



***“We can make our plans,
but the Lord determines our steps.”***

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

October	16	Odyssey of the Mind Tryouts
	17	School Pictures Re-take / Make-up Day
	23	End of first quarter
	23	Half Day - Staff Personal Development Day / Office closes at 12:30pm
	24/25	No School - CEA Convention/Professional Development for teacher
	31	Reformation Day
	31	BUDS: Pumpkin Palooza
November	4	ESME Concert (7/8 Orchestra only) at 7:30 pm
	4	DeHop's Brewery and Cafe' Dinner
	7/12	Parent - Teacher Conferences
	9	Princess Tea Party
	11	BUDS: Thanksgiving Sensory Play
	16	7/8 orchestra students - Solo/Ensemble Festival at Calvin Christian HS
	20	BUDS: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
	21-23	8th Grade Play "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"
	26	All School Thanksgiving Chapel. Everyone welcome!
	27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break

WSCS NIGHT AT DEHOP'S BREWERY AND CAFE: Looking for a dinner experience for the whole family while also helping WSCS? Plan on joining us on Monday, November 4, at DeHop's Brewery & Cafe' located at 363 Cummings Ave. NW. A kid-friendly buffet will be offered with 10% of the gross sales coming back to the West Side Christian PTA. If interested, please click [HERE](#) and secure your reservation for either early seating (5:00pm) or later seating (6:30pm). Feel free to invite your extended family, friends, and neighbors.

PRINCESS PARTY: Don't wait til the clock strikes midnight--tickets are available now! Grab your tiara and put on your favorite princess dress for a Princess Party on November 9 at 10:30am at West Side Christian School! In attendance will be Elsa, Anna, Ariel, Belle, Cinderella, Jasmine, and Moana from Olivia Grace & Company. Both general admission tickets and a few VIP tickets are available. Tickets are available [HERE](#).

WSCS CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE is Saturday, December 7. This event is 9:00am until 3:00pm. We still have smaller 5 x 10 booths available. If you have questions or would like to reserve a booth, you can contact Jolene Vander Ploeg at jojoonly@aol.com or 616-893-0120.

HOT LUNCH:

Wednesday, October 16, is Taco Day.

Elementary helpers: R. Thatcher, J. Hop, M. Emery
Middle School: R. Thatcher, J. Hop

Friday, October 18, is Pizza Day.

Elementary helpers: B. Oosterheert, L. VanderMeulen, S. Nanninga
Middle School: B. Oosterheert, L. VanderMeulen, K. Kragt

Monday, October 21, is Hamburger Day.

Elementary helpers: L. Vandermeer, R. Becher, J. Graybill
Middle School: L. Vandermeer, R. Becher

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

Wed., 10/16 - Volunteer Needed

Thur., 10/17 - R. Taylor

Friday, 10/18 - A. Bruin

Monday, 10/21 - E. Geerlings

Tues., 10/22 - Volunteer Needed

T.R.I.P.

Tuesday TRIP orders for this week are due today by 4 p.m. today. They will be ready to pick up next week Tuesday.

TECH BYTE

The Internet is full of pornography. This Protect Young Eyes [WEBSITE](#) provides in-depth information on blocking porn on various different devices. Blocking porn is great, but blocking alone doesn't prepare a child for what to do when he/she sees pornography for the first time. That's right, not IF but WHEN! Don't forget the significance of your voice, and speaking openly and honestly about all of the awkward things that no one talked to you about!

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

PTA VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES: Thanks to all parents who have signed up for volunteer opportunities! If you haven't done so, please take a moment to go to our website (www.wscsgr.org) and click on the Sign-up Genius icon under the PTA heading. **SEVERAL OPENINGS STILL NEED TO BE FILLED!**

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Fall parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 12. Parents with students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be expected to schedule a conference with teachers. Scheduling is done by clicking on the link below. Middle School teachers will be available in the gym in an open format to meet with parents from 6-8 pm (no need to pre-schedule).

Preschool Conferences in February

Young 5s Parents may contact Mrs. Myers on a request basis (not mandatory)

amyers@wschristian.org

K-5 Mandatory - click on this link https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/West_Side_Christian_School
6-8 Teachers available in the gym from 6-8 pm

SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES: Re-take/Make-up day will be Thursday, October 17. If you feel retakes are necessary, or if your child was absent on picture day, please mark your calendar. Keep the original packet intact, and send it back to school on October 17.

MAIN OFFICE HOURS are typically 8:00am-4:00pm. On half days and breaks, this schedule is different. Gord Bylsma, our Business Manager, has gone to part-time. His hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30am-3:30pm and Thursday 10:30am-3:30pm.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP-OFF: Parents, if your children are being driven to school in the morning, please drop them off no earlier than 8:15am unless they are attending Little Sprouts. There is no adult supervision until that time. We appreciate your cooperation.

TO OUR WEST SIDE COMMUNITY: An important component of the health of our community is to take regular periods of rest from our daily work. Our staff has been encouraged by administration to use Sundays as a day of rest, focusing on time spent recharging with the Lord, church community, and family. Please understand if the staff does not respond to communication or address school issues on this day. We hope and pray your families also make use of the gift of rest each week.

TRANSPORTATION: WSC has an *urgent* need for more bus drivers for our school. Drivers are needed part time, as a sub, or for a daily route. We offer training to help you to obtain all of the proper endorsements for driving a school bus. As always, no weekends, no holidays, and a big summer vacation!! Grandparents, Moms, Dads, former students, We need you!! Call Sue Folkerts for more information at 616-453-3925 ext 111.

PRINCESS PARTY WRITING CONTEST: K-5 students are invited to enter a writing contest to win two tickets to the princess party happening at school on Saturday, November 9 (Value of \$60). Submissions will be accepted through Friday, October 18.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND is a creative problem-solving competition for students 3rd-8th grade. Teams of students select a problem, create a solution, then present their solution in a competition against other teams in the same problem and division. Teams consist of 7 students and 2 coaches, separated into 2 divisions-3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade. **We need coaches, no experience necessary!** Coach's children automatically make a team but are still required to try out.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) tryouts will be this Wednesday, October 16 at 3:20 in the library followed by a parent meeting from 4:45-5:00. Students permission forms are due today to tryout. If you have any questions or are interested in coaching, please email Kelly Zeck at kzeck@wschristian.org.

FRESH VEGGIES: It's our school garden version of Shipt. We'll send home some fresh produce with your child. The garden has large stalks of Brussels Sprouts ready to share. Sign up and send in your \$5 labeled to the school office. We'll be harvesting the Brussel sprouts on Friday, October 18. We have 10 stalks left. The

orders will be given in the order in which they are received. Please fill out this [google form](#), If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Staal (jstaal@wschristian.org).

BOX TOPS: Please continue to bring in your box tops! You've brought in an amazing amount, but we still want more!! :) Remember to download the Box Top App, it's fun to see your contribution amount go up. Keep scanning/taking pictures of your receipts and do it within 14 days. You're doing great!!

AMAZON SMILE: Are you an Amazon shopper? Did you know that your purchases can support WSCS? Amazon sends a quarterly donation to us from all our AmazonSmile purchases. To date, we have received over \$1000. All you need to do is use smile.amazon.com, login as you would with Amazon, and select West Side Christian School as the charity to support. Happy shopping!

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS & KEY CARDS are here! Our 7th and 8th grade students are selling Entertainment Books and Key Cards, through October 21st. Books will also be available to purchase through the office. The proceeds of this sale will go toward the 7th & 8th grade class trips. These "half off" coupon books make great gifts! Think about doing some Christmas shopping early! Please consider supporting our students in this way!

7TH/8TH ORCHESTRA PARENTS: Mark your calendars for a spectacular concert featuring string players from West Side, Calvin, Dutton, and South Christian HS. The students will be performing with two members of the Detroit Symphony, called ESME (Eclectic String Music Ensemble), and they specialize in doing mash ups which is a combination of classical and pop music all rolled into one song. Please invite friends and relatives to this exciting event. The concert will be held at the new South Christian HS(7979 Kalamazoo SE Byron Center on Monday, November 4, at 7:30.p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOIN THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR as they perform at [Westview Christian Reformed Church, Sunday, October 20 at 6:30 PM.](#) Come and experience a uniquely immersive performance that shows the beauty, dignity, and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert.

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. Their completely redesigned live show combines traditional hymns with African cultural sounds and a stunning visual story of God's faithfulness.

COVENANT CHRISTIAN CRAFT SHOW will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 9 am to 3 pm. We have curated over 100 booths of handmade items for you to shop from! Also be sure to stop by the bake sale to pick up something delicious for Sunday coffee. The lunch ladies also have a yummy menu planned, donuts and cinnamon rolls for breakfast and chicken salad croissants or pizza for main course with pie, gourmet cookies and pumpkin rolls to choose from for dessert. Address is 1401 Ferndale, Grand Rapids.

YOUTH FALL 2019: Opportunities for your child are just around the corner at Kendall College of Art and Design. Session II is being offered October 30 - December 7. Youth Day Camps will be held on Saturdays

9:30-12:00pm; and 12:30-3:00pm. After School Classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00-5:15pm.
Information can be found here: [Youth Fall 2019 Studies](#)