

West Side Christian School  
**PARENT BULLETIN**  
December 16, 2025



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.  
I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."  
**Luke 2:10**

## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL BROWER

### Bright Spots

#### Stuff A Bus

Our WSCS community knows how to put stuff in a bus! With your help, we were able to stuff our school bus with an incredible amount of food for us to share with Hand2Hand! Our 5th graders delivered the food and served in meaningful ways as part of our all school service project. Thank you for your tremendous support and generosity!





### We've got spirit! Yes, we do!

In a spirit filled boys' basketball game on Thursday, Dec 11, more than 40 WSCS cheerleaders took their places on our basketball court during half time to share their routine learned in our first Cheer Beyond Belief Club lead by Miss Aubrey and Miss Sarah Bour.

Adding fun to the night, our Middle School Student Council members hosted a concession stand!

Thank you to all that joined us and supported this fun, spirit-filled night!

## Looking To Next School Year

### 2026-2027 School Calendar

Following are key dates for our 2026-2027 school year. Professional Development dates will be added in January.

August 17	New Staff Orientation	December 21-31	Christmas Break
August 18-20	Staff PD	January 1	Christmas Break
August 24	Open House	January 4	School resumes
August 25	1st ½ day	February 12-15	Mid Winter Break
September 4-7	Labor Day Break	April 2-11	Spring Break
October 15-16	Convention	June 4	Last ½ day
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break		

## WSCS COMING EVENTS:

<b>December</b>	17	Staff vs. Students Basketball Game at 3:30pm
	19	All School Christmas Chapel at 8:45am
	19	K-8 Early Release - Dismiss at 11:30am for Christmas Break

**CHRISTMAS BREAK OFFICE HOURS:** The school office will be closed during Christmas break. If assistance is needed with any year-end giving circumstances, please contact Dale Burghgraef at [dburghgraef@wschristian.org](mailto:dburghgraef@wschristian.org) or 453.3925 ext. 111.

<b>January</b>	5	Classes Resume
	9	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	14	Report Cards
	15	Early Childhood & Kindergarten Preview Night
	16	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	19	MLK Day - No School (Staff Inservice)
	23	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	28	BUDS Playgroup at 12:15pm
	30	Pastor's Day

**THE STAFF VS. 8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM** is tomorrow, Wednesday, December 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.

**OUR ALL-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHAPEL** is this **Friday, December 19, at 8:45am**. We are excited to worship together and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus!

**EARLY CHILDHOOD AND KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW NIGHT:** You are invited to the WSCS Early Childhood and Kindergarten Preview Night, taking place on Thursday, January 15, 2026. Stop by anytime between 6 and 7:30 pm and experience all that WSCS's Early Childhood program has to offer. This evening will offer a variety of opportunities for the whole family. Registration for the Open House is encouraged but not required, so mark your calendars and [sign up](#) today!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Family Fun Night has been moved to **Friday, February 6**. Mark your calendars - you won't want to miss this favorite event!

## TRIP

TRIP will not be processed over Christmas Break. As always, the office has many gift cards on hand during normal school hours.

## HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendars can be found here: [December](#) and [January](#)

**Wednesday, December 17:** Soft Pretzel w/ Cheese Dip or Breakfast Sandwich

**Thursday, December 18:** Pizza Hut Pizza

**Friday, December 19:** No Lunch - Early Dismissal

**Christmas Break**

**Monday, January 5:** Hot Dog or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

**Tuesday, January 6:** Soft Pretzel or Strawberry Yogurt

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

## PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

### Wednesday, December 17

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, December 18

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

### Friday, December 19 (Half Day – Dismissal at 11:30am)

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

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

### Monday, January 5, 2026

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, January 6, 2026

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: **Volunteer Needed**

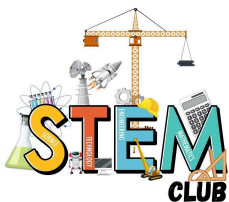
12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Mindy Van Singel / Dusty Vander Meer

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

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

## BEYOND BELIEF

Sign Ups Now Available For:



STEM CLUB | Grades: 3-5

[Parent Information](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

## TECH BYTE

[What is ChatGPT?](#) What parents need to know.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**2025 #GIVINGTUESDAY - UPDATE:** We are grateful for the gifts given to date that total almost \$65,000 towards our goal of \$75,000. Funds raised will be used to enhance the indoor space near our main entrance and finance the construction of an outdoor kitchen that will be located next to our new greenhouse. If you'd like to help push us closer to our goal, [click here](#). Questions? Feel free to contact Dale Burghgraef at [dburghgraef@wschristian.org](mailto:dburghgraef@wschristian.org) or call 616-453-3925, ext. 111.

**LOYALTY DRIVE - UPDATE:** We have been blessed with almost 160 gifts totaling more than \$125,000 to date. The Loyalty Drive is our most important fundraiser as it helps fill the gap between tuition received and the overall expense of running our school each year. This year's goal is \$310,000. If you'd like to help move us closer to it, please [click here](#).

**PROJECTORS FOR SALE:** Ever want to create a Wall Sized TV Setup, Man Cave or She Shed? We have a number of [projectors for sale](#) if you are interested. They all have HDMI inputs and have been reset to factory defaults with the latest firmware installed. Some have existing bulbs with hours of use listed, new bulbs or can also be purchased with a spare or replacement bulb from us. They come with a working remote and HDMI cable. Please complete this [form](#) if you are interested in any of them. Any questions should be referred to Tim Kamps ([tkamps@wschristian.org](mailto:tkamps@wschristian.org)). All sales are final and no ongoing tech support is included. First Come, First Serve.