

West Side Christian School
PARENT BULLETIN
November 14, 2017



*“For everything created by God is good,
and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude;
for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.”*
I Timothy 4:4-5

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

November	16,17,18	8th grade play “Lion King, Jr.”
	21	All-School Thanksgiving Chapel at (11:15 in the gym) -- Parents are welcome!!
	22,23,24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
	28	Middle School Skating Party at Tarry Hall (7-9 pm)
December	2	WSCS Christmas Marketplace/Pancake Breakfast/Book Fair
	8	Recess Bake Sale
	12	Early Childhood Christmas Program 6:30 pm <u>at Westend CRC</u>
	14	Middle School Christmas Concert -- Choirs/Bands/Orchestras 7:30 pm in the gym
	20	Half day -- K-8 dismiss at noon for Christmas Break No Preschool or Young 5’s classes
January	3	Classes resume
	3,4&5	No GRPS busing

HOT LUNCH:

Helpers -- please note: Towels used during your serving hour should be taken home, washed and returned.

Wednesday, November 15, is Chicken Strips Day.

Elementary helpers (11:30): L. Verbeek, S. Offringa, E. Simpson, L. Kauffman
Middle School (12:05): L. Verbeek

Thursday, November 16, is Chili/Potato/Salad Day.

Elementary helpers (11:30): M. DeKock, M. Reyers, S. Staal
Middle School (12:05): M. DeKock, S. Staal

Friday, November 17, is Pizza Day.

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


Monday, November 20, is Chicken Sandwich Day.

Elementary helpers (11:30): S. Bruin, K. Ritsema, P. Buth
Middle School (12:45): S. Bruin, K. Ritsema

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

Wed., 11/15	K. Broene
Thur., 11/16	R. Sanders
Fri., 11/17	A. Bruin
Mon., 11/20	No Volunteers
Tues., 11/21	S. Groggel

T.R.I.P. - Tuesday TRIP orders for this week are due today by 4 p.m. Emails will be sent out when the orders are ready for pickup. If you would like to get started in this tuition-saving program, stop in the office for information. Remember, there are several vendors available for purchase from the office at any time.

CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT?  THIS IS THE WEEK!! Come to see the 8th grade production of *Lion King, Jr.* and we know you will love it! With each ticket comes free African Language Lessons from our 8th grade class. Come see an amazing production, support your school, and learn helpful phrases in Swahili, Zulu, and Xhosa! Performances November 16 at 7:30 pm. and November 18 at 1:30 pm. Get your tickets in the office!

Note: K-6 students will have the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal on Thursday morning, Nov. 16.

KIDS HELPING KIDS CAMPAIGN - going on now! Our children at WSCS have the opportunity to help students attending Stocking Elementary School this winter season. The children attending Stocking School have a great need for snow pants, boots, hats and gloves. Stocking works with a local church to collect winter coats, so they do not have a need for coats at this time. Please consider donating new or gently used items to help these kids stay warm and dry! Look for the table outside the gym. Collection runs through next week Monday, November 20. Thank you! -- sponsored by the WSCS PTA

WSCS CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE / PANCAKE BREAKFAST / BOOK FAIR! Saturday, December 2, from 8AM until noon. You can fill up on pancakes, support home based businesses, and buy crafts and other items! Oh wait!! Don't forget about the Book Fair that will be going on at the same time! Enjoy all of this while supporting West Side Christian School! If you have questions or would like a booth, the Vender Registration Form is in the school office or you may email school@wschristian.org to request one ; or contact Jolene Vander Ploeg (893-0120) for more information.

WSCS APPAREL SALE -- JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS! West Side Christian School apparel is now available to order. Order forms will be sent home with your youngest students either today or tomorrow. There are some great options -- a variety of tees and sweatshirts as well as hats, water bottles, and blankets! This ordering campaign ends on Monday, December 4. All orders and payments are due to the office by that date. Apparel will be ready for pickup before Christmas break. No late orders will be accepted. Look for our table at the WSCS Christmas Marketplace and check out our samples!

ENJOYING GOD'S CREATION and CREATION CARE -- Volunteer Opportunity: Our 4th grade students recently sent some persuasive letters onto the [Kent Conservation District](#). *"We have a problem. Buckthorn has invaded our swamp! We should gather some people to help pull the Buckthorn out. The Buckthorn is invading nature. It's taking up so much space. Please could you help us?"* The students wanted others to know that help is needed. The Kent Conservation District's strike team and tool crib will be out at West Side Christian School on Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 1pm - 3pm. Would you be willing to work with tools alongside other community members (college students, high school students, WSCS middle school exploratory students and fellow stewards) to solve a problem? If you're interested in the opportunity to come out and volunteer, please contact Janet Staal, jstaal@wschristian.org .

GARDEN FRESH KALE: Get fresh kale delivered to your kitchen! It makes a great addition to seasonal soups. The school garden has kale to share. Rather than harvesting it with the hope that families will take some home, please fill out the [form](#), send in \$1 per bunch and your child will bring home the fresh harvest. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Staal (jstaal@wschristian.org).

MUSIC NOTES:

***Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade orchestra students who participated in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival. They all did a great job and received medals for their efforts!**

***Our Middle School Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 14, at 7:30 PM. This will involve ALL 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, so please mark your calendar. Concert attire is required -- tuxedo shirt, black pants, black shoes, and dark socks.**

***Concert attire has been distributed to all middle school students. Please take extra care of this apparel and the various pieces that are included (cummerbund, bow tie, buttons, etc.).**

MIDDLE SCHOOL SKATING PARTY: Mark your calendar! All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to a roller skating party on Thursday, November 28, from 7-9 p.m. at Tarry Hall Roller Rink. Students will be transported by bus to and from the rink. Buses will leave WSCS at 6:40 p.m. SHARP and return by 9:20 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per skater. Skates can be rented for an additional \$1 or you may bring your own.

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Requested Announcements

Holiday Customer Service Position (seasonal) -- Flexible hours. Apply in person at VandenBrink Sweet Smoked Honey Hams. 1330 Leonard NW, (616)452-1819. Responsibilities include customer service, cash register work, sandwich making, answering the phone, general order pre-prep, cleaning and refilling meat case, store opening/closing, and maintaining store standards.