



Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Ephesians 4:2

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL BROWER

BRIGHT SPOTS

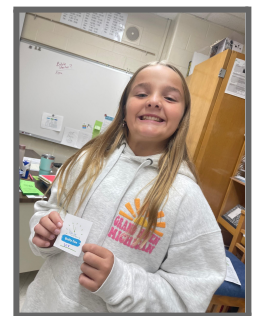


Bike Day Success.

It was so fun welcoming our parents and student bikers to school Wednesday! It was extra special to have Officers White and Baker join us for our event. Officer White (on the left) has been assigned as our liaison for the west side of GR.

Appreciation Languages

During Middle School Discipleship groups, students responded to questions to discern their appreciation language. Be sure to ask your students what their appreciation language is!



After School Market

Our after school market this week was so well attended! There were so many fun conversations to listen to as students told their parents about the gardens as they enjoyed tasting fresh vegetables, picking out the perfect pumpkins, and creating beautiful bouquets.

WELCOMING MISS DEVRIES

We are so happy to welcome Katie DeVries to our Music Team! Miss DeVries is joining us as our Choir Assistant to help Mrs. Bouman with Middle School Choirs and to assist with some of our Chapels.

Miss DeVries attends The Center Church where she facilitates Sunday morning worship services. Her most recent teaching experience was at South Christian High School, Dutton, and Byron Center Christian Middle Schools where she served as the Choir Director for the last four years.

She shared that she is excited to “encourage students to pursue their God-given music talents to their fullest potential” at WSCS!

TOWN HALL MEETING, OCT 20 AT 6:30PM

Join us for a special Town Hall Gathering as we welcome guest speakers from AMDG Architects, who will unveil the inspired vision for the future of our West Side Christian School campus. This is a chance to see how faith, design, and community come together to shape a space where generations will grow in Christ.

Come ready to be encouraged, surprised, and moved—because what’s ahead is truly *Beyond Belief*.

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

October	13-16	Hearing and Vision Screening
	17	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	17	End of first quarter
	17	Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game at 3:30pm
	18	Donut Dash
	20	Town Hall Meeting
	20-24	Bus Safety Week
	21	U of M vs. MSU Day
	22	No School - Staff PD Day
	23-24	No School - CEA Convention
	27	MS Skating Party
	28	Preschool and Elementary Skating Party
	29	MS Subs Delivered
	31	Elementary Chapel at 8:45am
November	7	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	7	Report Cards
	12, 13	Parent - Teacher Conferences
	14	No School - Staff PD
	20-22	8th Grade Play “Finding Nemo, Jr.”
	21	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	25	All School Thanksgiving Chapel at 8:45am
	26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break

THE STAFF VS. 8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM is this Friday, October 17. The game starts at 3:30pm. All students attending must stay in the gymnasium. Elementary students may not stay after school unless they have proper adult supervision.

IT'S THIS SATURDAY! It's not too late to sign up for the West Side Donut Dash. Whether you're planning to enter the Kids Run or the 5k Trail Run, don't delay since online registration ends at midnight on Friday, October 17. [Click here](#) to register and get all the details. When checking out, make sure to use the discount code "GOWSCSKR" for the Kids Run and "GOWSCS5K" for the 5k to get \$5 and \$20 off respectively. All participants will receive a race medal, t-shirt, water/apple cider, and of course, a donut from Sandy's Donuts. Also, all 5k runners will have their run professionally timed. See you this Saturday!

Need some easy PTA points? We do have some open volunteer spots that need to be filled to ensure a successful event. Check out where help is still needed by [clicking here](#). You can even sign up for multiple shifts and get more points!

Spirit Day!
Tuesday, October 21



vs.



Get ready to show your school spirit! What team are you rooting for??? Sport the logo wear and team colors of your choice team. Hats are allowed on this day. Let's gooooo!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SKATING PARTY: All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to a roller skating party Monday, October 27. Students will be transported by bus to and from the rink. More details will be shared in the parent communication from teachers.

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SKATING PARTY: Students in preschool - 5th grade and their families are invited to a roller skating party Tuesday, October 28 at Tarry Hall. Gear up for a fun night of skating and community with other WSCS families! Siblings welcome! Join us from 6:15 - 8:15pm. The cost is \$7 admission (for skaters), \$4 skate rental.

SAVE THE DATE: West Side Christian School's 8th grade class proudly presents Finding Nemo Jr. on November 20-22! Watch for a link to purchase tickets on Monday, October 20. Come explore the 'Big Blue World' with Nemo, Marlin, Dory as they encounter various sea friends and ultimately learn the valuable life lessons of bravery, family, and finding your way home.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE will be held here at school on Saturday, December 6. To get more information and/or to register as a vendor [click here](#).

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC - SAVE THE DATES: Please mark your calendars for these special opportunities to gather in worship and fellowship with our students.

Thursday, December 4 - Elementary Christmas Worship Service

Monday, December 8 - Middle School Christmas Concert

Monday, May 4 - Middle School Spring Concert

Friday, May 15 (morning) - 5th Grade Spring Concert

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

Don't forget to set up your payment account on grchristian.familyportal.cloud, under Grand Rapids Christian Schools.

The monthly hot lunch calendars can be found here: [October 2025](#)

Wednesday, October 15: Teriyaki Beef Dunkers or Pancake Sausage

Thursday, October 16: Chicken Nuggets or Strawberry Yogurt

Friday, October 17: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, October 20: Cheese Omelet or Strawberry Yogurt *note menu change

Tuesday, October 21: Cheeseburger or Cinnamon Toast *note menu change

Please contact Jill Zondag, jzondag@grcs.org with any questions.

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, October 15

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

Thursday, October 16

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Josh Zondervan

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Lauren DeGraaf / Amanda Hollebeek

1:05 – 1:35pm Middle School: Lauren DeGraaf / Amanda Hollebeek

Friday, October 17

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Lauren Johnson

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Katie denHollander / Sarah Wabeke

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

Monday, October 20

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, October 21

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Josh Zondervan

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Lianne Carmody / Cara Hendges

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

TECH BYTE

Preventing harm from use of digital devices means wrapping our kids in multiple layers of protection. Chris McKenna, founder of Protect Young Eyes, offers [five layers of digital protection](#) for parents trying to raise kids in this digital world, where it is to be expected that eleven-year-olds have come across pornographic images and videos. But Chris shows that there are ways to reduce the likelihood and the frequency for your own children.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINAL AFTER-SCHOOL GARDEN STAND! Join us this Thursday from 3:00–3:30pm on the hill for our last garden stand of the season! We'll have an assortment of pumpkins, peppers, the final sweet cherry tomatoes, and a few fun surprises from the garden. Our student entrepreneurs are extra excited to share that we can now accept credit cards as well as cash!

Thank you for supporting our students, as you have helped grow our garden these past few weeks. We can't wait to share the results of their hard work soon!

MOMS IN PRAYER: Join us as we pray for our school, students and staff. Moms in Prayer meet on Mondays at 8:45am at Westend Church in the nursery (little ones welcome). Questions? Email momsinprayerwscs@gmail.com