West Side Christian School PARENT BULLETIN June 1, 2021



"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39 (2021-2022 Theme Verse)

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

June 2: 8th Grade Graduation

June 4: Last day of classes for 1st - 7th grade - Early release, dismiss at 11:00am

June 4: WSCS Foundation Golf Outing

2021-2022 WSCS Calendar

SPIRIT WEEK: Participate and dress up for these special days at school. Tag us on social media (@wscsgr). T: Hat Day, W: Summer Day, Th: Mismatch Day, F: WSCS Theme Shirt

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Students in 1st-7th grade will have an early release this Friday, June 4. Classes will dismiss at 11:00am. Staff will be involved with the WSCS Educational Foundation Golf Outing.

REPORT CARDS: Report cards will be sent home this Friday, June 4. In order to receive your report card, you must have all invoices paid (library books, Little Sprouts Childcare, technology, textbooks, etc). Please contact the office if you have any questions.

REGISTER NOW FOR WSCS SUMMER CAMPS: The camp enrollment deadline is TODAY! Our teachers and staff have come together to create a few week-long enriching and fun-filled learning experiences. Camps are open to the community, so invite your family and friends! Click the link for more details and to register for summer camps. Questions? Contact Janet Staal, jstaal@wschristian.org.

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) =27
- 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) = 0
- 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

TRIP

SUMMER NOTES: 2021 Summer Order Dates are June 29 and July 27. Orders will be processed on these dates, so make sure your order is in the office BEFORE these dates. An email will be sent when orders are ready for pick up from the WSCS office. Summer office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am-12:30. August 25 is the first order date of the new school year, and weekly ordering will begin. Any questions, please e-mail westsidetrip@gmail.com.

TECH BYTE

TAKE A TECH BREAK: The genie is out of the bottle, and we cannot force it back inside. We and our kids are connected, and wired all day and night. Take a tech break this summer; here are some ideas for tech breaks from Larry Rosen Ph.D.:

- Set up gadget-free zones in your home maybe the bedroom or kitchen table, or both. In those settings, make it a strict rule that there are no smartphones, tablets, or laptops allowed.
- While a lot of people want to take a break from their devices, they now rely on them for listening to
 music, taking photos, or jotting down notes. If that's the case, switch your gadget to airplane mode,
 which turns off the wireless data connections when you need a break. That way you can still use
 your device for capturing and creating information, but you won't be prodded by texts, tweets, or
 e-mails.
- Follow in the footsteps of Evan Sharp, a founder of Pinterest, and his wife, who go on long drives together until their cell signal drops out. On a weekend, use a cell coverage map, and find a place that has a dead zone, then go there for a drive and a stroll.
- If you absolutely need to be connected without being connected, turn off all the notifications on your phone, including Facebook, Twitter, and text messages, so you're not constantly disturbed. That way, only phone calls will pop up when someone really needs to reach you.

Have a relaxing and blessed summer!

HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendars can be found here: June 2021

Wednesday, June 2: Pizza Hut Pizza

Thursday, June 3: French toast and sausage **Friday, June 4**: No hot lunch - early dismissal

Please contact kitchen@wschristian.org with any questions.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, June 2: E. Koopmans

Thursday, June 3: J. Hop

Friday, June 4: No helper - early dismissal

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WHAT A BLESSING YOU ARE TO US!! We say it every year, but when we think back on the past school year, we are in awe of how much our parents give to our school in so many ways!! Thank you to all, for your prayers, support and those who volunteered their time -- playground supervisors, our amazing "Room Parents" and PTA officers and school board members, and so much more!! Thank you to every parent that helped make our school run smoothly -- day after day! As we come to the close of the 2020-21 school year, our staff would like to shout out a huge THANK YOU to all of you!! We couldn't do it without you and you are very much appreciated!

THANK YOU! "Dear Friends at West Side Christian, We wanted to express our deepest gratitude for your compassion, support, and generosity after our house fire. We can't thank you enough for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and donations/gifts. Our dog, Kozmo, loves his new toys! It warmed our hearts reading all the notes of support from the students and staff. We'll cherish them forever! We are so blessed to have you as neighbors and we truly can't wait to move back into the neighborhood! We hope you all have a safe, fun, and relaxing summer with your families and friends. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you again so much for everything! Sincerely, Megan, David, and Kozmo Stebbins"

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Our summer school office hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00am - 12:30pm. We will be closed July 6 & 7.

LOST AND FOUND tables have been set up near the school gym. There are A LOT of items that need to find their way back to their owners. If any of <u>these items</u> belong to your son/daughter, please email Teresa Kooyer at <u>tkooyer@wschristian.org</u> with the item description, child's full name, grade, homeroom teacher and locker number by Friday, June 4. Thank you!

WE ARE HUNTING FOR PALLETS for our upcoming Timbertown summer camp. We have a small pile started near the Paper Gator but could use some more. Dropping some off would be greatly appreciated or contact Janet Staal, jstaal@wschristian.org if you have a local source that could donate.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO VOTE every day for West Side Christian in the **Colgate** and **Brita** contests. Encourage family and friends to vote too until June 19.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY CHALLENGE: 2021 is all about nature and the world around us. This year, KDL will take you on a Summer Wonder journey of reading, learning and exploring through the great outdoors right here in Kent County. Starting June 1, enjoy activities for the whole family, including outdoor scavenger hunts, park exploration and more. Take the self-guided 30-Day Challenge of reading, writing and STEAM experiments. Find out more at https://kdl.org/summer/