



***“We can make our plans,
but the Lord determines our steps.”***

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

October	12	Special Society Meeting (Meeting announcement below)
	18	Middle School Skating Party
	18-20	Bus Safety Week
	19	School picture retake / make-up day
	20	End of first quarter
	21-22	No School - CEA Convention
	31	Reformation Day
November	4 & 9	Parent - Teacher Conferences
	6	PTA Battle GR Event
	18-20	8th Grade Play “Madagascar, Jr.”
	24-26	No School - Thanksgiving Break

SPECIAL SOCIETY MEETING. The School Board has received a request by society members for a special meeting. The WestSide Christian School Constitution states in Article VII: Meetings, “Special meetings may be called by the board OR at the request of 15 members of the society. All meetings shall be properly and adequately announced.” The special society meeting was called by 15+ members of the society wanting to discuss and further understand the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) Pre-K - 6 School Mask Public Health Order and WSCS’s response and protocols. This meeting is open to the full society, and we want to welcome all members who would like to attend. Society members are defined as current parents/guardians of West Side Christian students, current WSCS staff, and/or donors (of at least \$100) within the last 12 months. **This meeting will be held this evening, Tuesday, October 12 at 7:30pm in the gymnasium.**

As a board, we understand this is a very emotional topic, with wide-ranging opinions, and we ask in advance that everyone assume ‘good intent’ and hold themselves to a very high level of personal Christian conduct at this meeting. No personal attacks or statements defaming others will be tolerated. Thank you for your heart for the WSCS school community.

-The WSCS Board

SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES: Re-take/Make-up day are next Tuesday, October 19. If you feel retakes are necessary, or if your child was absent on picture day, please mark your calendar. Keep the original packet intact, and send it back to school on October 19.

MOMS IN PRAYER will be meeting every Monday from 2:00-3:00pm at Westend CRC, in the coffee shop. Moms in Prayer is an international Christian Group for moms (and grandmothers). Their vision is that "every school in the world would be covered with prayer."

TRIP

Our TRIP program is on a weekly ordering schedule. Tuesday TRIP orders for this week are due today by 4 p.m. today. They will be ready to pick up next Tuesday.

TECH BYTE

What is TikTok? Is it safe? What about parental controls? [Protect Your Eyes](#) provides some good [information](#) about is app that "IS the most influential teen app on earth.

HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendar can be found here: [October 2021](#)

Wednesday, October 13: Blueberry Muffins - please note menu change

Thursday, October 14: Hamburger w/ Cheese on Bun

Friday, October 15: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, October 18: Rotini Pasta w/ Beef

Tuesday, October 19: Soft Warm Pretzel

For questions, please contact kitchen@wschristian.org.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, October 13: J. Nyenhuis, A. DeBoe

Thursday, October 14: H. Smallegan, **Volunteer Needed**

Friday, October 15: R. Hendricks, **Volunteer Needed**

Monday, October 18: L. Carmody, **Volunteer Needed**

Tuesday, October 19: S. Groggel, **Volunteer Needed**

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS are needed! If you are able to help out, please contact Emily at eschab24@gmail.com.

2021 ADDITIONAL COVID PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION

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) = 2
- The number of cumulative (2021-22 school year) confirmed positive cases in our school (including current cases) = 9

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TECH UPDATE: Last week Wednesday you received a Technology Update email with action items. We had promised you an email the next day, Thursday, with an invitation to activate your own BARK Parent Portal. Our apologies for not following up on a timely manner. As we work with BARK to get the invitation email sent out, please know that

you should receive that email sometime soon. It will come from BARK, not from WSCS. We will follow up with parents who have not created a Parent Portal after next week Tuesday, October 19.

If you have any questions, please contact us by connecting with Jane Elzinga, Technology Coach, at jelzinga@wschristian.org. Thank you for your support as we strive to help keep our students safe both online and in real life.

BAKE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The bake sale is back and the Student Council plans to use the funds raised to make a positive impact in our community. In order to make it happen, they're hoping you'll be able to volunteer and help bake. The student leaders appreciate your willingness to volunteer to help. Use this [link to sign up](#). Thank you so much!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Auction Committee is looking for a couple more people to join the planning team! If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Jessi at jessiz2429@gmail.com or Kendra at kendra.bylsma@gmail.com.

FRESH VEGGIES: It's our school garden version of Shipt. We'll send home some fresh produce with your child. The garden has large Brussels sprout stalks, 3-pound potato bags, and acorn squash ready to share. Sign up and send in your order total (check or cash) in a labeled envelope to the school office by Friday, October 15. Your child will take home the produce this week Friday. Please fill out this [order sign-up form](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janet Staal (jstaal@wschristian.org). Check out our Instagram garden story highlights to peek at how students are learning as they're helping with the harvest.

KEY CARDS AND SAVE AROUND BOOKS ARE HERE! Our 7th and 8th grade students are selling Entertainment Books and Key Cards, through Wednesday, October 20th. Books are available to purchase by contacting a 7th or 8th grader or through the school office. The proceeds of this sale will go toward the 7th & 8th grade class trips. These "half off" coupon books and cards make great gifts! Think about doing some Christmas shopping early! Please consider supporting our students in this way!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

CALVIN CHRISTIAN TAILGATE: West Side families, please join the Calvin Christian High School tailgate this Friday, October 15th, from 5 - 6:30 pm at Grandville Middle School. There will be free brats, hot dogs, sides, and games for all! We will bring the grills, food, and games; you bring your family and friends! Please stick around after the tailgate and join us for Calvin Christian High School's final home game of the year at 7pm! Remember that West Side students get into all regular season Calvin Christian home sporting events for free. All West Side 6th, 7th, and 8th graders received an all sports pass to CCHS events a few weeks ago, along with their letter inviting them to Discover Calvin. If you have an elementary age student, just let the ticket takers know you have a West Sider and your student(s) will enter for free.