



Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above,  
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Colossians 3:1**

## **Missed Message - an Easter Note from Principal Brower**

New dress pants, ironed dress shirts, handsome vests, matching ties, and new leather shoes -- I had thought of everything needed to have my two adorable little boys looking sharp for church on Easter Sunday! Chase (3) and Cord (1) had their hair combed, teeth brushed, clothes on, and it was time to put on their new shoes just before heading out the door. It was a GREAT morning, until...Chase put up a fuss about his new shoes. After getting one shoe on, he would not cooperate with the other one. He kept whining and complaining. Ugh. His dad finally had enough and said something like, "Chase. That's enough. You ARE wearing these shoes." Although we could tell Chase was not happy, his dad proceeded to put his shoe on his foot and we headed out for church.

It was a beautiful service reminding us of the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us and his victory over death that sets us free from condemnation. As my late husband and I walked out of the service with our handsome boys, we noticed at the same time that Chase was limping. I said, "Chase-man -- what's wrong, buddy?" He pointed to his left foot and said, "Hurt." I picked him up, carried him to the car, took off his shoe and felt the inside of the shoe. "Mike!" I exclaimed, "What did you do?" As I pulled a huge hunk of paper out of the toe of the new shoe, I held it up for Mike to see. Yep! Chase wasn't trying to be difficult earlier that morning. He was trying to let us know that something did not feel right in one of his new shoes -- that it hurt his toes. Even though the message was so clear, both Mike and I missed it and insisted on pressing forward with our plan. We felt awful and there was nothing we could do to make things right. And, Chase seemed too young to really understand how badly we felt and how sorry we were.

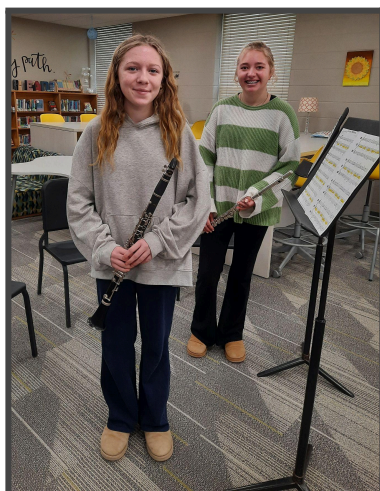
I asked Chase about the missed message when he was in his late 20's. He could not remember anything about what happened. I told him the story and he just laughed. I still did not think it was funny and was carrying some guilt about the whole incident. I asked Chase (again!) to forgive me. He said, "Mom, I don't have to forgive you. I don't even remember it."

Chase's response reminded me of an important fact. When we become believers in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven! God no longer sees our sins; instead, we are clothed in righteousness. Oh! How He lavishes us in his love, forgives us, and sets us free! Happy Easter!

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

*Psalms 103:11-12*

## BRIGHT SPOT

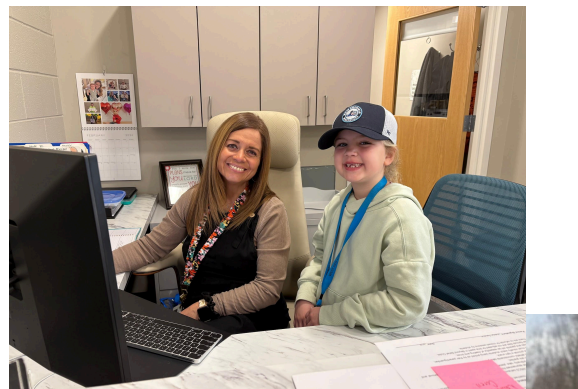


### Solo Ensemble

The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra students participated in a solo/ensemble festival held at WSC on March 24. Four judges listened to and made comments on each of the performances. Students learned ways that they could improve their musical abilities. It was a morning of praise as each band and orchestra member shared the musical talents with which God has blessed them. We are grateful for our directors, accompanists, judges, parent door monitors, as well as our flexible and encouraging staff.

### Miss Walker and Miss VanDriel Serve as Assistant Principal

Mrs. Roberts was joined in her role as Assistant Principal thanks to our Auction! Miss Walker and Miss VanDriel stepped into the role of assistant principals (on different days!) - and what a fantastic job they did! Both had full and busy days, lending a hand at the gate, assisting in the office with schedules, laminating and cutting important materials, and jumping in wherever needed to help everything run smoothly. They were such a joy to have on the team. Each of their special days ended with a well-deserved lunch. Thank you, Miss Walker and Miss VanDriel, for your enthusiasm and support in making it a great day for everyone!



## WSCS COMING EVENTS:

<b>April</b>	3-10	Spring Break
	13	School Resumes
	13	Nourish & Flourish Spring Gift Card Sale Begins
	15	Easter Chapel
	16	Ladies Bingo Night
	20-24	Fine Arts Week
	23	Fine Arts Night
	24	BUDS Playgroup at 10:00am *Please note time change
	29	Nourish & Flourish Gift Card Orders Due to the Office
	29	West Side Connections: Celebrating Love & Friendships Event
<b>May</b>	1	Elementary Praise and Worship
	2	8th Grade Class Party
	4-8	Staff Appreciation Week
	4	Spring Middle School Concert
	5	Nourish & Flourish Picked Up



**DRESS UP DAYS:** Please make note of the following special dress up events:

- Wednesday, April 1 - Show your school spirit! Wear WSCS shirt or school colors
- Thursday, April 2 - Glow Gold for World Autism Day - wear gold clothing or jewelry

**SAVE THE DATE!** Ladies of West Side, mark your calendars for Bingo Night on April 16. It's going to be a fun evening of fellowship and laughter. More details will be coming soon, so stay tuned! We hope you can join us!

**NOURISH & FLOURISH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:** We're looking forward to the Nourish & Flourish Gift Card Fundraiser again this spring! The Sobie Meats, Motman's Greenhouse, and Countryside Greenhouse Gift Card Sale will kick off after Spring Break with cards being delivered just in time for Mother's Day! Information and order forms will be sent home with students on Monday, April 13. All orders will be due to the office by the end of the day Wednesday, April 29, and cards will be sent home on Tuesday, May 5. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer ([jennifer.vanstrien@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.vanstrien@gmail.com), 269-760-4450).

## 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](mailto:trip@wschristian.org). **Please note that TRIP will not be processed the week of April 6 due to Spring Break.**

## HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendars can be found here: [April 2026](#)

**Wednesday, April 1:** Bosco Breadsticks or Breakfast Sandwich

**Thursday, April 2:** Pizza Hut Pizza

**SPRING BREAK**

**Monday, April 13:** Popcorn Chicken or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

**Tuesday, April 14:** Walking Taco or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

Please contact Jill Zondag, [jzondag@grcs.org](mailto:jzondag@grcs.org) with any questions.

## PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

**Wednesday, April 1**

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: **Volunteer Needed**

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Marianne Krulek / **Volunteer Needed**

1:10 – 1:35pm Middle School: Kimberly Huffman / **Volunteer Needed**

**Thursday, April 2**

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: **Volunteer Needed**

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: **Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed**

1:05 – 1:35pm Middle School: **Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed**

**SPRING BREAK**

## Monday, April 13

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: **Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed**

1:05 – 1:35pm Middle School: **Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed**

## Tuesday, April 14

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Lori Cox / Stacy Groggel

1:05 – 1:35pm Middle School: Lori Cox / Lynnae Kauffman

Sign up here: [Playground Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

## TECH BYTE

The gift of your presence. Chris McKenna of Protect Young Eyes, has this question, when you're with people, are you truly present? Check out the [story](#) he has to tell.

## BEYOND BELIEF CLUBS

Sign Ups Now Available For:

Rooted & Ready Cultivating Skills, Growing Fun! | Grades 2nd-6th

[Parent Information](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**RE-ENROLLMENT FOR K-8TH GRADE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!** Families can complete the process through PowerSchool. If you have any questions, please contact Delia Roberts at [droberts@wschristian.org](mailto:droberts@wschristian.org).

**FINE ARTS WEEK 2026:** All students, grade 4-8, are encouraged to participate in the fine arts Week student performance night, Thursday, April 23. There are opportunities to perform vocally, play an instrument or dance, in a special program in the afternoon during school or at the evening event! The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 1. Please email Mrs. Bouman [dbouman@wschristian.org](mailto:dbouman@wschristian.org).

**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT IN STYLE!** Limited Edition WSCS sweatshirts are available in the school office for \$80. Get yours before they're gone!

**SUMMER TUTORING** will be offered the week of June 15th - week of August 10th with 4th of July week off. Tutors can work with your child on math or ELA skills. When signing up you are committing to six sessions out of the eight weeks. One hour a week for 6 sessions will cost \$210 and two hours a week will cost \$375. Sign ups are now open and close May 4th. To sign up use [this link](#). For more information please contact Jordan Peless at [jpeless@wschristian.org](mailto:jpeless@wschristian.org).

**WSCS PLANT SALE:** Our school greenhouse is not just a place for plants—it's a hub of learning, growth, and community connection! Our upcoming plant sale is [here](#). Preorder your garden plants now!

**SUMMER WILL SOON BE HERE, AND SO WILL WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S SUMMER CAMP SESSION!**

Join us as we grow, create, and adventure together through the week. Camp registration is now open to WSCS families ONLY. A communication with information was sent earlier this week. Registration for the general public will open on April 13.