West Side Christian School

PARENT BULLETIN

May 30, 2023

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13
(WSCS theme verse for 2023-2024)

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

May	30-6/2	6th Grade Camp
June	2	Last Day of School for 1st-7th Grade - Dismiss at 11:30am
	2	WSCS Educational Foundation Annual Golf Outing

WSCS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING - UPDATE:

- One of our foursomes had to drop out so if you're looking to play this Friday afternoon, June 2, and can pull a team together, please contact Dale Burghgraef, 616453-3925, Ext. 111, dburghgraef@wschristian.org.
- Don't play golf but still want to participate? We have a couple of volunteer spots still open. Feel free to contact Dale Burghgraef
- Want to win a two night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island or have a stay and play golf experience at A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort? CLICK HERE for more details.
- Did you know that we have a WSCS Mens Staff Team going head to head versus a WSCS Womens Staff Team? CLICK HERE for all the fun information.

TRIP

During the summer, TRIP will NOT be processed weekly. It will be processed twice during the summer. The order due dates are Tuesday, June 27 by 12:30pm and Tuesday, August 1 by 12:30pm The office will have physical gift cards that will be available during summer office hours. E-gift cards are also available anytime through the RaiseRight app.

Payouts for the 2023-2024 school year will take place in June and December. Payouts will be reflected in FACTS.

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 calendar can be found here: May/June 2023

Wednesday, May 31: Lunchable or Cocoa Puffs Cereal
Thursday, June 1: Pizza Hut Pizza
Friday, June 2: Early dismissal - No hot lunch

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

NEW HOT LUNCH LINK: The link to add funds to your student's hot lunch account has changed. We apologize for the inconvenience. The new link is: https://grchristian.familyportal.cloud
Please contact Jill with any questions: jzondag@grsc.org or (616)574-5815

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, May 31: P. Buth, **Volunteer Needed** (Elem); No volunteers needed (MS)
Thursday, June 1: P. Buth, **Volunteer Needed** (Elem); No volunteers needed (MS)
Friday, June 2: Early dismissal - No volunteers needed

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

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LOST AND FOUND has been set up across from the gym. Encourage your children to check for lost items and claim what is theirs. There are A LOT of items that need to find their way back to their owners before the end of the school year. Any unclaimed items will be donated on Monday, June 5.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE: On Monday, May 22 the School Board met and selected the following officers for the 2023-24 school year: President - Mike Hollebeek, Vice President - Matt Bloem, Treasurer - Derek Broene and Secretary - Megan Deaton. Aaron Kauffman, Annette Roorda, Emily Schab and Kristy Schoemaker have completed their terms on the board. We thank each one of them for their service. Megan Deaton, Jennie Kortman, Bryton Mansfield and Brandon Visser have begun serving their terms.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the world's competition possible for our Odyssey of the Mind teams! Special thanks to our sponsors: Conveyor Concepts of Michigan, Chad Heeter - State Farm, Rite-Way Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Ram Die Corporation, Visser Building Group, Banka's Auto Repair, Clear Water Lake Management, Inc., Smallegan Real Estate, Mansfield Family Dentistry, Kosters and DeVries Inc., Blain's Farm & Fleet of Standale, V's Powerwash & Restoration, West Michigan Door Co., Sobie Meats LLC, Paula's Market, Pro Collision of West Michigan, and Denny's Produce & Provisions.

RECYCLE AND TERRACYCLE:

- Box Tops: We still need more of you to download the Box Top app so you can scan your grocery receipt after buying box top items. Thanks to those of you that supported us this year. Encourage your friends and family to download this app. It is an easy fundraiser.
- Trex: Recycling plastic made us a winner again this year!! We collected over 1200 pounds of plastic and prevented it from going to the landfills. Congratulations to all who save so willingly!! You are amazing. Please continue to save your plastic for West Side.
- Special request…Please check the plastic items saved to make sure that they have the recycle symbol on it. If not, don't send it in! Some items do not qualify!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

SAVE THE DATE! Westview CRC invites YOU to our "Stellar VBS" this summer! Children entering grades kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to learn about shining Jesus' light through Bible stories, crafts, skits, music and MORE! VBS will run Monday-Thursday from 6:00-8:00 pm. Join us on the last night for a fun family night! More details to come! Register TODAY for a fun week!
https://vbspro.events/p/events/7200f6

WESTEND CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING CREATIVE SCIENCE INVESTIGATORS (CSI), again this year! It will be held June 19 - 21 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. This year's theme is God Made Food -Let's explore food science! Sign up HERE.

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO DEVELOP THEIR BASKETBALL SKILLS THIS SUMMER? Looking for a flexible schedule while getting them some extra training? Calvin Christian Boys Varsity coach Matt Veltema will be having 1 hour training sessions throughout the summer for both boys and girls 4th grade through 8th grade. You can sign up for as many sessions as you'd like and there are a number of 1 hour time slots to choose from. Each session is $30. Click the sign up genius link below to see the dates and times available!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4fadaf28a2fb6-summer#/

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP AT CALVIN UNIVERSITY IS BACK! We have three day camp options and 1 middle school skills day camp starting in early June. Camp is open to all skill levels! More information and registration is found in the link here: https://wbball.calvinsportscamps.com/