



Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet
and Light Unto My Path.
Psalm 119:105

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

April	16	Passion Week Chapel
	18	BUDS Playgroup 10:30-11:15am
	21-25	Fine Arts Week
	24	Fine Arts Night
	30	Nourish and Flourish Orders Due
May	3	8th Grade Class Party
	5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
	5	BUDS 2:15-3:00pm
	5	Spring Middle School Concert
	9	K-8th Grandparent's Day
	14	All School End of Year Chapel
	19-20	8th Grade Class Trip
	21	Middle School Honors Assembly
	22	8th Grade Graduation
	26	Memorial Day - No School
	27-30	6th Grade Camp
	29	Kindergarten Last Day of School
	30	Last Day of School for 1st-7th Grade - Dismissal at 11:30am
	30	WSCS Educational Foundation Annual Golf Outing

ALL SCHOOL PASSION WEEK CHAPEL: You're warmly invited to join us for our All-School Passion Week Chapel this Wednesday at 8:40 AM—a special time of worship as our entire school gathers to lift the name of Jesus. Students from Kindergarten through 6th grade will take part in leading worship alongside our Middle School Praise Team. Come celebrate the hope of the cross and the power of the resurrection with us. We can't wait to worship together as one body in Christ!

OUR NOURISH & FLOURISH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER STARTED YESTERDAY! Your student(s) should have brought home information and order forms yesterday. With Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Spring Planting around the corner, this is a great time to order and sell gift cards! We ask that you compile payments for your orders and submit one check per order form (made out to West Side Christian School) by the end of the day Wednesday, April 30. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer for Sobie (jennifer.vanstrien@gmail.com, 269-760-4450) or Toni for Greenhouses (tjhoutstra5@gmail.com, 616-490-0097).

WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN FINE ARTS WEEK IS COMING UP ON APRIL 21-25! Join us for the Fine Arts Open House on Thursday, April 24th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Come see the visual art displays throughout the school created by students in K - 8th grade. Student performances will take place in the gym at 6:10, 6:40, and 7:10. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite your family to celebrate the creativity of our students. We look forward to seeing you there!

CELEBRATION FOR OUR RETIREE: Please join us in celebrating our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Kim Kryger as she retires after this school year. This celebration will be open house style and will take place on Thursday, April 24 from 7:30-8:00p in the gymnasium. We hope you can join us in thanking and honoring Mrs. Kryger for her years of service.

TRIP

TRIP orders for the week are due on Mondays by 4pm. Emails will be sent out when the orders are ready for pickup. Remember, there are several vendors available for purchase from the office at any time.

HOT LUNCH

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

Wednesday, April 16: Chicken Tenders or Pancake Sausage Wrap on a Stick

Thursday, April 17: Eggo Emoji Waffles or Strawberry Yogurt

Friday, April 18: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, April 21: Pretzel w/ Cheese or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

Tuesday, April 22: Hot Dog on Bun or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

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

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, April 16

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Gracie Chandler

8:15 – 8:30am Middle School: **Volunteer Needed**

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Katelyn Faber / Meredith VanderHyde

1:20 – 1:50pm Middle School: Katelyn Faber / Meredith VanderHyde

Thursday, April 17

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Gracie Chandler

8:15 – 8:30am Middle School: **Volunteer Needed**

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Sarah Bloem / Jill Nyenhuis

1:10 – 1:40pm Middle School: **Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed**

Friday, April 18

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

8:15 – 8:30am Middle School: **Volunteer Needed**

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Danielle Gummere / Kyle Gummere

1:10 – 1:40pm Middle School: **Volunteer Needed / Volunteer Needed**

Monday, April 21

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

8:15 – 8:30am Middle School: **Volunteer Needed**

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Susan Krieger / Paul Buth

1:10 – 1:40pm Middle School: Paul Buth / **Volunteer Needed**

Tuesday, April 22

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Gracie Chandler

8:15 – 8:30am Middle School: **Volunteer Needed**

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Beth Byma / Molly Glass

1:10 – 1:40pm Middle School: Beth Byma / Molly Glass

TECH BYTE

A Mom's Brilliant Smartphone Letter to Her Daughter. It's not a contract. It's a relationship. Chris McKenna came across an amazing list of guidelines from a mom to her daughter when she received her first smartphone. You can read it here.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2025-2026 WSCS K-8 ENROLLMENT FORMS AND FACTS INFORMATION: Enrollment for the upcoming school year for K-8 students is open. Our enrollment process is similar to last year using our online student information system, Powerschool. The information that you shared with us last year has been saved. West Side Christian will also be utilizing **FACTS** for all tuition accounts. Please fill out the forms by Monday, April 21. Please do not hesitate to contact our school office for any questions or concerns through this process via [email](#) or by calling 616.453.3925.

ADVENTURE AWAITS AT WSCS SUMMER CAMPS JUNE 2-5! Kick off summer with unforgettable adventures full of exploration, creativity, and hands-on fun. From building forts and coding robots to performing on stage and discovering God's creation, there's something for everyone. Led by passionate instructors, each camp blends faith, learning, and excitement in a supportive environment. WSCS families get **early access** to preferred registration this week—before the link opens to the community! **Spots are limited—register today before they're gone!** [Click here to register!](#)

SUMMER TUTORING will be offered the week of June 8th - week of August 3rd with 4th of July week off. Tutors can work with your child on math or ELA skills. New this year Pat Tergerson will be offering orchestra tutoring for **current orchestra students**. 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. To sign up

use [this link](#). For more information please refer to the summer opportunities email or contact Jordan Peless at jpeless@wschristian.org.

SEEKING PLANT POT DONATIONS FOR 4TH GRADE GREENHOUSE PROJECT: Our 4th-grade students are preparing a special greenhouse project to share the beauty of spring with their senior friends, and we need your help! We are looking for around 15 plant pots to use for gifting greenhouse-grown flowers. We would be grateful for your donation if you have any gently used or new pots in nice condition with a diameter of 3 to 4 inches. Donations can be placed in the labeled tote in the atrium. Thank you so much for your support in making this meaningful connection between our students and their senior friends!

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following events or opportunities are shared by our community members

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMPS: With summer just 7 weeks away, it is time to think about summer activities and Calvin Christian has you covered! From an all day sports camp, to basketball, soccer, and volleyball, as well as tennis and art, you will find what you are looking for! Head to gosquires.org/camps today to sign up! Email Ben de Waal Malefyt at bdewaalmalefyt@gccsmi.org with any questions.

GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN SUMMER SPORTS CAMP: Come join young student-athletes from all over Grand Rapids for fun, skill development, and character formation at Grand Rapids Christian Youth Sports Camps this summer. Camps will be led by GR Christian high school coaches, often assisted by high school players, and will focus on fundamentals and fun. Visit the [GR Christian Youth Sports Website](#) to sign up. Email Youth Sports Director Kirk Sundberg with questions (ksundberg@grcs.org)

UNITY CHRISTIAN SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS: Registration for Unity's Summer Sports Camps for students ages 3-12th grade are now open. The registration link and schedule of camps can be found at unitychristianathletics.org under "Camps & Clinics". Please contact Unity's Athletic Office at 669-1820 or athletics@unitychristian.org with any questions you may have!