



**The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.**

Proverbs 16:9

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

January	15	BUDS: Blandford Animals
	17	End of Semester / 2nd quarter
	23	Group photos - Geskus photographer on site
	24	Report Cards
	25	WSCS Bean Bag Tournament
	29	Pastor's Day
February	7	Recess Bake Sale
	8	Family Roller Skating Party at Tarry Hall 11-1
	10	BUDS: Valentines Art
	18/19	Parent Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm
	21/24	No School - Winter Break!
	29	Annual WSCS Auction at City Flats Ballroom

BUDS: Our next event is this Wednesday, January 15 at 9:00am, Blandford Animals. Questions? Contact us at akuiper@wschristian.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT We're less than two weeks away from our Pancake Breakfast and Bean Bag Tournament. Breakfast will start at 8:00am with the Bean Bag Tournament beginning at 9:00am. For all the details and to sign up for the Bean Bag Tournament go to <https://one.bidpal.net/beanbagtournament/welcome> You don't want to miss it!

WSCS FAMILY ROLLER SKATING PARTY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8! This is a very fun family event and great exercise too! Tarry Hall Roller Rink has been reserved for West Side Christian School students, parents, and family members on Saturday, February 8, from 11-1. Mark your calendar!

HOT LUNCH:

An updated calendar can be found by clicking on the following link: [2019-20 Hot Lunch Calendar](#).

Wednesday, January 15, is Spaghetti Day.

Elementary helpers: J. Augustyn, C. Evenhouse, M. Reyers, L. Brauning

Middle School: J. Augustyn, C. Evenhouse

Friday, January 17, is Pizza Day.

Elementary helpers: J. Alcumbrack, C. Veldhouse, M. Jousma, S. Nanninga

Middle School: J. Alcumbrack, C. Veldhouse

Monday, January 20, is Hot Dog Day -- BEGINNING OF THE THIRD QUARTER LUNCH SCHEDULE

Elementary helpers: B. Oosterheert, L. O'Neal, K. Mast

Middle School: B. Oosterheert, L. O'Neal

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

Wed., 1/15 - K. Lucas

Thur., 1/16 - R. Taylor

Fri., 1/17 - A. Bruin

Mon., 1/20 - E. Geerlings

Tues., 1/21 - S. Groggel

T.R.I.P.

Tuesday TRIP orders for this week are due today by 4 pm. 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.

TECH BYTE

[**SCREEN TIME LIMITS AREN'T JUST FOR KIDS: FIVE WAYS TO TRANSFORM YOUR TECHNOLOGY USE**](#): Is technology was taking over your time with your children? Read how one mom adapted how she interacts with technology, replacing poor habits with healthy ones, and transforming technology into a useful tool rather than a time-consuming one.

FROM THE BOARD

The School Board is now seeking nominations for potential board members willing to serve beginning the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please do so by contacting the School Board at board@wschristian.org. If you have any questions you may contact any current board member. Nominations will be accepted now through January 17th, 2020. We thank you for your continued prayers and consideration throughout this process! Please find additional information here: [**WSCS Board Nominations**](#)

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

WSCS APPAREL SALES COORDINATOR: The PTA is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the sales of West Side Christian School apparel throughout the year. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the PTA at pta@wschristian.org.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2020-21 EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRESCHOOL SIGN UPS: Do you have a child who will be entering preschool or kindergarten next fall? Registration is going on now, so don't wait to sign up. [**2020-21 WSCS Early Childhood and Kindergarten REGISTRATION**](#)

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES FEBRUARY 18 & 19:

Preschool: Mandatory Parent/Teacher conferences on February 18 & 19. Click the link below to schedule.

Elementary: Second semester conferences are not mandatory for parents of K-8th students, however, teachers are available to discuss student progress at these times. Teachers may also request conferences with parents, so check their communications as well.

Pick your time: Scheduling for Preschool - 5th grade parents is done online and can be connected from the home page of our website or just click on the following link [WSCS Parent / Teacher Conferences](#).

Middle School -- teachers and special subjects teachers will be available in the gym in an open format to meet with parents between 6 and 8 p.m. These conferences will be limited to 10 minutes each, out of respect for parents' and teachers' timing/schedules. If more time is needed, a separate conference meeting can be scheduled by contacting the teacher of your choice.

Mrs. Louwerse will be available by appointment only at jlouwerse@wschristian.org.

Mrs. Meekhof will be available on Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the gym.

Mrs. VanDyke will be available on Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm in the gym

AIMS WEB / NWEA MAP Testing: Three times per year (fall, winter, spring) our students take part in one of two assessments as a measure of their academic growth. Classes will be assessed in this month of January:

AimsWeb (K-2): AimsWeb universal screeners are given to assess whether students are reaching grade level benchmarks. Interventions are put in place for students who fall below the benchmarks. Results of these screeners will be sent home once testing is complete.

NWEA MAP (3-8): Students are given the MAP tests in math, reading, and language arts. The results of these assessments are used by teachers to drive student instruction in the classroom, taking into account where each student needs to grow. Teachers will have these results available for you at spring conferences.

GESKUS GROUP PHOTOS will be taken on Thursday, January 23 for our yearbook -- sports teams, musical groups, etc. **5th - 8th graders should wear or bring their black WSCS t-shirts to school for these group pictures.**

LOYALTY DRIVE UPDATE: With gratefulness to God we are excited to share that our Loyalty Drive is closing in on its \$300,000 goal. Total gifts are just over \$277,000! Thank you to all who have participated to date in this crucial fundraiser which supplements about 10% of our operating budget. Please pray that God will continue to bless this and that our goal will be met.

2019-20 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 February 28, 2020. The template and information flyer will be coming home this week with your youngest student. You may also call the school office at 453-3925 if you would like to request one.

PARKING: We appreciate your help this year in making our school safer by entering through the main office. In the recent weeks we have noticed cars parked in the handicap spots without proper permits. We must provide accessible parking for our patrons and are asking for you to follow these laws. Thank you.

ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

K-5 BLACK WSCS T-SHIRT DAY: Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 15! Valentines for Missionaries Team Event! The kindergarteners and 1st through 5th grade teams will be making Valentine's Day cards for our Missionaries! Valentine's Day cards from West Side children will be going all over the world to encourage our missionaries and thank them for spreading the Gospel!

K-3RD BASKETBALL CLINIC: This clinic is run by one of our parents and will be held on Saturday afternoons for four weeks in February. Questions? Contact Josh Berghuis at berghuisconstruction@gmail.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2020: We need your help to make our 2020 Profiles yearbook complete! Before Christmas break a note was sent home requesting the following:

1. Each student must submit a typed favorite Bible verse. It will be printed beneath their graduation photo in the yearbook. Please try to limit your verse or partial verse to 10-15 words. Remember to include where it is found in the Bible. Also- please PROOF your copy! We will print what is typed.
2. Each student must submit a baby picture (birth – one year old).

Please submit the above information to wscsprofiles@gmail.com OR your homeroom teacher by Friday, February 14, 2020.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOIN US AT CALVIN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL on Friday, January 17 for community night. Come cheer on the Squires basketball teams: Girls @ 6pm and Boys @ 7:30pm. Parent Club will host face painting for elementary students from 6:45-7:45pm and free popcorn provided!

LADIES MORNING OUT AT WESTEND CHURCH on Saturday, January 18, from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

God's truth is often drowned out by the lies we tell ourselves as women. Shelly Buck of Josh and Shelly Buck Ministries will be speaking to us about hearing God's voice above the lies and let God's truth speak grace and love into our lives. Afterwards wooden signs will be made, with the help of Hammer and Stain, which can be taken home to help you remember the truth heard. A light breakfast, snacks and lunch are also included. Take a day to step out of the busyness, recharge and hear the sweet voice of Jesus speak truth to your heart. The cost for this event is \$20. Register online at westendcrc.org.

We can't wait to see you there! Questions? Contact Jill Graybill (jillgraybill@yahoo.com), Alisha Myers (amyers@westendcrc.org) or Sue Mellema (kidshope@westendcrc.org)

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL is hosting New Student Nights on January 27, January 29, and February 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m. These nights are intended for both the student and parents and are designed to have you explore the classes and programs at Unity, experience what a day is like, and engage with other future students and families. Call or email Unity (669-1820 or unity@unitychristian.org) to reserve an evening.

UNITY CHRISTIAN FLAG FOOTBALL: Unity Christian will be hosting a Flag Football Camp Saturday afternoons on February 1, 8, 15, and 22 for boys in 2nd through 7th grades. Instruction will be given on basic skills, fundamentals, and rules of football, but the majority of the time will focus on playing flag football. No experience is necessary and players of any level are encouraged to participate. Boys in 2nd-3rd will meet from 12 – 1 p.m., 4th-5th will meet from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m., and 6th-7th will meet from 2:30 – 3:30

p.m. Cost is \$30, and the deadline to register is January 29. Online registration can be done at [HERE](#), and a flier with more information can be found at this link on Unity's website:

<https://unitychristianathletics.org>