

West Side Christian School
PARENT BULLETIN
January 24, 2023



“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing.
Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable.
Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”
Philippians 4:8

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

January	24	Coin Wars begins
	26	Geskus Group Pictures
	27	Pastor’s Day
	27	Report Cards
February	3	BUDS - Open gym at 11:30am
	3	Coin Wars ends
	14	BUDS - Playscape at 11:30am
	14 & 15	Parent / Teacher Conferences
	16	Early Release at noon
	17-20	No School - Winter Break
	23	WSCS Annual Society Meeting

COIN WARS! This fun competition is a brand new fundraiser sponsored by the PTA. Each grade level has a large water bottle in the office until February 3. The students' job is to fill their grade's water bottle with coins and bills to earn points. An instruction list was sent home with students last week.

GESKUS GROUP PHOTOS will be taken this Thursday, January 26 for our yearbook -- sports teams, musical groups, etc. **5th - 8th graders and any 3rd and 4th graders in OM, Lego Robotics or Creation Care Team should wear or bring their white WSCS t-shirts to school for these group pictures.**

CELEBRATING OUR PASTORS & MINISTRY LEADERS: This Friday, January 27 we will be hosting pastors and ministry leaders from YOUR churches! Church leaders will arrive at WSCS at 8:45am and will enjoy breakfast and devotions with the middle school students. This will be followed by a special opportunity for the pastors and ministry leaders to visit the elementary students in their classrooms. We are looking forward to it!

BUDS FREE PLAYGROUPS IS BACK! Children ages 0-5 years old along with their parents/caregivers are welcome. Join us for fun free play and educational activities! Our next event will be on February 3 in the school gymnasium at 11:30am.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: [Winter parent/teacher conferences](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/West_Side_Christian_School) are scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 and Wednesday, February 15. Scheduling is done online and can be accessed by using the link below.
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SAVE THE DATE:

- WSCS Sports Card and Collectibles Show: Saturday, March 4
- Foundation Golf Outing: Friday, June 2

Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

TRIP

TRIP will NOT be processed the week of January 30. Any orders placed between today and Tuesday February 7 before 4:00pm will be ready for pick up the week of February 13. We apologize for the inconvenience. As always, TRIP to go gift cards are available in the office during school hours.

HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendar can be found here: [January](#) and February 2023

Wednesday, January 25: Big Pretzel w/ Cheese or Strawberry Yogurt

Thursday, January 26: Mini Corn Dogs or Turkey and Cheese Lunchable

Friday, January 27: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, January 30: Mozzarella Pizza Crunchers or Cinnamon Toast Crunch

Tuesday, January 31: Emoji Waffles and Potatoes or Ham and Cheese on Fresh Hoagie Roll

Please contact Nancy Michaels, nmichaels@grcs.org with any questions.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, January 25: K. Faber, M. VanderHyde (Elem); P. Buth (MS)

Thursday, January 26: J. Nyenhuis, S. Bloem (Elem), P. Buth (MS)

Friday, January 27: S. Bruischat and P. Buth (Elem), M. Adema (MS)

Monday, January 30: L. Carmody and J. Hekman (Elem), J. Hekman (MS)

Tuesday, January 31: S. Groggel and L. Cox (Elem), Volunteer Needed (MS)

Additional playground volunteers are needed! If you are able to help out, please contact Emily at eschab24@gmail.com.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION is open. To register your child for one of our early childhood classes, [click here](#). To view class offerings, tuition information, and more for the 2023-2024 school year [click here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Zeck, Director of Early Childhood, at kzeck@wschristian.org.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION at WSCS is now open! For additional information about the 2023-2024 school year [click here](#). If you'd like to register your child for kindergarten, please do so [here](#).

PARENTS OF 3RD-5TH GRADERS - WINTER MAP TEST RESULTS: In an effort to reduce paper/printing costs, teachers will be sharing MAP test results by displaying them on their computers during conferences. If you would like a copy shared with you (either as a PDF or in printed form), please complete this [Google Form](#). We will do our best to have printed copies ready for your conference; otherwise, they will be mailed home.

WE ARE HIRING! WSCS is looking for a kindergarten aide and child care aides for the second semester to support our young children's education and life skills. This job is part-time and is during the school day. Go to www.wscsgr.org/employment to apply!

#GIVINGTUESDAY UPDATE: Currently a little more than \$65,000 has been raised towards the goal of \$75,000. Thank you to all who have helped to date. There's still time to get involved and giving can be done safely and securely online by clicking [HERE](#). Won't you give the gift of play?

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL New Students and Parents Evening: The following are scheduled dates you may choose to experience Unity: January 30, February 1, 6, 8 and 13 from 7:00-8:30P. Your visit will include:

- Meeting teachers and learning about classes at Unity.
- Touring Unity's facility and getting a feel of the culture and community
- Creating a course schedule with Unity counselors
- Picking up a gift from Unity.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming New Student Nights. You may sign up for a night using this [link](#).

GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE 2023 - THE EAGLE EXPERIENCE: Join us at Grand Rapids Christian High School for **SHOWCASE 2023** on Wednesday, January 25. We will begin at 6:45 PM in the DeVos Center for Arts & Worship. **THE EAGLE EXPERIENCE** is designed for current 8th graders, prospective high school students and their parents to **DISCOVER** more, **EXPLORE** campus and **CONNECT** with teachers, staff and students. You can learn more or RSVP [HERE](#). Please contact Vickie Fischer, Director of Admissions, at 616-574-5605 or vfischer@grcs.org if you have any questions.

CALVIN CHRISTIAN FUTURE SQUIRES SCHEDULING NIGHT On Thursday, February 2, at 7 pm, all parents of incoming freshmen will meet in the Calvin Christian Learning Commons (LC), to learn all the ins and outs of 9th grade scheduling. Our faculty will walk you through the scheduling process and assist you in building your child's 9th grade schedule at Calvin Christian High School. Please click [this link](#) to register for our Future Squires Scheduling night. We can't wait to have your children join us!