



SPECIAL REMINDER: NO SCHOOL (STAFF PD) THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32

BRIGHT SPOT



Learning together! Check out this amazing crew representing WSCS at a local early childhood conference!

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

March	12	Early Childhood Program
	13	No School - Staff PD
	13	Daddy Daughter Dance
	16	Annual Society Meeting
	19	EC & Elementary Skating Party
	20	Elementary Chapel at 8:45am
	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
	15	Easter Chapel
	20-24	Fine Arts Week
	23	Fine Arts Night
	24	BUDS Playgroup at 2:00pm

[2026-2027 WSCS Calendar](#)

MARCH IS READING MONTH is an exciting month of celebrating the joy of reading! Please make note of the following special dress up events:

- 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

HAPPY READING!

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE IS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 13! Ticket registration is now open. Purchase tickets [here](#) if you haven't already done so.

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SKATING PARTY: Students in preschool - 5th grade and their families are invited to a roller skating party Thursday, March 19 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) and \$4 skate rental.

JOIN US FOR BUDS, our monthly playgroup for families with children ages 0–5. This session is all about Easter! We'll explore the Easter story by making Resurrection Eggs and enjoy playtime in the classroom. It's a fun way for little ones to learn, play, and meet West Side staff.

When: Monday, March 23, 2:00–3:00

Where: 3s Preschool Classroom

BUDS is open to the public, and no RSVP is needed. Just stop by the office, and our staff will show you where to go.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SKATING PARTY: All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to a roller skating party on Monday, March 23. Students will be transported by bus to and from the rink. More details will be shared in the parent communication from teachers.

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: [March](#) 2026

Wednesday, March 11: Chicken Drumstick or Breakfast Sandwich

Thursday, March 12: Pizza Hut Pizza

Friday, March 13: No School

Monday, March 16: Hot Dog or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal

Tuesday, March 17: Shamrock Pretzel or Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

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

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, March 11

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Mike Kelly / Nate Johnson

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

Thursday, March 12

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

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

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

Friday, March 13

NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 16

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 17

8:15 – 8:30am Elementary: Molly Glass

12:15 – 12:50pm Elementary: Elisabeth Faber / Volunteer Needed

1:05 – 1:35pm Middle School: Elisabeth Faber / Kristin Mast

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

TECH BYTE

So, is YouTube safe for kids? That's a complicated question. But it's one that rolls around in the minds of most parents! Protect Young Eyes helps answer that question in their [Ultimate Guide to YouTube for Caregivers](#).

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 meeting is open to all society members. Society members are defined as current parents/guardians of WSCS students, current WSCS staff, and/or donors to the school who are 18 years or older.

Agenda Highlights:

- 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 look forward to a great turnout as we celebrate together the work that God is doing in so many areas of West Side Christian School. Please take a few minutes to read through the [2026 WSCS Annual Report](#) that was sent out to our Society Members last week.

If you are unable to attend, absentee ballots can be completed and must be submitted by NOON on Monday, March 16, 2026 using this form: [Absentee Ballot Link](#).

BEYOND BELIEF CLUBS

Sign Ups Now Available For:

Rooted & Ready Cultivating Skills, Growing Fun! | Grades 2nd-6th

[Parent Information](#)

[Student Registration Form](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SUMMER TUTORING will be offered the week of June 15th - week of August 10th with 4th of July week off. Tutors can work with your child on math or ELA skills. When signing up you are committing to six sessions out of the eight weeks. One hour a week for 6 sessions will cost \$210 and two hours a week will cost \$375. Sign ups are now open and close May 4th. To sign up use [this link](#). For more information please contact Jordan Peless at jpeless@wschristian.org.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: As we move beyond the winter months and into a new season of potential inclement weather, it's important to be prepared for any potential weather events that could impact our community. To help ensure the safety of our students and their families, we want to provide some important information and procedures to follow in the event of a tornado watch or severe weather situation at dismissal. If you missed the parent communication regarding dismissal procedures it can be found [here](#).

WSCS PLANT SALE: Our school greenhouse is not just a place for plants—it's a hub of learning, growth, and community connection! Our upcoming plant sale is [here](#). Preorder your garden plants now!

35TH ANNUAL WSCS SPORTS CARD & COLLECTIBLES SHOW: This past Saturday our annual Sports Card & Collectibles Show took place here at school. A new book sale was also featured in our library. Once again we had lots of vendors participating and even though it was a mostly rainy day, a large crowd of collectors attended. Special thanks to all of our volunteers which helped make this another successful event.

SCHEDULES

8TH GRADE BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, March 10 - Home vs. Jenison at 4:00pm

Thursday, March 12 - Away at Hudsonville at 4:00pm

Tuesday, March 17 - Away at Adams at 4:00pm

Thursday, March 19 - Home vs. Byron Center at 4:00pm

Tuesday, March 24 - Away at Hudsonville at 4:00pm

Thursday, March 26 - Away at Dutton at 4:00pm

Monday, March 30 - Home vs. Calvin at 4:00pm

7TH GRADE BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, March 10 - Home vs. Calvin at 5:00pm

Tuesday, March 17 - Away at Hudsonville at 5:00pm

Thursday, March 19 - Home vs. Hudsonville at 5:00pm

Tuesday, March 24 - Away at Hudsonville at 4:00pm

Thursday, March 26 - Away at Moline at 4:00pm