



"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

November	16-18	8th Grade Play "Aladdin, Jr."
	21	Thanksgiving Chapel at 8:40am - Everyone welcome!
	22-24	No School - Thanksgiving Break
	28	Q & A with the Board (see below for details)
December	2	WSCS Christmas Marketplace
	4-8	Hearing / Vision Screening
	5	Middle School Christmas Concert
	8	K-8 Early Release - Dismiss at 11:30am
	22	Christmas Chapel at 9:40am - Everyone welcome!
	22	Half day -- K-8 dismiss at 11:30am for Christmas Break
January	8	Classes Resume

ALADDIN, JR.: "Ring the bells! Bang the drums! You are gonna love this exciting stage adaptation of the legendary tale of the lovable thief with the heart of gold! Join Aladdin, Jasmine, and the fast-talking, wisecracking Genie as they discover mystical caves, take magic carpet rides, and outwit the evil sorcerer, Jafar. Adapted especially for young performers, this musical includes favorite Alan Menken songs such as "Friend Like Me," "A Whole New World," and "Prince Ali," as well as wonderful new songs added for the Broadway production. With new, colorful characters and non stop adventure, **Aladdin JR.** is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for all ages!" Reserve your ticket [here!](#)

THANKSGIVING CHAPEL: You're Invited to join in a time of praise and thanksgiving during our upcoming all-school Thanksgiving chapel, Tuesday November 21, 8:40- 9:15 am. Pastor Todd Schmidt from Remembrance Church will be sharing the message along with student worship leaders and various students sharing their words of thanks. The sixth grade will also be highlighting a community thanks GIVING opportunity. They've been researching local non-profits that share God's hope in our community. *As we give thanks to God may we look for ways to extend Jesus' love to others. God is at work through our hands - that others may see your good deeds and glorify our Father in Heaven.*

#GIVINGTUESDAY: For each of the past five years, WSCS has sponsored a #GivingTuesday campaign to raise funding for things like improvements to our gymnasium and stage, enhancements to our technology program, newer buses, classroom improvements, and new playground equipment and maintenance items. Through the faithful and generous giving of our WSCS community, these items went from a wish list to a reality. This year's campaign is called "Advance the Arts". We look to support our fine arts program that includes band, orchestra, choir, music, art, and theater programs. Like has been done in the past, a web page is being created that will give all the particulars and how you can participate. Watch for more details in next week's Parent Bulletin.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE: You won't want to miss this year's Christmas Marketplace that will take place here at school on Saturday, December 2, from 9:00am until 3:00pm. We have a record number of vendors who will be present to help you with your Christmas shopping. Also, there will be a new book sale taking place in the library and a full service concession area will be on hand to help keep your energy up.

TRIP

THANKSGIVING WEEK ORDERS: Due to the shortened week of Thanksgiving, TRIP will NOT be processed next week..

CHRISTMAS ORDERS: In order for gift cards to be guaranteed before Christmas break, the ordering deadline is Monday, December 11. Any orders placed after that date MAY arrive before break, but are not guaranteed.

HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendars can be found here: November 2023

Wednesday, November 15: Homemade Banana Bread or Cocoa Puffs Cereal

Thursday, November 16: Mini Corn Dog or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

Friday, November 17: Pizza Hut Day

Monday, November 20: Chicken Tenders or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

Tuesday, November 21: Pizza Hut Pizza

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

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, November 15: K. Huffman, M. VanderHyde (Elem); P. Buth (MS)

Thursday, November 16: R. Essenburg, J. Garbarino (Elem); P. Buth (MS)

Friday, November 17: S. Bruischat, S. DeKryger (Elem); M. Adema (MS)

Monday, November 20: M. VanSingel, D. VanderMeer (Elem); Volunteer Needed (MS)

Tuesday, November 21: S. Groggel, L. Cox (Elem); Volunteer Needed (MS)

Additional playground volunteers are needed! If you are not able to help out monthly please sign up to help on specific days for October [here](#) or contact Emily at eschab24@gmail.com.

TECH BYTE

A Safer Smartphone - [The Bark Phone](#). Looking for a Christmas gift for your teen? The Bark Phone was named to [TIME's Best Inventions of 2023 list](#)! Get the only kid-safe phone with Bark's powerful content monitoring built right in. Most kids want a smartphone; many parents are wary. Bark Technologies has a solution for teens and tweens: a customizable Android unit that lets parents manage contacts and track the device, while an algorithm monitors social media posts and texts for inappropriate content. And unlike other parental controls, Bark's algorithm is built into the phone; it can't be removed.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD: We are hopeful that you have received our school board connection on October 27 regarding committees, and future planning. If you haven't seen it, here is the [link](#). Please prayerfully consider filling out a [committee interest form](#).

In an effort to promote communication and transparency, we invite you to attend a conversation with the school board, Tuesday November 28, at 7:00pm, in the school gym. The School Board looks forward to answering questions about the board in general, committees, strategic planning, and things like that, in person. Please be on the lookout in the next week or so for more information regarding this evening.

LOYALTY DRIVE 2023 IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY! With a goal of \$305,000, this is arguably the most important fundraising initiative that WSCS does each year. Funds raised go towards supplementing the operating budget of the school and lowering tuition costs for all of our K-8 student families. By this time, a mailing for this campaign should have been received. If you have not received yours, please contact our Development Director, Dale Burghgraef, dburghgraef@wschristian.org, 616-453-3925, ext. 111. Please pray that God will richly bless this critical fundraiser.

LOST AND FOUND: A communication with all items was sent yesterday. Items may be viewed [here](#). Any unclaimed items will be donated after school tomorrow, Wednesday, November 14.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

UNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL IS PROUD TO PRESENT HOLIDAY INN this fall under the direction of Mrs. Ashton Foreman. Performances are scheduled for 7:00pm on November 30 and December 1 and at 5:00pm on December 2. Performances will take place at the [Hudsonville High School Auditorium](#) on Allen Street. *Holiday Inn* is a 1940's pop style musical with many familiar favorites. Jim Hardy leaves the crazy Broadway life for a simple farming life. There's just one problem. He has no experience farming. He instead, with the help of the original owner of the farm, Linda Mason, starts a show place hotel that is only open on the holidays. This is a show all ages will love. Early release tickets are now on sale for \$14 each. General tickets will go on sale November 17 for \$8 each. All tickets are sold online [here](#) or on the school [website](#) under "Parent Resources." You are able to pick your own seats and pay online. For handicap seating, please call the school office at 669-1820.