



Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.
2 Corinthians 13:11

BRIGHT SPOTS

100 DAY!

There are more than 100 reasons to love our staff that surrounds our students every day! Whether in or out of school, we see faculty and staff who dress up and show up to support our students, families, and one another!



Celebrating 100 days of school is a lot more fun when your teachers dress up like they are 100-years-old.

AUCTION FUNDRAISER

These staff members were pumped up and showed up to support our Auction fundraiser.



WSCS COMING EVENTS:

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| February | 27 | Elementary Praise and Worship |
| | 27 | Auction |
| | 27 | BUDS Playgroup at 10:30am |
| March | 6 | Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am |
| | 7 | Sportscard Show |
| | 12 | Early Childhood Program |
| | 13 | Daddy Daughter Dance |
| | 16 | Annual Society Meeting |
| | 19 | EC & Elementary Skating Party |
| | 23 | BUDS Playgroup at 2:00pm |
| | 23 | MS Skating Party |
| | 27 | Elementary Praise & Worship at 8:45am |
| | 27 | Report Cards |
| April | 3-10 | Spring Break |
| | 13 | School Resumes |

JOIN US FOR BUDS, a monthly playgroup for families with children ages 0–5. This session is all about Blandford Animals! We'll read a story, meet some amazing animals up close, and enjoy playtime in the classroom. It's a fun way for little ones to explore, connect with other children, and meet West Side staff.

When: Friday, February 27, 10:30–11:30

Where: 3s Preschool Classroom

BUDS is open to the public, and no RSVP is needed. Just stop by the office, and our staff will point you in the right direction.

MARCH IS READING MONTH! We will kick off the month with a book fair March 3-7. Our vendor will be Lowry's Books, an independent bookstore located in Three Rivers. Students may bring money to school and shop during library classes or on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00-2:00 during the Sports Card and Collectibles show.

Dress-up events:

- Thursday, March 5 - Red, White and Blue Day
- Thursday, March 12 - Jersey Day
- Thursday, March 19 - Athletic Clothing Day
- Thursday, March 26 - Hat Day
- Wednesday, April 1 - Show your school spirit! Wear WSCS shirt or school colors
- Thursday, April 2 - Glow Gold for World Autism Day - wear gold clothing or jewelry

IT'S ALMOST HERE! The 35th annual Sports Card & Collectibles Show will take place here at school on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Concessions will be available throughout the day to help keep your energy level up. There will also be a new book sale going on in the library. Questions? Please contact Dale Burghgraef at dburghgraef@wschristian.org or call 616-453-3925, ext. 111.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 13! Ticket registration opens on March 5 - keep an eye out for the registration link so you can grab your spot!

It's going to be such a special night full of fun, laughter, and sweet memories. We can't wait to see everyone there!

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.

HOT LUNCH

The monthly hot lunch calendars can be found here: [February](#) and [March](#) 2026

Wednesday, February 25: Cheese Lasagna Roll up or Breakfast Sandwich

Thursday, February 26: French Toast Stick or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

Friday, February 27: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, March 2: Mac & Cheese or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

Tuesday, March 3: Walking Taco or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

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

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, February 25

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Katelyn Faber / Danielle Boersma

1:10 – 1:35pm Middle School: Katelyn Faber / Danielle Boersma

Thursday, February 26

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

Friday, February 27

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

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

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

Monday, March 2

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, March 3

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

2026 WSCS ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING

We invite all Society members to join us for the 2026 Annual Society Meeting on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 PM in the school gymnasium. The main entrance and the South doors (near the middle school) will open at 6:45 PM.

This year's agenda includes:

- A student-led greenhouse presentation
- Voting on new Board members and tuition
- Financial & Giving updates
- An introduction to our new Head of School, Patrick McNamara

We're grateful for your partnership and look forward to gathering as a community. We are excited to see you there!

AUCTION ACTION!

It's **AUCTION WEEK**, and there are so many exciting details to share! Don't miss out on this great event and the many opportunities to support the WSCS community.

SEND THE PRINCIPALS TO THE ROOF! If our school auction hits these fundraising goals (Total Funds Raised), Principal Brower and Assistant Principal Roberts are heading to the TOP of the school!

Here's what's at stake:

\$50,000 – \$74,999 Mrs. Brower & Mrs. Roberts will spend 3.5 hours on the school roof during the morning of a school day!

\$75,000 – \$99,999 They'll spend 3.5 hours in the morning AND 4 more hours in the afternoon/early evening on the roof!

\$100,000 – \$124,999 They'll spend a FULL NIGHT on the roof! Did someone say... *Pajama Party?*

\$125,000+ They'll spend a FULL NIGHT on the roof AND we'll host a Backyard BBQ for the WSCS community!

Let's come together, raise those paddles, and see just how high we can climb! Every bid and donation brings us closer to making this rooftop challenge a reality — all while supporting our amazing school and students.

WSCS AUCTION BAKED SWEETS AND TREATS TABLE IS BACK!

What to Donate:

- Sweets – cookies, cakes, brownies, cinnamon rolls, etc.
- Savory items – breads, quiches, etc.
(Non-refrigerated items only, please.)
- Gluten-free or allergy-friendly options are greatly appreciated!

Important Guidelines:

- All baked goods must be homemade
- Please clearly note any allergens in your baked goods
- Package all items so they can be easily taken home
- Most presentable donations will be auctioned during the Live Auction!

Donations Due: Friday, February 27 before 12 PM

Thank you for helping make the West Side Christian Auction a sweet success!

SILENT AUCTION: The Silent Auction is OPEN! We're excited to invite you to start browsing and bidding today. Simply visit the [auction website](#) to get started.

Anyone can bid and take part, so be sure to share the link with friends and family. The more, the merrier!

The Silent Auction will close on Friday, February 27 at 9:00 PM, so don't wait too long to secure your favorite items.

LIVE AUCTION SNEAK PEEK: The countdown is on, and we're thrilled to give you a sneak peek at some of our LIVE auction packages! Sneak Peeks can be found [here](#).

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who came out to support our fundraisers! Because of your participation, we raised over \$1,000 for the auction.

Through your meals and generosity, Culver's contributed \$750 and The Pumphouse contributed \$350.

We are so grateful to our local businesses and to everyone who participated. Thank you for helping make these fundraisers a success!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN. To register your child for one of our early childhood or kindergarten classes [CLICK HERE](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Zeck, Director of Early Childhood, at kzeck@wschristian.org or Delia Roberts for K-8 at drobot@wschristian.org.

END OF SEASON GREENHOUSE SALE! Help us celebrate the end of our winter growing season with discounted student-grown produce and take home a bundle of fresh greens to give them a try! All produce is harvested the day of pick-up to ensure maximum freshness, straight from our school greenhouse and student crop teams.

Harvest & Pick-Up: February 25

Time: 3:00–5:00 PM

Location: Front of West Side Christian School

Click the link to Pre-order your fresh produce today! [Greenhouse End of Season Sale](#)

STEP INSIDE THE LOG CABIN: This Friday, our third-grade historians will “travel back in time” to the pioneer years (1700–1800s) as they discover what life was like for families long ago at Blandford Nature Center. After their field trip, students have the opportunity to bring history to life in a special way. Our third graders volunteer to serve as volunteers, reenacting daily life in an 1870s log cabin. Your family will be invited to step back in time and experience pioneer living during this special community event. Mrs. Staal and our third-grade historians will be in the historic log cabin on March 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Be sure to check out the [Facebook event](#) for more details!