 11-1. 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.

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

**2018 KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL SIGN-UPS:** Do you have a child who will be entering preschool or kindergarten next fall? Registration is going on now, so don't wait to sign up. Several classes already have a waiting list. Just click on this registration link to begin so we can get your child on a roster.

[2018-19 WSCS Preschool and Kindergarten REGISTRATION](#)

**STEM Squad** is an after-school program where 2nd - 5th grade students get to experience Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) while thinking creatively and collaboratively. The program is from right after school until 4:30, there is a snack provided and the cost is \$5 per session. Our dates are February 7, 21, and 28. Please contact Mikaela Geers at [mgeers@wschristian.org](mailto:mgeers@wschristian.org) if you are interested in more information.

#### **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.

#### **WSCS AUCTION 2018 IS COMING ON 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>

## 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!

## RECYCLING/BOX TOPS/RECEIPTS/LABELS

**Terracycle - Cash for Trash!!** Our Terracycle collections have reached a return of \$3,500.01 !! We so much appreciate your contributions of recyclables! We are caring for our environment and truly turning trash into cash for our school!

**Family Fare Receipts:** We only need \$15,000 worth of receipts from Family Fare to reach our goal of \$150,000. The school will then earn \$1000. Please continue to save these to put us over the top. Thank you so much for your participation.

**Box Tops for Education:** Tomorrow is the last day to bring in your box tops for the February classroom competition!

**Campbells Labels for Education** from soup and such **has now ended**. They will no longer accept them. Thank you for faithfully saving all those labels over the years!

## Requested Announcements

**Women – You are invited to IF:Gathering 2018** hosted at Remembrance Church! Please join us on February 9 - 10 when women will gather to participate in the global simulcast of the IF:Gathering. This is a time for women to hear from God's Word, connect with and encourage one another, and worship together. The teaching will center around 2 Timothy and the

question, "What IF we followed God with perseverance instead of insecurity?" For more information and to register by February 2, go to: <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifgrand-rapids-nw>.

**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.

**Calvin Christian High Alumni/Family Night** -- JOIN US at Calvin Christian High School on Friday, February 2, for our Girls Varsity Basketball game at 6:00, Boys Varsity Basketball game at 7:00 PM. Students get free admission to the game if you wear a t-shirt with your school's name or Calvin Christian spiritwear. Hope to see you there!!

**NW Youth Soccer Association** -- Information for Spring Signups can be found at <http://www.nwsoc.net/>

**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.

**Allendale Christian School 3 on 3:** Registration forms are available in the info rack near the office. The date is Saturday, March 17. This event is for 3rd - 8th graders. The deadline to register is March 3 and the cost is \$120 per team (4 person teams).

**Baton Twirling** -- Yes, it's making a comeback! Baton Twirling Classes are presented by Athletic Sensations and you are invited to join the fun. Two GR locations. Kids ages 4-16. If interested, information flyers are available from the info rack near the front office.

**Youth Flag Football** - Registration is now open. No tryouts. Everyone makes the team! 8 week season is held at Grandville High School. Register online at [www.NATIONALFLAGFOOTBALL.com](http://www.NATIONALFLAGFOOTBALL.com) Or pick up a flyer at school.