



*"He poured out his life unto death  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For he bore the sin of many  
and made intercession for the transgressors."  
Isaiah 53:12b*

**WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

<b>April</b>	19	Recess Bake Sale
	19	Easter Praise and Worship Chapel at Westend CRC at 2:30pm- Everyone is welcome!
	21	Easter Sunday
	22-26	WSCS Fine Arts Week
	25	Fine Arts Open House at WSCS from 7:00-8:30pm
	26	BUDS: Earth Day
<b>May</b>	1	Pastor's Day
	3	CLC Friendship Festival
	6-10	Staff Appreciation Week
	10	Recess Bake Sale
	11	8th Grade Class Party
	16	Spring Music Concert - 5th - 8th grade students. Everyone is welcome!
	17	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day 10:00am-1:00pm
	21	Immerse Night at the Museum
	22	Groundswell Student Showcase -- 6:00-8:00pm at Celebration Cinema North
	22-25	Odyssey of the Mind World Finals - Michigan State University
	27	No School - Memorial Day

**Wednesday, April 17 is Taco Day.**

Elementary helpers: R. Thatcher, J. Hop

Middle School: R. Thatcher, J. Hop

**Thursday, April 18 is Chili / Potato Day.**

Elementary helpers: J. Nyenhuis, S. Wielhouwer, C. Helm

Middle School: J. Nyenhuis, S. Wielhouwer

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

Elementary helpers: J. Alcumbrack, B. Oosterheert

Middle School: J. Alcumbrack, B. Oosterheert

**Monday, April 22 is Arby's Day.**

Elementary helpers: B. Oosterheert, T. Jonker, V. Pastars

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:**

**Wed., 4/17** - J. Hop

**Thur., 4/18** - M. DeKock

**Fri., 4/19** - A. Bruin

**Mon., 4/22** - E. Geerlings

**Tues., 4/23** - R. Hop

**T.R.I.P.** - TRIP orders for this week are due today by 4 pm. Emails will be sent out when the orders are ready for pickup. Remember, there are several vendors available for purchase from the office at any time.

**2019-20 ONLINE ENROLLMENT** has been emailed. Our goal is to have all forms completed by May 1. Please make every effort to do so. If you have questions, please call the school office at 453-3925.

**GREEN WSCS THEME SHIRTS:** Students in grades K-8 should wear their green WSCS t-shirts for the all school Easter Praise and Worship chapel this Friday, April 19. Chapel will begin at 2:30pm at Westend CRC. Everyone is welcome!

**RECESS BAKE SALE THIS FRIDAY - SEND A QUARTER!** Our all-school baked goods sale (25 cents each) will be THIS FRIDAY, April 19. Goodies will be sold to K-8 students during the morning break time. The following moms have volunteered to bake this month: A. Roorda, J. Helms, J. Berg, M. Batchelor, M. Mulder, M. Alvarez, C. Goodale, K. Faber, A. Hollebeek, M. Hernandez, S. Bartman and K.Arsulowicz. Please bring your peanut-free treats to the kitchen on Friday morning. Thank you so much!

**FINE ARTS WEEK AT WSCS IS NEXT WEEK!** Throughout the week, we will be welcoming guest groups for special assemblies that expose our students to the arts. You are invited to come to school on Thursday evening, April 25 from 7:00-8:30pm. Students' artwork will be displayed throughout the building and performances will be going on in the gym. A flyer with details of this event will be sent home next week.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR O.M. TEAM!** Our Odyssey of the Mind team is heading to World Finals. It's a costly endeavor and will be holding a fundraiser to help toward expenses. A bake sale will be held the evening of Thursday, April 25 during Fine Arts Night. The cost will be by donations only.

**INFORMATION ABOUT GRASP** (summer skills program through GRPS) and WSCS Summer Skills books will be coming home with your children this week. Summer Skills books can be used to enhance skills that need extra practice or enrich skills that are ready for the next level. Any questions about these options, please contact Julie Louwerse at [jlouwerse@wschristian.org](mailto:jlouwerse@wschristian.org).

**MUSIC NOTES:**

**5TH GRADE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS:** Please mark your calendar for 7:00pm Thursday, May 16, for our annual Spring Music Concert. All 5th grade and middle school students will be participating.

## ATHLETICS:

- Middle school track sign ups have begun. This is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls. You are welcome to participate even if you are already involved in another WSCS spring sport. Practices will be held 2 -3 times a week with meets on May 9, 13, 16 and conference meet on June 1. The 8th graders are gone the two days before the conference meet but will still be able to participate in the conference meet. If your child is interested in participating, please have them sign up on the middle school sports board. This sport is also in need of a coach. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mary Jo Nanninga at [mnanninga@wschristian.org](mailto:mnanninga@wschristian.org).
- The middle school swim meet is this Saturday April 20 at 4:00pm at Calvin College (3201 Burton - use west entrance that faces the neighborhood. Admission is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child or \$5 per family. Come Cheer them on!

**RECYCLING MATERIALS NEEDED:** Our Middle School Creation Care team wants to help our community make a joyful noise as they share inspiration for how we can care for God's creation. **The following materials are needed before April 26: water bottles with tops, toilet paper tubes and egg cartons. We'll have a labeled collection bin in the middle school hallway.** The team is excited to share fun ideas that teach the young ones about upcycling as you take waste and remake it into instruments so the kiddos can create your own music.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW ADDITION AND DISPLAY IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLWAY?** Our middle school exploratory woodworkers learned some valuable skills as they put our school's invasive Buckthorn to good use. They now have the opportunity to take what they learned and share it with the community. Here's a chance for them to serve as youth leaders when they share their newly developed woodworking skills as they help Mrs. Staal lead a SOLD OUT Young Woodworkers community event at Blandford Nature Center happening on May 4 from 10:30-12pm. If your child participated and is able to volunteer, click on the sign-up genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084EA9AD2FABFB6-young> Feel free to contact Janet Staal, [jstaal@wschristian.org](mailto:jstaal@wschristian.org), if you have any questions. This program is offered thanks to collaboration with West Side Christian School and Blandford Nature Center, and Grant Funds provided by Project Learning Tree and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. REGISTRATION REQUIRED, PROGRAM IS FOR AGES 4-13 WITH ADULT SUPERVISION!

**OUR 7TH GRADE STUDENTS** have been extended a special invitation to participate in the Lower Grand River Organization of Watershed's annual Spring Forum happening on Friday, May 17 at Blandford Nature Center. They'll be engaging in conversations that make connections to integrated content standards as it applies to our community. For the first time watersheds projects completed by local middle and high school students, including West Side Christian School, will be featured in a student showcase. Up to seven of our seventh graders will get to represent West Side Christian School. Interested students will need to fill in the online application form to be considered for this opportunity. Feel free to contact Janet Staal, [jstaal@wschristian.org](mailto:jstaal@wschristian.org) if you have any questions.

**HAVE YOU HEARD** about the salmon project or how your child has been "hired" for a new career? Mr. Kamper, Mr. Oosterman and Mrs. Staal teamed up to create an integrated career-based project to organize students' research and answer a driving question. The seventh graders applied for a job just like in the real-world. All of this year's experiences (GRPM Immerse Week exhibit experiences, museum investigations, upcoming schoolyard investigations, and participation in the Salmon in the Classroom project with integrated earth science studies) will assist students to apply their learning as they create their own exhibit to educate the community. The students' exhibits will be on display this spring at school, at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, as well as at a Groundswell Student Showcase in May.

Add these dates to your spring calendar:

- Tuesday, May 21 | **Immerse Night at the Museum** (More details to come)
- Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | **Groundswell Student Showcase** - *Our students will join with other schools from throughout West Michigan as we present our student created video - on the BIG screen- of our project and share their experiences.*

**WEST SIDE LONGEST DAY 5K:** Runner registration for the June 21, West Side Longest Day 5k is open. Please visit our Facebook page for more information or to register, (West Side Longest Day 5k). You can also register via the link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/GrandRapids/WestSideLongestDayTrailRun> . We are excited about our new and improved trail run but there are a limited number of runner slots available, so DON'T DELAY!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for West Side Longest Day 5K on Friday, June 21 from 5:30-9:30pm. This family-friendly event not only provides an opportunity to gather our community together, but it also serves as a fundraiser for WSCS. If you are able to help, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044fa5ac2ba0f94-run4reading1>

**MARKER RECYCLING:** Please continue to save old markers (any brand) to send back to Crayola for recycling. Send them to Kim Kryger anytime this year. Recycling these markers keeps them out of the landfill!

**\$1000 DONATED BY SPARTAN NASH:** SpartanNash is committed to giving back to the communities where we live and work. The Direct Your Dollars™ program is one of many ways in which they partner to support their neighbors. Through the Direct Your Dollars program, eligible nonprofit organizations can earn \$1,000, simply by collecting \$150,000 in eligible receipts from any Spartan store: Family Fare, D&W, and Forest Hills Foods. A sincere thank you for ALL of the Family Fare receipts you have saved and brought to the school office! We have reached another 150,000 points from all of your receipts which will allow our nature-based and outdoor education program to receive another \$1,000 donation through this fundraiser. Please continue to save receipts for us. We can't do it without your help! Our West Side community is amazing! Please encourage all of your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to save their receipts to help us reach our next goal of 150,000 points...we are well on our way.

**MARCH BOX TOP WINNERS:** Miss Veldhuizen's third grade class collected a whopping 389 box tops to take the trophy!! Mrs. Blahnik's first grade class came in second with 116. Great job to all of you! Hope you have already started "growing" your April collections. April can bring lots of rain; let's have it rain box tops at West Side Christian school. Congratulations to our winning class! A sincere thank you to all of you for all the box tops that were brought into school so far this year. Keep it up!!

### **Requested Announcements**

**WUNDERKEYS:** Do you have a preschooler that LOVES music? Are you looking for a risk-free opportunity to encourage their creative and musical expression while supporting math and reading skills? For a limited time, I am offering one FREE month of lessons using Wunderkeys, a preschool (ages 3.5-5.5) game-based piano lesson

program. Adding worship and praise music into the lesson is available. Lessons are taught in your home, saving you time and energy! Must have an in tune piano or keyboard. Contact Rebecca at 616-293-7588 for more details. Email: [reveriepiano88@gmail.com](mailto:reveriepiano88@gmail.com) or visit my Facebook business page: ReverieHomePianoStudio.

**GRAND MAKERS STEAM CAMP-** Are you looking for an exciting, engaging, and educational camp for your son or daughter this summer? Look no further! Grand Makers is a teacher-led STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) summer day camp. During camp, kids will participate in a number of activities during which they can learn more about STEAM fields, but also grow their teamwork, perseverance, and creative problem solving skills. We will also be focusing in our daily devotional time on how to embody our ultimate Grand Maker- God. For more information, please visit [www.grand-makers.com](http://www.grand-makers.com) or email [info@grand-makers.com](mailto:info@grand-makers.com).

**PIANO LESSONS:** Summer session piano lessons are being offered by a masters certified teacher. Please contact Judith 616-745-9433 for additional information.