



*“You will show me the path of life;  
in Your presence is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

Psalm 16:11

**WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

<b>November</b>	29	BUDS Blandford animals in the Little Sprouts room 10:30-11 a.m.
<b>December</b>	2	<b>WSCS Christmas Marketplace/Pancake Breakfast/Book Fair 8 - noon</b>
	5	BUDS tea party and dress up time at 11:30 a.m.
	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
	19	5th grade band and orchestra Christmas music demo concert
	20	Half day -- K-8 dismiss at noon for Christmas Break No Preschool or Young 5's classes
<b>January</b>	3	Classes resume
	<b>3,4&amp;5</b>	<b>No GRPS busing</b>

**HOT LUNCH:**

**Wednesday, November 29, is Sub Sandwich Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): K Duthler, T. Kosiara, T. Wielhouwer  
Middle School (12:05): K. Duthler, T. Kosiara

**Thursday, November 30, is Breakfast Burrito Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): A. Raterink, L. Vermilye, S. Wielhouwer  
Middle School (12:05): A. Raterink, S. Wielhouwer

**Friday, December 1, is Pizza Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): L. Mayo, M. Alvarez, K. Gale  
Middle School (12:45): L. Mayo, M. Alvarez

**Monday, December 4, is Hotdog Day.**

Elementary helpers (11:30): M. Meeter, B. Oosterheert, P. Buth  
Middle School (12:45): M. Meeter

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:**

<b>Wed., 11/29</b>	T. Wielhouwer
<b>Thur., 11/30</b>	<b>No Volunteers</b>
<b>Fri., 12/1</b>	R. Hop
<b>Mon., 12/4</b>	T. Houtstra
<b>Tues., 12/5</b>	C. Veldhouse

**T.R.I.P. - Christmas gift cards should be ordered by December 12** to receive them before the break. 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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SKATING PARTY TONIGHT!** All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to skate tonight **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.

## **WSCS CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE / PANCAKE BREAKFAST / BOOK FAIR!**

**THIS SATURDAY, December 2,** from 8AM until noon. Come to school for breakfast and shopping!

Pancakes, Books, Crafts, and Baked Goods! All in one stop!

Enjoy a great pancake breakfast from 8-noon. Donations from the breakfast will benefit our PTA.

The marketplace will feature both home-based businesses and craft tables. Middle School students will be selling items they have made as part of a micro-loan program. 100% of their sales will benefit Kairos, our sister school in Guatemala. Their selling stations will be in the middle school wing. Do some Christmas shopping

Our annual BOOK FAIR will also take place during the Marketplace. Scholastic will have book choices for all grades. Gifts and stocking stuffers will be in abundance! All book sale profits will benefit our WSCS library.

**THANK YOU WSCS families,** for your generous donations to the **Kids Helping Kids** campaign. We donated 25 pairs of boots, 12 snow pants, 9 scarves, 55 hats, 7 head wraps, 40 pairs of mittens, and 8 coats to the kids at Stocking School. What a wonderful way to show the love of Jesus to our community while helping these children stay warm and dry this winter season. THANK YOU again! -- WSCS PTA and Stocking Elementary School

**WSCS APPAREL SALE! Don't wait!** West Side Christian School apparel is now available to order. Order forms were sent home with your youngest student last week. There are some great options -- a variety of tees and sweatshirts as well as hats, water bottles, and a very cool WSCS fleece blanket with carrying case! This ordering campaign **ends next 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! You may also print an order form from this link [http://wscsgr.org/images/WSCS/PDFs/Apparel\\_Order\\_Form.pdf](http://wscsgr.org/images/WSCS/PDFs/Apparel_Order_Form.pdf) or from the WSCS website.

**BUDS for kids 0-5** and their parents & caregivers: Tomorrow, Wednesday the 29th, from 10:30-11:00 a.m. come on out to the Little Sprouts room and meet some animals from Blandford Nature Center and from middle school science teacher Mr. Oosterman's classroom! It's that time of year when animals set into their winter survival strategies, and BUDS will learn a bit more about how animals prepare for winter. See our [Facebook event](#) for more information. Friends welcomed to this fun and free event! In case you wish you could hibernate, dress up in your PJs or comfy clothes. Next week's BUDS features White Pine Tea party & dress-up play on TUESDAY, DEC. 5th from 11:30-12:00 with Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Groenboom.

### **MUSIC NOTES:**

\*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.

\*Our 5th grade Christmas "DEMO" Band and Orchestra concerts will be Tuesday, December 19, at 9:00-9:20 am in the orchestra and band rooms. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited.

\*All music book orders are due this coming Thursday, Nov. 30. Please add tax to your order and make checks out to Meyer Music. 10 % of all orders go back to our music program. Questions: Contact Mrs. Meekhof or Mrs. Wagner.

**ENJOYING GOD'S CREATION and CARING FOR IT!** As a school community we're in the process of creating a school-wide initiative to reduce waste. Would you be interested in being a part of the Creation Care

Team? Our first meeting will take place this Friday, December 1, at 1pm in the Library. You're invited to join with interested students to create a vision and an action plan for how this school community could take steps in a positive direction. We'll team up to help make needed improvements to become better stewards of God's creation. If you have any questions or plan to join the meeting please email [Jstaal@wschristian.org](mailto:Jstaal@wschristian.org).

**Nature Needs:** We could use some pine cones! If you have any that you could collect and share please contact Janet Staal, [Jstaal@Wschristian.org](mailto:Jstaal@Wschristian.org)

**2017-18 WSCS PROFILES ADS:** The yearbook committee is pleased to offer businesses the opportunity to place an advertisement in the West Side Christian School *Profiles* yearbook. Ads will cost from \$25 to \$125 depending on the size of the ad. The deadline to submit ads is January 26, 2018. The template and information flyer were sent home last week with your youngest student. You may call the school office if you would like to request one. 453-3925

**SHOP AmazonSmile!** If you shop AMAZON during the holidays, please remember to use AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our school every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1401761>, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to West Side Christian School.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AND KEY CARD BOOKS** - We have a limited supply of both of these coupon books in the office that are available for sale. They make great Christmas gifts! Entertainment Books are \$30 and Key Card Books are \$25. Give us a call or stop by the school office.

### **Requested Announcements**

**Cold is Cool! The Michigan Snowsports Industries Association** has an offer for 4th and 5th grade snow skiers. Each student can obtain a "Cold is Cool" Ski & Ride Passport, which gives them up to three complimentary lift tickets or trail passes at each of the 29 participating ski areas. Details and application can be found at this link: <http://goskimichigan.org/michigan-ski-programs/michigan-ski-cold-is-cool>