



***The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps.***
Proverbs 16:9

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

January	13	Early Childhood Preview Night
	14	End of Semester / Second Quarter
	17	No School - MLK Day / Staff Inservice
	18	Kindergarten Virtual Preview Night 7:00pm
	19	Spelling Bee at 3:30pm
	21	Family Fun Night
	26	Report Cards
	26	Pastor's Day - POSTPONED until spring
	29	Family Roller Skating Party at Tarry Hall 11:00am - 1:00pm
February	15&16	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	18-21	No School - Winter Break
	24	Annual Society Meeting
	26	WSCS Auction

EARLY CHILDHOOD PREVIEW NIGHT has been postponed to this week Thursday, January 13, 2022. If you registered for Preview Night, your registration for your time slot will still stand. If you need to cancel or select a new time, you can do so through your registration confirmation email. If the new date does not work for your family, we would love for you to still visit us! You may schedule a private tour with our Early Childhood Director, Kelly Zeck: kzeck@wschristian.org. If you'd like to attend Preview Night and haven't registered yet, you can do so [here](#).

KINDERGARTEN VIRTUAL PREVIEW NIGHT IS JANUARY 18 AT 7PM. Is your child entering kindergarten next year? We're hosting a Forest Kindergarten Virtual Preview Night just for you on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7pm! During this webinar, we will be sharing the highlights of the WSCS elementary school and the Forest Kindergarten program. Don't miss out on the chance to meet our staff, get a sneak peek of the exciting learning opportunities that await your child, learn about our outdoor education program, get your questions answered, and find out how to register and enroll. [Click here](#) to register for our Virtual Preview Night! We hope to "see" you there!

SPELLING BEE: Calling all spellers in grades 3-8. We will be hosting our annual school spelling bee on Wednesday, January 19. In order to participate, please fill out this [Google Form](#) by Friday, January 14 for registration. You can start studying for the bee by looking over the following [list of words](#). If you have any questions, please contact Becky Baragar (bbaragar@wschristian.org).

FAMILY FUN NIGHT IS BACK on January 21 from 6-8:30. We welcome you to join us for a night of fun games and fellowship with WSCS families. We have many new games plus old favorites like the worm crawl and cookie walk. We will also be welcoming Battle GR to the building for laser tag, professional face painters, and a balloon artist plus concession stand snacks and food. We can't wait to see you there!!!

PASTOR'S DAY has been postponed with a date TBD in the spring. With the rise of COVID cases in our school and community, and churches having different protocols during this pandemic, we want to respect and do our part to keep everyone healthy and safe.

THE ANNUAL WSCS AUCTION IS RETURNING to the ballroom at City Flats Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids on the evening of Saturday, February 26, 2022! The Auction is for everyone and we encourage you to bring your family and friends to enjoy a "night out" featuring a three-course dinner, games, trivia, and over 25 live auction packages to bid on! More details coming soon on how to get your tickets, discounted room rates, and opportunities for you to get involved!

TRIP

TRIP orders will not be processed the week of January 24. If you order after January 18, your order will be ready for pick up the week of February 7. We apologize for the inconvenience!

TECH BYTE

With so many platforms and devices on the market, it's hard for parents to make sure that their kids are using them safely. Bark has put together a comprehensive parental control guide - [Ultimate Parental Control Guide for All the Top Apps and Devices](#). It covers everything from apps and games to phones and tablets so you can help keep your kids safe online and in real life. It is a one-stop-shop for all of the parental controls you need.

HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendar can be found here: [JANUARY 2022](#)

Wednesday, January 12: Ham/Turkey & Bacon Sub

Thursday, January 13: Cereal for lunch!

Friday, January 14: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, January 17: No School - MLK Day

Tuesday, January 18: Cheeseburger

For questions, please contact kitchen@wschristian.org.

LUNCH HEROES WANTED! Need a change of scenery during these cold Michigan winters. Come work in the kitchen. We offer 2-5 day per week position as prep/ servers. Hours vary from 3-5 per day. No need for experience, must have a heart to serve and big smiles for our students. Fast paced work, on your feet most of the time. **Please email nmichaels@grcs.org with your interest, work availability and phone number.** **School calendar- breaks and summers off- paid holidays and lunch! Be a part of a great team!**

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, January 12: J. Nyenhuis, A. DeBoe

Thursday, January 13: H. Smallegan, Volunteer Needed

Friday, January 14: J. Zuiderveen, S. Bruischat

Monday, January 17: No School - MLK Day

Tuesday, January 18: S. Groggel and L. Cox

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

2022 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) = 12
- The number of cumulative (2021-22 school year) confirmed positive cases in our school (including current cases) = 91

West Side Christian School has a new email address - covid@wschristian.org. This email will be accessible to staff who work closely with attendance and contact tracing. Please send your emails related to COVID-19 symptoms, testings, quarantine, etc. to this email address. Please note that on the weekends, this email will be monitored at least once per day and we may have to contact you on Sunday depending on the nature of the specific case.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

SLEDDING: The K-5th graders have the opportunity to sled right here on the WSCS hill. Here are the sled guidelines that we have in place to keep the students safe while still having fun.

1. K-3 can only have soft plastic roll up sleds w/names on them.
2. 4th grade can have roll up sleds or small foam sleds
3. 5th grade can have roll up sleds or small or large foam sleds
4. Students can only sled if they bring their own sled.
5. Sledding downhill in a seated position only.
6. Sledders must be dressed in all snow gear in order to participate.

All sleds are subject to school approval.

LOYALTY DRIVE UPDATE: So far **200 gifts** have been received totalling almost **\$177,000**. These numbers put us well on our way of achieving our goals of **350 gifts** totalling **\$305,000**. If you haven't gotten around to making your contribution, would you consider doing so today? Please continue to pray that God blesses this critical fundraiser that supplements about 10% of our operating budget. If you have any questions about the Loyalty Drive, feel free to contact Dale Burghgraef at 616-453-3925, ext. 109 or dburghgraef@wschristian.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP: Unity Christian is pleased to offer a basketball camp for girls in 5th – 8th grades. This program will be held Saturday mornings on January 22 & 29 and February 5 & 12. Each session will teach fundamental basketball skills and provide team competition. Grades 5 & 6 will meet from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., and grades 7 & 8 will meet from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The cost to participate is \$40 for 5th/6th and \$50 for 7th/8th, and the deadline to register is January 17. Please go to <https://unitychristianathletics.org/main/campsclinics/> for more information and an on-line registration link. Information can also be found at www.unitychristianathletics.org under the “Camps & Clinics” tab.

UNITY CHRISTIAN FLAG FOOTBALL FOR BOYS IN GRADES 2-7: Unity Christian will be hosting a Flag Football Camp Saturday afternoons on February 5, 12, 19, and 26 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 \$35, and the deadline to register is February 2. Online registration and a flyer with more information can be found at <https://unitychristianathletics.org/main/campsclinics/>.

SOUTH CHRISTIAN CURRICULUM NIGHT: Do you have an 8th grade student who is considering South Christian for next year? Join us this year for Curriculum Night on January 24 at 7:00pm. The goal of the evening is to give parents more specific information about our course offerings. We will look specifically at the freshmen course requirements, graduation requirements, and the academic opportunities for students. Parents will interact with a PowerPoint presentation and get the information needed to help their 8th graders make course selections for their freshman year. If you are unable to attend this event in person, please contact Sherri DeVries (sdevries@schs.org) and we will email a recording of the evening the following week. All documents will also be linked in the email for 8th grade parents.