



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

A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL BROWER

BRIGHT SPOTS



Volleyballers Persevere. Our volleyball team was down by a score of 10-20 and made a tremendous comeback to win the game 23-21! I wish I could add sound to this photo!!! It was pure joy!

Third Graders Hear EXCITING News. Our 3rd graders couldn't contain their excitement when they found out they'd be learning to write in cursive—a moment full of joy that makes our teacher hearts so happy! [Share in their excitement.](#)

Joy Bus. Our elementary welcomed Joy from Joy99.3 to our praise and worship. She inspired our students to keep spreading joy to those around them. Thank you, Joy, for reminding us that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference!



TOWN HALL MEETING, OCT 20 AT 6:30PM

Mark your calendars—this is more than a meeting. It's a moment of possibility.

Join us for a special **Town Hall Gathering** as we welcome guest speakers from **AMDG Architects**, who will unveil the inspired vision for the future of our **West Side Christian School campus**. This is a chance

to see how faith, design, and community come together to shape a space where generations will grow in Christ.

Come ready to be encouraged, surprised, and moved—because what’s ahead is truly *Beyond Belief*.

RIDE YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

Ride Your Bike to School Day is tomorrow, October 8!

New This Year – Riding for Ryan Bike Flags. We are honored to join the [Riding for Ryan initiative](#). Ryan was a student at Ada Christian School who tragically lost his life in a biking accident. His parents began this program to promote bike safety and help prevent similar tragedies.

Each EC-5th grade student may receive a bright yellow bike flag to help make them more visible to drivers.

Parents may pick up a flag from the school office ahead of time and attach it to their child’s bike before Bike to School Day.

Flags will also be available for pickup on the morning and afternoon of the event.

[Instructions on how to attach a bike flag.](#)

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

October	8	School picture retake / make-up day
	8	Bike Day
	10	Elementary Chapel at 8:45am
	13-16	Hearing and Vision Screening
	17	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	17	End of first quarter
	17	Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game at 3:30pm
	18	Donut Dash
	20	Town Hall Meeting
	20-24	Bus Safety Week
	21	U of M vs. MSU Day
	22	No School - Staff PD Day
	23-24	No School - CEA Convention
	27	MS Skating Party
	28	Preschool and Elementary Skating Party
	29	MS Subs Delivered
	31	Elementary Chapel at 8:45am
November	7	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	7	Report Cards
	12, 13	Parent - Teacher Conferences
	14	No School - Staff PD
	20-22	8th Grade Play “Finding Nemo, Jr.”
	21	Elementary Praise and Worship at 8:45am
	25	All School Thanksgiving Chapel at 8:45am
	26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break

SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES: Retake/Make-up day will be tomorrow, October 8. If you feel retakes are necessary, or if your child was absent on picture day, please mark your calendar. Please note, the photographers will be at school **until 10:30am**. If your child is getting a retake picture taken, it would be helpful if they bring in their info card that they received the first picture day. If you no longer have it, they do not need to bring anything in. Please make sure your child's teacher is also aware they will be needing their picture taken.

THE STAFF VS. 8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM is this Friday, October 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.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER! We're almost to 75% of our goal of 200 runners for the annual West Side Donut Dash. This event will take place at Blandford Nature Center on the morning of Saturday, October 18, 2025. The Kids Run (about a half mile) will start at 9:00am followed by our professionally timed 5k which starts at 9:30am. 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, water/apple cider, and of course, a donut. Register now by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Looking for a way to get some easy PTA points? [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to help at this event. Note: You can sign up for more than one time slot and earn additional points.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SKATING PARTY: All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to a roller skating party Monday, October 27. Students will be transported by bus to and from the rink. More details will be shared in the parent communication from teachers.

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SKATING PARTY: Students in preschool - 5th grade and their families are invited to a roller skating party Tuesday, October 28 at Tarry Hall. Gear up for a fun night of skating and community with other WSCS families! Siblings welcome! Join us from 6:15 - 8:15pm. The cost is \$7 admission (for skaters), \$4 skate rental.

SAVE THE DATE: West Side Christian School's 8th grade class proudly presents Finding Nemo Jr. on November 20-22! Watch for a link to purchase tickets on Monday, October 20. Come explore the 'Big Blue World' with Nemo, Marlin, Dory as they encounter various sea friends and ultimately learn the valuable life lessons of bravery, family, and finding your way home.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC - SAVE THE DATES: Please mark your calendars for these special opportunities to gather in worship and fellowship with our students.

Wednesday, December 4 - Elementary Christmas Worship Service

Monday, December 8 - Middle School Christmas Concert

Monday, May 4 - Middle School Spring Concert

Friday, May 15 (morning) - 5th Grade Spring Concert

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

Don't forget to set up your payment account on grchristian.familyportal.cloud, under Grand Rapids Christian Schools.

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

Wednesday, October 8: Walking Taco or Pancake Sausage

Thursday, October 9: Popcorn Chicken or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

Friday, October 10: Pizza Hut Pizza

Monday, October 13: Hot Dog or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

Tuesday, October 14: Pancake & Sausage Bites or Strawberry Yogurt

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

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, October 8

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

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

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

Thursday, October 9

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

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

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

Friday, October 10

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

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Staci Carroll / Tara Hernandez

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

Monday, October 13

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 14

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

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Lori Cox / Stacy Groggel

1:05 – 1:35pm Middle School: Lori Cox / Stacy Groggel

TECH BYTE

It is good to put all technology aside sometimes! Try out these [10 awesome five minute STEM science experiments](#). All of these science experiments can be done in about five minutes. Plus, you likely already have everything you need to do them. If you don't have everything you need, all of these ingredients can be easily found at a grocery store. Just because they only take five minutes, the fun doesn't have to stop there! As an example, check out the bouncy ball experiment. You can make these bouncy balls in 5 minutes, and keep enjoying them for hours after.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS: There are a limited number of yard signs available promoting the West Side Donut Dash. If you'd like to display one in your front yard or business, please contact Dale Burghgraef via email at dburghgraef@wschristian.org.

WHEN UNSUBSCRIBING FROM WSCS EMAILS PLEASE USE CAUTION. By unsubscribing from any email, you will stop receiving all communications from the school, including important updates and notifications. If you accidentally unsubscribe, you will need to contact the school office to be re-added to our email list. This process requires approval through our communication platform. Thank you for staying connected!

AFTER-SCHOOL PUMPKIN PATCH FUN! Venture out this week, Wednesday, October 8, from 3:00–4:00PM to the WSCS garden for some fall fun! You-pick pumpkins, flowers, and cherry tomatoes, just \$2–\$5. Come make memories (and maybe a bouquet too).

Can't make it on Wednesday? Stop by our weekly garden stand on Thursdays from 3:00–4:00PM at the hill for more fall favorites!

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

7TH/8TH GRADE BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, 10/7 at 4:00pm vs. Hudsonville (Away)

Thursday, 10/9 at 4:00pm vs. Legacy (Home)

7TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, 10/7 at 4:00pm vs. Hope (Away)

Thursday, 10/9 at 4:00pm vs. Hudsonville (Home)

Tuesday, 10/14 at 5:15pm vs. Hudsonville (Away)

8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, 10/7 at 4:00pm vs. Jenison (Home)

Thursday, 10/9 at 4:00pm vs. Dutton (Away)