

West Side Christian School  
**PARENT BULLETIN**  
June 6, 2017



***"However, I consider my life nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me -- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."***

Acts 20:24 (2017-18 Theme Verse - chosen by current 7th grade class)

**WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

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| June | 7 | 8th grade Graduation -- 7:30 pm at Westend CRC   |          |
|      | 8 | Last day for students / dismiss at noon          |          |
|      | 9 | WSCS Golf Outing at The Mines (see announcement) | 12:30 pm |

**Link to next year's school calendar:**

[http://www.wscsgr.org/images/WSCS/PDFs/Calendar\\_2017-18.pdf](http://www.wscsgr.org/images/WSCS/PDFs/Calendar_2017-18.pdf)

**T.R.I.P.** - Please note these summer order dates -- orders are due by 4 p.m. on June 27, July 25, and August 29. Due to office construction plans this summer, further details will be sent out via email regarding pickup information.

**FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS:** West Side Christian School parents are truly the best! We are amazed every year when we reflect on how many parents are in and out of our school building every day volunteering their time -- hot lunch servers, playground supervisors, art room helpers, rocket-math graders, mystery readers, piano players, reading tutors, and so much more!! Not to forget our amazing "Room Moms" and PTA officers and school board members. Thank you to every parent that volunteers their time to help make our school run smoothly -- day after day! As we come to the close of the 2016-17 school year, our staff would like to shout out a huge **THANK YOU to all of you!!** We couldn't do it without you and you are very much appreciated!

**OFFICE HOURS and CONSTRUCTION PLANS:**

**Construction** is slated to begin later this month! This will include the front/north parking lot, front entrance, and office. We are excited to see these needed changes come about, and we are very thankful for the funds pledged and donated to our Capital Campaign as we begin this phase of building upgrades. **The office** will be temporarily re-located to the library. The front entrance will be inaccessible once construction begins. Please use the south entrance during this time. The office staff will most likely be working 9:00 - noon Wednesday thru Friday. Please call before stopping by or email if you need assistance or have questions.

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING THIS FRIDAY!** The 2017 Boersma/Alcumbrack Family Golf Outing will be held THIS week Friday, June 9, at the The Mines (330 Covell SW). We are so thankful for the many golfers and sponsors who will be a part of this day. If you can't make the golf outing, you still have a chance to win the Grand Hotel golf weekend on Mackinac Island -- you'll live it up while enjoying one of Michigan's most scenic golf courses. If interested in purchasing a chance for \$50, you can contact Vern Groenendyk. Vern's contact info is [vgroenendyk@wschristian.org](mailto:vgroenendyk@wschristian.org) or (616)784-4299

**NEW PRESCHOOL STAFF:** We are pleased to announce additional appointments for next year's faculty and staff! Welcome aboard!

**\*\* Mrs. Alisha Myers** has been hired to teach our Young 5s class beginning next fall. Alisha is comes to us from East Grand Rapids Schools where she has been a teacher in their Early Childhood education program. She has a masters degree in Early Childhood Developmental Delays and comes to us with many years of experience. Alisha is married to Brian who is one of our bus drivers here at West Side! They have three daughters -- Adalyn just completed Young 5s; Reese completed preschool this year; and Cora who is still at home.

**\*\*** We are also pleased to announce that **Mrs. Kelly Zeck and Mrs. Kristi Elliott** will be team-teaching the 3 year year old preschool class next year. Both Kelly and Kristi are current employees in our Early Childhood Program. Kelly has a masters degree in Early Childhood Development and Kristi has an Associates Degree in Child Development as well as experience as a child care director prior to coming to WSCS. Both Mrs. Zeck and Mrs. Elliott have children attending WSCS.

**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR FORMS!** If not, please take a moment to fill them out and send them back to school. Thank you!

**GREENHOUSE GIFT CARDS:** **Countryside Greenhouse and Motman's gift cards are still available** for purchase from the office. We would love to sell out our inventory! 17-20% of all purchases go directly to our school!

**WSCS VISITOR TAGS:** Have you ever arrived at home and discovered that you took the school's visitor tag with you? Our office supply of tags has dwindled significantly. If you have a stray tag at home, please send it back to school with one of your kids. Much appreciated!

**BUNNY FOR THE SUMMER?** If anyone is interested in taking Mrs. Konynenbelt's rabbit, Oreo, for all or part of the summer, please email or call her. [hkonynenbelt@wschristian.org](mailto:hkonynenbelt@wschristian.org) Bedding and food included. Thank you!

#### **NOTES FROM THE PTA**

Our decision to proceed with Thursday hot lunches depends solely on if we get enough volunteers. The decision will be made at the end of the school year, based on the number of volunteers that we have in place. If you are one who appreciates the hot lunch program or are wishing to expand it, please consider volunteering in this area. Here is the link to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044fa5ac2ba0f94-hotlunch1>

#### **Community News**

**The Squire rocket football program.** We would love to have the boys from Westside Christian join us. The 7/8th graders will be joining in the OK Silver JR High School league this fall which is a little different than yrs passed. Our games will be played on Tuesday nights in which I have listed below. 5/6 graders will still play on Saturday still in the WMJFL which includes schools like wyoming, byron center , holland, allendale, south christian, saugatuck, hopkins, ect. The GRACEAC league folded this past year due to lack of students playing football and their teams not having enough players.

**Attention All Baseball Players:** **CCHS baseball** coaches will be offering open fields this summer for all baseball players entering grades 7-12. This will happen every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm on the HS baseball field. We will be starting on Wednesday, June 14th, and will go through Wednesday, August 9th. We will not be holding it

on Wednesday, July 5th. We will be focusing on hitting, pitching, fielding, catching, etc. This is a great way to continue working on your baseball skills, meet the high school coaches, and make new friends. There is no charge for these sessions and no sign up is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Don Kinney (Varsity coach) [atdkinney2004@yahoo.com](mailto:atdkinney2004@yahoo.com) or Brian Gritter (JV Coach) [atbjgritter@comcast.net](mailto:atbjgritter@comcast.net).

**Attention all girls in next year's 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grades:** There will be 8 sessions of gymnastics offered by CORE Gymnastics at the GRC high school Quest Center this summer. Cost of each session is \$15 for an hour and a half. The sessions will be held on Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, June 15. The remaining dates are as follows: June 22 and 29, July 13, 20, and 27, and August 10 and 17. Questions? Contact Jacquie DeJonge at 949-7516.