



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Mark 12:30

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

September	4	All School Chapel - Everyone welcome!
	5	1st-6th Parent Orientations
	5/6	Middle School Retreat
	10	School pictures for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and preschool
	11	School pictures for grades K, 1, 2, 3, Young 5s and preschool
	13	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:40am
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	21	WSCS Donut Dash
	23-26	Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW)
	23	SEW Chapel at 8:40am
	26	Women of West Side Bunco Night 6-8:30pm
	27	No School - Staff PD Day
October	4	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:40am
	9	School picture retake / make-up day
	14	MS Skating Party
	18	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:40am
	18	End of first quarter
	21-25	Bus Safety Week
	23	No School - Staff PD Day
	24-25	No School - CEA Convention

ALL SCHOOL CHAPEL: Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 4, the West Side Christian students will be gathering for a time of praise and worship! Parents and caregivers are invited to join us in the gym from 8:40-9:15am! Let's unite in singing praise to our faithful God as we seek His guidance for this new year!

ELEMENTARY PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING:

Thursday evening, September 5 – Parent Orientation – 1st – 6th grades

This is an informational meeting for parents of students in grades 1-6. The staff will meet with parents in their classrooms to review new school year expectations and other information.

7:00 – 7:25 1st, 5th 1st grade teacher presentations in classrooms, 5th grade in the band room

INSTRUMENT RENTAL MEETING: The 5th grade parent information meeting for those who wish to know more about our instrumental music programs will be held this same evening, Sept 5. Orchestra and Band parents should meet in the appropriate room (band/orchestra) at 6:30 pm. You will also be able to make arrangements to rent/purchase an instrument from Meyer Music at that time.

SCHOOL PICTURES: Preschool (3s and 4s) and Grades 4-8 will have their picture taken on Tuesday, September 10. Preschool (3s, NB, Y5s) and Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 students will have their picture taken on Wednesday, September 11. You do not need to bring payment at this time. Photos will be available for viewing and ordering within 7 business days after picture day. Viewing and ordering information will be given to you on picture day. **Don't forget to order yearbooks when placing an order for photos.**

WEST SIDE DONUT DASH: Do you dash for donuts, or just like donuts? You won't want to miss the West Side Donut Dash that will be held at Blandford Nature Center on Saturday morning, September 21, 2024. Once again there will be a Kids Run (about ½ mile) and a 5k Trail Run. By using the coupon code: "govikings", the Kids Run is free to all WSCS students and the discounted price for the 5k is \$25. All participants receive a t-shirt, medal, donut, and water, cider, or coffee. To register and for more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

TRIP

ARE YOU EARNING MONEY TOWARDS YOUR TUITION WITH TRIP? Orders are due by **MONDAY at 4:00 pm**. An email will be sent when orders are ready for pick up. If you have any questions about the TRIP program, please email trip@wschristian.org.

HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendars can be found here: [September 2024](#)

Wednesday, September 4: Walking Beef Tacos or Pancake Sausage Wrap

Thursday, September 5: Macaroni and Cheese or Yogurt Parfait

Friday, September 6: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, September 9: Chicken Tenders or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

Tuesday, September 10: Bosco Breadsticks or Yogurt Parfait

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

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, September 4: PTA Covering

Thursday, September 5: PTA Covering

Friday, September 6: PTA Covering

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL BROWER...WERE THE POLICE AT SCHOOL?

Yes, but no need to be alarmed when you see police cars patrolling the area or officers stopping by. I reached out to request extra patrols – not because anything is wrong. I always appreciate having our officers drive by, park in the parking area to do their work, stop in to say hi, and to simply have a presence in our area.

PRAYER WALK: Start the year off right by joining Moms in Prayer on a prayer walk for our school and campus. There are so many things to be thankful for here at West Side, and many things to lift up at the start of a new school year. We will meet outside the school office on Monday, September 9 at 8:45 am.

MOMS IN PRAYER: Come join West Side moms for a time of prayer for our staff and students! We strive to rest in the assurance of praying God's promises for your child with the support of a loving community. We meet for one hour on Monday mornings starting at 8:45 am with our first meeting on September 16th. There is no commitment to come every week, so please come when you can! Meetings are held at Westend CRC in the family room (northwest entrance). Visit momsinprayer.org to learn more about this ministry. Questions? Contact us at momsinprayerWSCS@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

JH OUTBACK GRAND RAPIDS: Do you have a teenager and could use some help with how to parent them in the right way? JH Outback Grand Rapids is an incredible opportunity this fall for you to get away and enjoy some quality time with your child! This weekend (September 27-29) will focus on your relationship with each other and on your walk with the Lord, all while at a beautiful and fun setting at Timberwolf Lake - Young Life Camp! It will provide biblical wisdom and tools for your teenager to navigate this time in their life and also for you as a parent/guardian on how to walk with them through this time. Life is so busy - Take this opportunity to get away with your child and see what God has for both of you! If you have any questions, reach out to Hank McCarley (hank.mccarley@gmail.com OR 251-401-8139). For more information or to Sign-Up: [JH Outback](#).