



"A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another."  
John 13:34

## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL BROWER



I'm a Grammy! My husband and I welcomed our first grandchild into our lives this past weekend. Meet Callahan (Cal) Christian Brower! We are so in love with him and praising God for his goodness!

## BRIGHT SPOTS



### Parent Information Night

Thank you for joining us for our Parent Information Night. It was a great evening for us to be together and share about the year ahead!

### Middle School Service Project and Retreat

Sharing God's Love with One Another and Others - Middle School students shared smiles with their service at our first

service event for the year as they prepared weekend food packages for area families with kids. After service projects were complete, students headed to the Conference GroundS for a time of community building, focusing on challenges in God's Word for the year, and fun!



## UNEXPECTED NEWS

Mr. Haveman, our recently hired 6th grade teacher, submitted his letter of resignation yesterday for personal reasons related to anxiety. Although it was a very hard decision to make, Mr. Haveman believes it is necessary for his well being and that it is what is best for our students.

I am confident that all of us who have had a chance to get to know Mr. Haveman understand this was a truly hard decision for him to make. He cares deeply for kids and is so sorry for the position this puts our school in at this time of year.

Mr. Haveman will continue in his role until Sept 19 unless we are able to find a long term substitute teacher or full time teacher candidate to fill his role sooner.

Are you interested in the position or know of someone who may be? WSCS will consider candidates seeking a long-term substitute position and those interested in a full-time teacher role who are excited to be a part of an incredible team of teachers committed to growing students' minds, guiding student hearts, and glorifying Jesus Christ. [Apply today](#).

Let's keep Mr. Haveman and his family in our prayers as we ask God to help us fill such an important role for kids.

Thank you, Principal Brower

## WSCS COMING EVENTS:

<b>September</b>	10	School pictures for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Young 5s and preschool
	12	Elementary Praise & Worship
	22-25	SEW Week
	22	SEW Chapel at 8:45am
	24	SEW Praise & Worship
	25	PTA Bunco Night
	26	No School - Staff PD Day

<b>October</b>	3	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	8	School picture retake / make-up day
	8	Bike Day
	10	Elementary Chapel at 8:45am
	17	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45
	17	End of first quarter
	20	Town Hall Meeting
	20-24	Bus Safety Week
	22	No School - Staff PD Day
	23-24	No School - CEA Convention
	27	MS Skating Party
	28	All School Skating Party
	31	Elementary Chapel at 8:45am

**BUNCO NIGHT:** Join us on Thursday, September 25th from 6:30-8:30pm in the school gymnasium for a fall themed Bunco night! This free, ladies-only event is a great opportunity to meet other WSCS moms in the community. Last year's Bunco nights were a huge success! Don't miss the fun! Sign up [here](#).

**IT'S DONUT TIME!** Make sure you have the morning of Saturday, October 18, highlighted on your calendar. The annual West Side Donut Dash will take place once again at Blandford Nature Center featuring a Kids Run (about a half mile) and a professionally timed 5k Trail Run. For the Kids Run, students will receive a \$5 discount by using the code "GOWSCSKR". For the 5k, Parents/Guardians/Students will receive a \$20 discount by using the code "GOWSCS5K". Each participant will receive a commemorative t-shirt, medal, and of course, a donut. Register now by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Looking for a fun way to get some PTA points? There are several ways to help out at this event. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## 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).

Also, the following gift cards can be purchased from the office at any time, pending availability: Meijer, Spartan, Sobie Meats, Little Caesar's, Mr. Burger, Panera Bread, Peppino's Pizza, Rainbow Grill, Russ', Starbuck's, Subway, Taco Bell, Mieras, Speedway, and Uccello's.

## HOT LUNCH

Don't forget to set up your payment account on [grchristian.familyportal.cloud](https://grchristian.familyportal.cloud), under Grand Rapids Christian Schools.

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

**Wednesday, September 10:** French Toast or Pancake Sausage

**Thursday, September 11:** Chicken Tenders or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

**Friday, September 12:** Pizza Hut Pizza

**Monday, September 15:** Hot Dog or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

**Tuesday, September 16:** Cheese Omelet or Strawberry Yogurt

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

## PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

**Wednesday, September 10**

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

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

#### **Thursday, September 11**

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

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

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

1:05 – 1:35pm Middle School: Sarah Bloem / Jill Nyenhuis

#### **Friday, September 12**

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

8:15 – 8:30am Middle School: Jillian Mansfield

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Kyle Gummere / Tara Hernandez

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

#### **Monday, September 15**

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Heather LaVigne / Volunteer Needed

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

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

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

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

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Mindy Van Singel / Dusty Vander Meer

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

## **BEYOND BELIEF CLUBS**

Sign Ups Now Available For:

After School Market Stand Club | Grades: 2-6

[Parent Information](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

Game On! | Grades: 3-5

[Parent Information](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

Game On! | Grades: Middle School

[Parent Info Form](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

Fall Craft | Grades: 4-8

[Parent Information](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

Crafts for Kids | Grades: K-3

[Parent Information](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

## **TECH BYTE**

We are very excited and blessed to be a 1:1 device school. Incorporating technology into our curriculum allows us to improve our academics through student-centered learning and differentiation. Each student is assigned an iPad for use in the classroom with every middle school student allowed to take it home once the technology forms are signed. Answers to most technology questions can be found in our [Technology Guidebook 2025-2026](#). Jane Elzinga, WSCS Technology aide, can answer other questions if you have any.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**CLASSROOM HELPERS:** We are still looking for a few more classroom helpers. If you have a child in 7B or 5H and have not yet signed up but are willing to help, please contact Marsha Mulder at [marshamulder17@gmail.com](mailto:marshamulder17@gmail.com). Thank you!

**VISITOR CHECK-IN REMINDER:** If you plan on visiting us during the school day please enter through the main office. Please have your drivers license ready to be scanned to receive a visitor badge.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR ALL STUDENTS!** All preschool - 8th grade students may stop by the office on their birthday for a special gift. If your child's birthday falls on the weekend or during a scheduled break, feel free to stop by the day before or after his or her birthday. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on half birthdays.

**CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE VENDOR REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!** Vendor registrations are now being accepted for this years Christmas Marketplace on Saturday, December 6. If you are interested in signing up as a vendor, please contact Jolene VanderPloeg at [jojoonly@aol.com](mailto:jojoonly@aol.com).