



“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”
(2026-2027 WSCS Theme Verse)

BRIGHT SPOTS

All School Chapel

Celebrating our school year, singing blessings over our 1st and 8th grade buddies, worshiping in song, praying together, and looking forward to another school year as next year’s theme verse chosen by our 7th graders is revealed points to the heart of our Christian community at WSCS. Firsts and lasts seem to be held as cherished moments, but we must always remember that the “in-between” is what holds both ends together! Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty!



1st and 8th grade buddies share special moments at their last Chapel together.

Distinguished Graduate Award Winner Named

Congratulations to Adalyn Meyers who was selected as our 2025-2026 Distinguished Award Winner. This honor is granted to 8th graders who have intentionally and visibly lived out our Portraits of a Student consistently throughout their time at WSCS. A special thank you to our WSCS Educational Foundation for sponsoring this award!



2026-2027 All School Theme Verse

Each year our 7th grade students select the theme verse for us to center on during their 8th grade year. Next school year, we will focus on what it means to know Jesus as the light of the world. Praise be to God that we no longer have to walk in darkness because, as Christians, we have the light of life!

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Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
John 8:12*

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE FROM PRINCIPAL BROWER

Dear WSCS families,

Following an incident on Monday, May 18 when a student from our neighboring school at [KEC Oakleigh](#) entered our building, we received some questions from parents. Thank you!

This is a link to a [Q&A](#) that addresses parent questions I received, followed by some additional information and some of my thoughts.

As always, it is truly a privilege to partner with each of you. Student safety –mind, body, and soul – are and will remain a priority for WSCS.

Sincerely and with appreciation for each of you,

Melissa Brower, Interim Head of School

WSCS Career Opportunities:

Do you know someone who would be a great fit for WSCS? Following are our current openings. Information can be found on our [WSCS website](#) or [csionline.org](#).

Orchestra teacher (5-8), part-time M, T, Th

Art teacher (Y5's-8), full-time

Spanish teacher (K-8), part-time M-Th

Technology Assistant, part-time

Educational Support Paraprofessional, full-time

Spanish

Mr. Koopmans will be absent for the last 2 weeks of school. Mrs. Kelly will be substituting for us. A Spanish teacher from Calvin Christian High School will be administering a Spanish 2 placement test for our 8th graders.

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

May	26-29	6th Grade Camp
	28-29	8th Grade Class Trip
	29	Field Day (Grades 1-5)
June	3	MS Honors Assembly

4	8th Grade Clap Out
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 Camps
12	WSCS Educational Foundation Annual Golf Outing

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.

38TH ANNUAL WSCS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING: Our June 12th date is quickly approaching and we need your help. Though we have a full slate of golfers, we would like to have a little more help. If you're willing/able to help between 10:30am and 1:00pm, please contact Dale Burghgraef @ dburghgraef@wschristian.org, 616-453-3925, x-111. Lunch will be provided!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Our summer school office hours will be Tuesday & Wednesday from 8:30am - 12:30pm and by appointment at school@wschristian.org. The office will be closed the week of June 29-July 3.

A LOOK DOWN THE ROAD.... Or, in this case, "the Trail". You'll want to circle October 24, 2026, on your calendar because this is the date of the annual West Side Donut Dash. Once again a 5k trail run and a Kids Run will take place at Blandford Nature Center.

TRIP

The last day for ordering TRIP before summer is June 1. Orders will be ready to pick up by the end of the week.

During the summer, TRIP will NOT be processed weekly. It will be processed twice during the summer. The order due dates are Tuesday, July 7 by 9am and Tuesday, August 11 by 9am and will be ready for pick up the following Wednesday. TRIP will start back up in the first week of school.

The office will have physical gift cards that will be available during summer office hours. E-gift cards are also available anytime through the RaiseRight app.

Payouts for the 2025-2026 school year will take place at the end June. Payouts will be reflected in FACTS.

HOT LUNCH

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

Wednesday, May 27: Chicken Nuggets or Breakfast Sandwich

Thursday, May 28: French Toast Sticks or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

Friday, May 29: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, June 1: Hot Dog or Cinnamon Toast Crunch

Tuesday, June 2: Mac & Cheese or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

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

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, May 27

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

Thursday, May 28

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

Friday, May 29

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

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

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

Monday, June 1

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Cara Hendges / Joni Velzen

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

Tuesday, June 2

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

Wednesday, June 3

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, June 4

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

Friday, June 5 (Half Day – Dismiss at 11:30am)

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

TECH BYTE

Internetmatters.org offers downloadable activities designed to help families enhance their children's media literacy, develop critical thinking skills, and make safer choices online. Explore the range of resources [here](#).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OUR SPRING SPORTS SEASON HAS COME TO A CONCLUSION! We are very thankful to all of our coaches, fans and for our Athletic Director, Mr. Brandon Klomp. Here is a quick recap:

- **Softball**- finished our first softball season at WSCS in 10+ years! Girls competed well for being 6th/7th graders playing against mostly 7th/8th grade teams.
- **Baseball**- finished the season 9-1-1.
- **Girls Soccer**- finished 5-4 on the season and won our last game against Calvin Christian. Scarlett Boersma scored the game winning goal with 25 seconds left in the game.
- **Track**- we had several students finish in 1st place at the AOK Conference Meet:
 - Destiny Johnson -Division 1- 1st Place Girls Long Jump - 13 feet 5 inches
 - Reese Simpson - Division 1- 1st Place Girls Shot Put- 31 feet
 - Faith Schmidt- Division 1- 1st Place Girls-800 Meter Run- 2:45.14
 - Annika Falkena- Division 2 - 1st Place Girls -55 Meter Hurdles- 10.78 seconds
 - Grant Herman- Division 1- 1st Place Boys Shot Put- 34 feet 9.5 inches

SPORTS PHYSICALS: For the 2026-2027 school year sports physicals will be required for middle school students who wish to participate in athletics. These may be sent to [Brandon Klomp](#), athletic director.

FIELD DAY is this 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:

- Bringing a labeled water bottle
- 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 GARDEN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (INCOMING 3RD-8TH GRADE STUDENTS): This experience invites students to grow alongside our greenhouse and garden this summer while exploring agriculture, stewardship, teamwork, graphic design, communication, servant leadership, and more! As students care for the school garden, they will also grow in valuable skills and experiences connected to their interests, curiosity, and desire to learn. Because spots are limited, participation will be based on student enthusiasm, initiative, and a desire to grow. Ask your child if they are interested. Students who would like to participate will need to complete an application. After students turn in completed applications, Mrs. Staal will follow up with an emailed permission form for parents to complete. **Weekly garden experiences will take place on Tuesdays, with flexible hours from 9–11 AM or 9 AM–2 PM.** We are excited to continue growing together while nurturing God-given gifts to serve and glorify Jesus Christ!