West Side Christian School

PARENT BULLETIN

June 4, 2019



"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (2019-20 Theme Verse)

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

June	5	Kindergarten program 9:00am at Westend CRC
	5	8th grade graduation 7:30pm at Westend CRC
	6	Last day of classes for 1st - 7th grade - HALF DAY, dismiss at 12:00

7 WSCS Foundation Golf Outing!

2019-20 School Calendar

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

Wed., 6/5 - T. Wielhouwer

Thurs., 6/6 - No volunteers - half day of School

T.R.I.P. - SUMMER NOTES: 2019 Summer Order Dates

TRIP orders are due on the following Tuesdays this summer and will be ready to pick up in the WSCS office on the following Tuesdays: June 4, June 25, and July 30.

TECH BYTE - **Take a Tech Break!** The genie is out of the bottle, and we cannot force it back inside. We and our kids are connected, and wired all day and night. Take a tech break this summer! Here are some ideas for tech breaks from Larry Rosen Ph.D.:

- Set up gadget-free zones in your home maybe the bedroom or kitchen table, or both. In those settings, make it a strict rule that there are no smartphones, tablets, or laptops allowed.
- While a lot of people want to take a break from their devices, they now rely on them for listening to music, taking photos, or jotting down notes. If that's the case, switch your gadget to airplane mode, which turns off the wireless data connections when you need a break. That way you can still use your device for capturing and creating information, but you won't be prodded by texts, tweets, or e-mails.
- Follow in the footsteps of Evan Sharp, a founder of Pinterest, and his wife, who go on long drives together until their cell signal drops out. On a weekend, use a cell coverage map, and find a place that has a dead zone, then go there for a drive and a stroll.
- If you absolutely need to be connected without being connected, turn off all the notifications on your phone, including Facebook, Twitter, and text messages, so you're not constantly disturbed. That way, only phone calls will pop up when someone really needs to reach you.

WHAT A BLESSING YOU ARE TO US!! We say it every year, but when we think back on the past school year, we are in awe of how much our parents give to our school in so many ways!! Thank you to all who volunteered 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 2018-19 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!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Our summer school office hours will be Tuesday - Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm. We will be closed July 1-5 to observe Independence Day.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR ONLINE ENROLLMENT FORMS? Please take a moment to complete them online before the end of the school year. Thank you!

NWEA MAP ASSESSMENTS: Students in grades 3-8 take the NWEA MAP assessments three times per year. Teachers use this data to directly impact their teaching and student learning. Unlike past standardized tests, we have not sent home results as there can be confusion in understanding the data, however, should you wish to view your student's MAP results for this year, you can contact the office to request a copy. All students will have a one page print out in their cuums of their 2018-19 MAP results by next week Friday, so we can scan and send it to parents.

THE 31ST ANNUAL WSCS FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING -- It's golf week! Friday, June 7, 2019 at 12:00 noon -- The Mines Golf Course (330 Covell SW, GR, 49534). If you have some time in the afternoon that you would like to volunteer at the course, we could still use you! Please reach out to Dale Burghgraef at 616-485-4506 or dburghgraef@wschristian.org

WEST SIDE LONGEST DAY 5K: We have a limited number of runner slots available. Please visit our Facebook page (West Side Longest Day 5k) for more information and to register. You can also register via the link: (insert link). Even if you're not running, please join us to enjoy this summer kick off event that will feature freshly grilled food from Family Fare, micro brews from DeHops Brewery, and live music from the Broom Closet Boys!

WEST SIDE LONGEST DAY 5K - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have a few important volunteer opportunities still available for our June 21 event which will take place from 5:30 - 9:30pm. If you are able to help please visit and sign up at (insert link).

BOX TOPS: A sincere heartfelt thank you to the grandparents, parents and friends of our wonderful West Side community for saving all those box tops to help us raise more than \$1500. We are truly grateful for all of your prayers and support for the school we all love and hold dear. It couldn't be done without you.

- Direct Your Dollars: Thanks for saving all your receipts from Family Fare as we have raised \$2000 for our outdoor program with your help. Continue to save them throughout the summer. We almost have \$30,000 towards another \$150,000! Amazing!
- Terracycle: Trash has helped to put approximately \$600 into the PTA funds for teacher needs. Who would think that trash could be "valuable". Remember to add plastic razors and wrappings to your collections.

- Aunt Millie's: Continue to save those bread bags with the School Spirit label. (Sunbeam, Soft n Good, Jacksonville, Holsum, Aunt Millie)
- Tyson: A+ labels are still worth 25 cents each! :)

***This summer put a separate box aside in your garage to save clean and dry plastic re-closeable bags (any brand, any size), bread bags, salt bags, wood chip bags, produce bags, grocery bags (clean and dry), any and all bubble wrap, outer wrap of large packages of toilet paper and resealable baggies (all sizes, clean and dry)

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Director Position Available: Westend CRC is hiring a part-time Worship Director beginning at the end of the summer. More information, including how to apply and a complete job description, are available here. Any questions should be directed to Jeremy Marsman (admin@westendcrc.org).

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS INFORMATION IS HERE! This year the sign-ups will all take place online. Please click on the link below to see what is being offered and to register. *NOTE:* The page is titled "Sports Camps", but it also includes other camps. Click on the dates to see what camps are offered. https://www.gccssportscamps.com/index.cfm

CALVIN CHRISTIAN / TNT YOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATION: Registration for Youth Football for students entering grades 4 – 8 next school year is open! Camp will be held at Grandville Calvin Christian Middle / High School on June 11, 12, 13 and July 9, 10, 11, 23, 24 and 25 from 6:00-7:30pm. Registration forms can be found on the information rack outside the WSCS office. Please contact Lamar Reevers at lreevers3@gmail.com with questions.

SUMMER SESSION PIANO LESSONS: Are you tired of hearing "I'm booooooored" all summer long?! Looking for a way to keep your kiddos busy doing something FUN yet productive as well? I am a sub teacher for WSCS and a local growing piano studio offering unique, game packed summer and school year long piano music lessons. If you have an energetic, creative, music loving, and/or sensitive/introverted child, contact me, Rebecca, to get details on how to sign up! I come to YOUR home to teach! (616)-293-7588 reveriepiano88@gmail.com You can also check out my facebook business page, Reverie Home Piano Studio, for more details!