West Side Christian School

PARENT BULLETIN

February 23, 2021



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

February 25: Geskus Group Pictures (4th-8th grade)

February 25: WSCS Annual Society Meeting

March 1: Silent Auction begins March 12: Annual Live Auction

March 14: Daylight Savings Time begins March 16: Subs and Sweets Order Pick-up

March 19: Rock Your Socks: Down Syndrome Day

March 19: End of Third Quarter

March 23: March Madness: Wear your team jersey!

April 2-9: Spring Break

SOCIETY MEETING AND ABSENTEE BALLOT: Information for the 138th Annual Society Meeting can be found <u>here</u>. Please join us on Thursday, February 25 at 7pm via a <u>Zoom Virtual Meeting</u>, Passcode: 497269

GESKUS GROUP PHOTOS will be taken this week Thursday, February 25 for our yearbook -- sports teams, musical groups, robotics, etc. **4th - 8th graders should wear or bring their blue WSCS t-shirts to school for these group pictures.**

DINNER PACKAGES NOW ON SALE THROUGH FEB. 26: Whether you're a party of 2, 4, 6 or 8 people, we invite you to enjoy dinner with your family/close friends and watch the Live Virtual Auction on March 12. We've partnered with Kangaroo Kitchen and PUNCH to put together delicious dinner and add-on mocktail/cocktail boxes. Learn more and view the full menu here. Be sure to check out the Facebook event page for sneak peeks at live auction items and other news and information!

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) = 20
- 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) = 1
- 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) = 0

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. Remember, there are several vendors available for purchase from the office at any time.

TECH BYTE

THE DIGITAL TRUST FRAMEWORK: Technology is a complex monster! Tame it with <u>The PROTECT App</u>. PROTECT can help your family become predator-proof, porn-resilient, and screenwise.

- Five minutes a day! The bite-sized lessons simplify complex digital subjects and respect busy schedules.
- Create digital trust! Quick, practical tips will help you build rapport and decrease digital friction.
- Prepared & protected kids! Give your children the tools they need to navigate a hostile digital world.

If you would like to see the information on Instagram, click here.

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch calendar can be found here: February 2021 and March 2021.

Wednesday, February 24: Blueberry Muffin and Sausage

Thursday, February 25: Mozzarella Pizza Crunchers

Friday, February 26: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, March 1: Pancakes and Sausage Links

Tuesday, March 2: Hot Dog

Please contact kitchen@wschristian.org with any questions.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, February 24: J. Lashuay Thursday, February 25: M. Jousma Friday, February 26: S. Carroll, E. O'Neal

Monday, March 1: M. VanSingel Tuesday, March 2: S. Groggel

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Swimming sign ups are now on the Athletic Board. This is for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and boys. The meet would be April 24 at Calvin University. This is a great way to experience this sport. Join the fun!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LOYALTY DRIVE UPDATE: With gratefulness to God, our goal of \$300,000 has been achieved! More than 300 individual gifts were received over the past couple of months! This fundraiser is very important as the money raised supports our operating budget and helps manage tuition levels. THANK YOU for your prayers and gifts!

SUBS AND SWEETS FUNDRAISER: Thanks to everyone for participating in our Subs & Sweets Fundraiser! Mark your calendars to pick up your Subs & Sweets on Tuesday, March 16, 2:30pm-5:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer VanStrien (jennifer.vanstrien@gmail.com, 269-760-4450).

6TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE: WOW! We witnessed the moving of the Holy Spirit among us as we came together to share Jesus' love with our community. Our school helped raise \$250 for Degage Ministries. Our goal was to raise \$150. Also, we have blessing boxes filled with needed items for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Westview CRC wanted to join in the efforts. The church has been collecting items to increase the blessings for our veterans. We thank God for this opportunity to witness the body of Christ come together to share God's love. Thank you for helping to shine Jesus' light in our community. **Matthew 25:35-40 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.**

EVEN WITH ALL THE SNOW OUTSIDE, SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER! We're once again collaborating with Blandford Farm to offer you some unique tomato plants (\$3 each) in addition to some other new options for your home gardens or containers. Check out this <u>link</u> and place your order by April 1 and we'll have the plants here during the week of May 22. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Staal, <u>jstaal@wschristian.org</u>.

Don't have space to grow your own food, no worries! Visit our school garden weekly sales this summer or sign up for a Blandford Farm CSA share. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture and it's a system that connects consumers (you) to their farmers. You, the CSA member, get a share in the harvest. It ensures that you will have access to amazing food during the length of the growing season. Sign up here! Note: Spots are limited and the shares sold out last year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EDISON CHRISTIAN INDEPENDENT LIVING IS HIRING: ECIL is seeking a 3rd shift assistant to work 16 hours per week, from 11p.m. - 7a.m. Candidates must be 18 years of age, motivated to work independently and

take initiative. Must be able to work cooperatively with others and create an atmosphere of warmth, personal interest, and positive emphasis. Responsibilities include daily cleaning assignments and setting up for breakfast. Must be able to handle emergency situations with residents.