



“But my righteousness will last forever –  
my salvation through all generations.”  
Isaiah 51:8

## **BRIGHT SPOTS**

### **Principal Sturrus**

Principal Madi Sturrus, was a super fun Principal for a Half Day, which her “mom won at the auction.”

Principal Sturrus said she really enjoyed beeping the doors to get in using her fob and that she liked typing and sending emails. When asked if she thinks whether or not she would like to be a principal for a career, she shared, “I would want to be a teacher but maybe not a principal.”

[A closer look at Principal Sturrus' day.](#)



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PILOT**

### **Beginning Monday, May 11**

The Michigan State Legislature approved the “Michigan School Meals (MSM)” program, which provides free breakfast and lunch to students in grades PK-12th grades, for non-public schools starting in December of 2025. Eligibility was limited to schools which participated in the USDA National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) when the

for the program, a school must have a breakfast and lunch program operational in the current school year (2025-26).

With the assumption that this program will make its way through the legislature and be offered next school year, we are offering a pilot breakfast program to the middle school students at WSCS, beginning Monday, May 11. Details are being sent to all Middle School parents. The cost for breakfast, which will be served during our morning snack time, is \$2.75 during the pilot.

## **BACKYARD BBQ AND UP ON THE ROOF FUN**

**All Faculty, Staff and EC/LS -8th grade Students**  
**Thursday, May 14, Normal Lunch Times**

Thanks to our incredibly successful auction, we will be hosting a Backyard BBQ at WSCS for our staff and students during our regularly scheduled lunch periods on Thurs, May 14, rain or shine!

### **Backyard BBQ**

Our backyard menu includes: hotdogs, chips, apple slices, and Rice Krispy Treats. Some extra games and activities will add to a special touch to the day.

Students may pack a lunch if they wish, rather than having the provided hotdog lunch.

### **Up on the Roof**

Principal Brower and Mrs. Roberts will spend the night on the roof that night. Feel free to stop by to blow the horn, and wish them a good night! We will have a bucket tied to a rope in case anyone wants to send up a note of encouragement as they face their (hopefully) starlit night.

## **WSCS COMING EVENTS:**

<b>May</b>	4-8	Staff Appreciation Week
	4	Spring Middle School Concert
	5	Nourish & Flourish Picked Up
	8	K-8th Grandparent's Day
	14	Backyard BBQ w/ Students and Staff
	15	5th Grade Concert
	20	All School End of Year Chapel
	22	No School - Staff PD Day
	25	Memorial Day - No School
	26-29	6th Grade Camp
	28-29	8th Grade Class Trip
	29	Elementary Praise and Worship
	29	Field Day (Grades 1-5)
<b>June</b>	3	MS Honors Assembly
	4	8th Grade Graduation
	5	Kindergarten Program
	5	All School Celebration Chapel at 10:45am
	5	Last Day of School for K-7th Grade - Dismissal at 11:30am
	8-11	WSCS Summer Camp

**NOURISH & FLOURISH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:** Gift Cards from the Nourish & Flourish Fundraiser will be sent home with your student(s) TODAY if you checked the box on the order form. If you did not check the box, your gift cards will be available for pickup in the office this week. Thank you again for supporting WSCS through this fundraiser! With your efforts we sold over 400 Gift Cards, raising more than \$4,000!

**GRANDPARENTS DAY:** Please be our guests this Friday, May 8, to celebrate Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day at WSCS. A special "grand friend" is welcome if a grandparent is unable to attend. Details about this K-8 event can be found [HERE](#). **Please also note this is a half day with dismissal at 11:30am. Busing will not be available at this time.**

**ALL SCHOOL CHAPEL:** Our final K-8 all school chapel will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 8:45am in the gymnasium.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS ASSEMBLY** will be held on Wednesday, June 3 at 1:50pm at Westend CRC. We hope you can join us in this celebration of our students.

**2026 WSCS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING:** The 38th annual Foundation Golf Outing will take place on Friday afternoon, June 12, 2026, at The Mines golf course. We have one foursome that just became available and the opportunity to volunteer for this event. Please contact Dale Burghgraef, [dburghgraef@wschristian.org](mailto:dburghgraef@wschristian.org), 616-453-3925, x-111 for more details.

## 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).

## HOT LUNCH

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

**Wednesday, May 6:** Hot Dog or Breakfast Sandwich

**Thursday, May 7:** Pizza Hut Pizza

**Friday, May 8:** Early Dismissal

**Monday, May 11:** Popcorn Chicken or Cinnamon Toast Crunch

**Tuesday, May 12:** Walking Taco or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

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

## PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

**Wednesday, May 6**

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Mike Kelly / Nate Johnson

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

### Thursday, May 7

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Sarah Herrmann / Jennifer Garbarino

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

### Friday, May 8 (*Early Dismissal at 11:30am*)

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

### Monday, May 11

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

### Tuesday, May 12

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

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

## TECH BYTE

Two Truths & AI, Can you and your kid spot what's real and what's AI? Take [this fun challenge](#), and see if you tell the difference between a real movie poster and one created by AI.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PLAYSCAPE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** For safety and supervision reasons, the outdoor playscapes are **closed to students before and after school**. These areas are part of our classroom spaces and may only be used during the school day with staff supervision.

We have recently experienced vandalism and unsupervised use of the equipment. Please remind your child that the playscapes are not available outside of supervised school hours.

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe and well cared for.

**JOIN US IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!** Mark your calendars for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at 12:00 PM. West Side Christian School is excited to participate in the Memorial Day Parade again this year, and we'd love for your family to join us! We are looking for volunteers to hand out candy while walking alongside (or riding inside!) the WSCS bus during the parade. It's a fun way to celebrate our community, promote WSCS, and earn Parent Points! [Sign up to volunteer](#), and stay tuned for more details.

**FIELD DAY** is coming up on Friday, May 29! Each class will be assigned a specific color to wear (teachers will communicate details). Since the event will take place outdoors, please have your child dress in athletic clothing and appropriate shoes. Students should be prepared to spend about half the day outside. We also recommend:

- Applying sunscreen before school and/or wearing a hat

Snacks will be provided during morning and afternoon breaks (candy bar and popsicle). Lunch will follow the usual routine: students may choose pizza hot lunch or bring their own.

We're looking forward to a fun and active Field Day!

### **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 open and classes are filling fast!

### **YEAR TWO OF GARDEN SHARES - RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Fresh, flavorful veggies, grown right here at school, will be ready for your table! Our 10-week Garden Produce Subscription begins June 16, making it easy (and delicious!) to enjoy seasonal favorites while building healthy habits for your family.

Each week, pick up your share at school and take home a variety of student-grown produce: crisp greens, herbs, tomatoes, cucumbers, and more. It's a convenient way to eat well, try something new, and support hands-on learning rooted in stewardship and care for God's creation.

Spots are limited—[use this link to learn more and reserve your share](#). Let's grow good things together

## **SCHEDULES**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER**

**Wednesday, May 6** - Away Game at Hope at 4:00pm

**Tuesday, May 12** - Home Game vs. Calvin at 4:00pm

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL**

**Tuesday, May 5** - Away Game at Legacy at 4:00pm

**Wednesday, May 6** - Home Game vs Heritage at 4:00pm

**Monday, May 11** - Home Game vs Allendale at 4:00pm

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL**

**Tuesday, May 5** - Home Game vs Hope at 4:00pm

**Thursday, May 7** - Home Game vs Bryon Center at 4:00pm

**Monday, May 11** - Away Game at Jenison at 4:00pm

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK**

**Tuesday, May 5** - Meet at Unity Christian HS at 4:00pm

**Monday, May 11** - Meet at Grandville MS (Davies Field) at 4:00pm

**Thursday, May 21** - Conference Meet at Unity Christian HS at 2:30pm (Field Events) and 4:00pm (Running Events)