



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

Proverbs 16:9

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

- January 15:** End of Semester / 2nd quarter
- January 18:** No School - MLK Day / Teacher Inservice
- January 19:** HOT LUNCH BEGINS!
- January 19-21:** Hearing / Vision Screening
- January 21:** Forest Kindergarten Virtual Preview Night
- January 27:** Report Cards
- January 28-30:** 8th Grade Play "Mary Poppins, Jr."

- February 16-17:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 19-22:** No School - Winter Break
- February 25:** WSCS Annual Society Meeting

REGISTER TODAY! FOREST KINDERGARTEN VIRTUAL PREVIEW NIGHT: Is your child entering kindergarten next year? We're hosting a Forest Kindergarten Virtual Preview Night just for you on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 7pm! During this webinar, the head of school and kindergarten teachers will be sharing the highlights of the WSCS elementary school and the Forest Kindergarten program. For more information and to register, visit wscsgr.org/kindergarten-preview-night.

COVID HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATES

COVID-19 WEEKLY DATA UPDATE FOR WSCS

- The number of new confirmed positive cases in our school (These individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 and are in isolation) = 0
- The number of cumulative confirmed positive cases in our school (including current cases) = 16
- The number of students who are in quarantine (These individuals have been in close contact, had exposure within and/or outside of school and/or have tested positive) = 7
- The number of staff members who are in quarantine (These individuals have been in close contact, had exposure within and/or outside of school and/or have tested positive) = 2

WSCS office will continue to contact families regarding return dates for school contact tracing cases. Please continue to inform the office of your absence whether COVID related or not.

TRIP

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

INSTAGRAM RELEASES REELS EVERYWHERE: Instagram refreshed their homepage to include tabs for [Reels](#) and Shop. Reels is Instagram's answer to TikTok. Why is this important for families? This is an engagement move. Meaning, Instagram did this in order to get more of our precious time and attention.

HOT LUNCH

Parents, please take a minute to fill out this one time [short survey](#) to help us prepare for the launch of the HOT LUNCH program next week!

Don't forget, hot lunch begins next week Tuesday, January 19. Details can be found [here](#).

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

Wed., 1/13	K. Faber, M. VanderHyde
Thur., 1/14	K. Lucas
Fri., 1/15	R. Hendricks, L. DeGraaf
Mon., 1/18	No School
Tues., 1/19	S. Groggel

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARKING LOT REMINDER: Please be conscious and drive slowly in the schools' and church's parking lot. Let's keep our students and parents/guardians safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 conferences.

PRESCHOOL & YOUNG FIVES ENROLLMENT IS OPEN! We would like to give you, our current WSCS and Little Sprouts families, an opportunity to place your child on the 2021-22 class list of your choice before enrollment opens to the public at Early Childhood Preview Night. Classes are filling up quickly! [Click here](#) to enroll. To view class offerings, tuition information, and more for the 2021-2022 school year, [click here](#).

LITTLE SPROUTS CHILD CARE: WSCS is closed on Monday, January 18, but Little Sprouts is OPEN! If you need childcare for this day, please fill out [this form](#). Please complete this form even if your child regularly attends Little Sprouts on Mondays. One form per child is required.

YOUR THOUGHTS MATTER TO US! Please take a few minutes to fill out [this survey](#). We appreciate hearing your valuable feedback and insights regarding the outdoor educational experiences we offer through WSCS.

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. Students are expected to go outside if the temperature or wind chill is above -5 degrees.

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. 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.