

West Side Christian School
PARENT BULLETIN
November 19, 2019



***"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10***

As you can imagine, the last few days have been busy getting details planned for Dan Pott's visitation and funeral. God's grace has been abundant throughout.

Please note the following important information:

Visitation - Thursday, November 21

Visitation will be held Thursday evening at Zaagman Memorial Chapel (2800 Burton S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546). You are welcome to give your condolences to the family from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. A special visitation for only West Side Christian and Hudsonville Christian staff and board members will be held Thursday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m (This includes current and former staff and board members).

Funeral - Friday, November 22

The funeral will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. This will be held at Fair Haven Church (2900 Baldwin St, Hudsonville, MI 49426). In order to allow staff and others to be able to attend both the visitation and the funeral, **school will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, and there will be no school on Friday, November 22.**

Additional Details:

- Preschool will be held during the regular times on Thursday morning, November 21
- Little Sprouts Childcare and Development Center will still be open during these days (Please contact Chelsea VanVels, Director, if you need to make arrangements).
- The 8th grade play on Thursday and Friday evening (7:30pm) and Saturday (1:30pm) will go on as scheduled, including the dress rehearsal for students ONLY on Thursday morning (10:30am).

Please continue to pray for our friend and teacher, Lori Pott, and her family (Linsey, Ryan, and Brandon, and two grandchildren).

Thank you for being a wonderful community full of love and prayer.

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

November	21	BUDS: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
	21	Half Day - Dismiss at 12:00 noon for Mr. Dan Pott's Visitation
	21-23	8th Grade Play "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jr."
	22	No School for Mr. Dan Pott's Funeral
	26	All School Thanksgiving Chapel at 2:25pm in the gym. Everyone welcome!
	27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December	6	Bake Sale
	7	WSCS Christmas Marketplace and Book Fair

- 9 BUDS: Natural Christmas Ornaments
- 10 Middle School Christmas Concert at 7:30pm -- Choirs/Bands/Orchestras in the gym.
- 12 Early Childhood Christmas Program in the gym
- 16 Middle School Skating Party at Tarry Hall (7-9 pm)
- 20 All School Christmas Chapel
- 20 Half day -- K-8 dismiss at noon for Christmas Break
No Preschool or Young 5's classes

January 6 Classes resume

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG IS THIS WEEK! Come to see the 8th grade production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jr. and support our school! Performances are on November 21, 22 (7:30pm) and 23 (1:30pm). Get your tickets in the office! **Note:** K-7 students will have the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal on Thursday, Nov. 21.

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, December 7, is the WSCS Christmas Marketplace from 9:00am until 3:00pm! Don't forget about the Book Fair that will be going on in the library from 9:00am until noon!

HOT LUNCH:

Wednesday, November 20, is Taco Day.

Elementary helpers: R. Thatcher, J. Hop

Middle School: R. Thatcher, J. Hop

Friday, November 22: No hot lunch due to school closing. Pizza hot lunch will be served on Tuesday, November 26 instead.

Monday, November 25, is Chicken Sandwich Day.

Elementary helpers: S. Bruin, K. Ritsema, L. O'Neal

Middle School: S. Bruin, K. Ritsema

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

Wed., 11/20 - K. Lucas

Thur., 11/21 - Half Day

Fri., 11/22 - No School

Mon., 11/25 - T. Wielhouwer

Tues., 11/26 - K. VanderMolen

T.R.I.P.

TRIP orders are due by today by 4:00pm. Gift cards will be available by the following week. TRIP orders will not be processed the week of Thanksgiving due to the shortened week. As always, there are gift cards in the office that can be purchased during school hours.

TECH BYTE

LET'S GAME WITH OUR KIDS! Research shows playing video games with your children is beneficial. Parents that play games with their children set up a safer gaming experience and will probably see an increase in trust by being involved. Learn more here.

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

#GIVING TUESDAY CAMPAIGN: Later this week, we'll be announcing the theme of our #GivingTuesday campaign! Stay tuned to our social media accounts and to your email to find out about the exciting project for which we're raising funds. We have a big goal, and we'd love to partner with you to reach it. More details coming soon!

SKI CLUB PROGRAM: Snow has arrived here in West MI so it's time to start thinking of winter activities. This year West Side Christian School is working with Cannonsburg ski and offering discounted ski/snowboarding tickets. If your family loves to hit the slopes or would like to try it for a season this is a perfect opportunity for you. The costs are so affordable which allows everyone to take advantage of skiing and snowboarding. Information is being sent home with students today. If you do not receive a copy and like one, please contact the office at school@wschristian.org.

PRINCESS PARTY THANK YOU: A huge THANK YOU to all who attended and supported our inaugural Princess Party held on November 9. The event netted more than \$4,000 for the WSCS PTA. Over 130 individuals enjoyed meeting Elsa, Belle, Anna, Jasmine, Ariel, Moana, and Cinderella. Rumor has it that there may be another party next year on November 7, so you'll want to save the date...just in case!

LOYALTY DRIVE: Due to an unexpected delay at the printer, Loyalty Drive mailings were also delayed. The problem has been fixed and individual pieces should be arriving in mailboxes soon. Please pray that God will bless this \$300,000 fundraiser which makes up about 10% of the 2019-20 operating budget.

THANK YOU WSCS families, for your generous donations to the Kids Helping Kids campaign. We donated 98 hats, 44 pairs of gloves, 22 scarfs, 20 snow pants and 4 pair of boots 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

COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES:

Parents, please make sure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing (gloves, hats, boots, coats, etc.) for keeping warm while outside.

1. Before school – Students may come into the building in the morning before school if either the temperature or the wind chill is -5 degrees or below.

2. Recess/Break/Noon hour – Elementary students are expected to go outside if temperature or wind chill is above -5 degrees. Middle school students may decide, on their own, to go outside or stay inside.
3. Elementary students are required to go outside for recess/noon hour unless there is a written note from the parent indicating a physical condition that does not allow the student to go outside.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION OR DELAY: When school is cancelled due to weather or other circumstances, all after-school or evening event cancellations will be an administrative decision and will depend on the circumstances. This year, we have added the option of a two-hour delay due to weather and/or road conditions. Two hour delay notice and cancellation notices for school and/or evening school-related events will be posted on WOOD TV8 and WZZM TV13 and on our website at www.wscsgr.org. You may sign up for text alerts through these news channels via their websites. School will notify you via email.

Note regarding hot lunch: If school is cancelled on a scheduled hot lunch day, that hot lunch item will be served on the following non-hot lunch day.

ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

MISSIONARY Q AND A TEAM EVENT: We have a special team event planned for our K - 5 students on Wednesday. We get to meet our missionaries from South Korea: Paul and Suelan Yu and our missionaries from Guinea: Calvin and Jamie Hofland. They will speak to us about their missionary work. Teams 16 and 19 will get to have a special meet and greet during afternoon recess:) Please have your child wear his/her WSCS black t-shirt. Thank you!

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

BAND / ORCHESTRA:

- Congratulations to all of our 7th grade orchestra students who participated in the MSBOA Middle School Solo/Ensemble Festival this past Saturday. All students did a fantastic job and all earned a 1 rating!
- Our Middle School Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 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 will be coming home with middle school students soon. Please take extra care of this apparel and the various pieces that are included (cummerbund, bow tie, buttons, etc.).

ATHLETICS: Girls 7th and 8th Basketball sign ups are now on the Athletic Board. The season runs for January and February. Join the team don't miss out on being part of this fun.