

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

You might be just the person we're looking for

School finance team

Do you enjoy accounting or finance? Are you a detail-oriented person with a willingness to serve a few hours a month in a very flexible role that would support the school ministry? We are looking for someone to join our school finance team to assist in monitoring payments and helping allocate financial aid.

Lunchroom helper

We need help in the lunchroom every Monday, from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. If you cannot commit to every Monday, see if you can find a friend to split the days, or email wcslunch@westside-christian.org to see how you can help.

Sports teams

Do you have a passion for cross country, basketball, or baseball? Do you enjoy sharing that love of sports with kids? We are hoping for some additional adults who will help guide our young athletes this school year. Our sports team schedules are organized around the coach's availability, and we typically like to have at least two adults to assist with each team.

Clubs

Do you have a gift for public speaking or the art of crochet? In the past, both forensics and crochet have been popular after-school clubs. We are currently in need of a forensics lead and a co-lead for crochet.

All our sport teams and clubs are run exclusively by volunteers. Sometimes these volunteers are teachers, but most of the time they are either WCS parents or members of St. Andrew. If we do not find coaches/leaders, these extracurricular activities will not happen. Please consider giving of your time and talents to help us continue these programs at Westside.

Please reach out to [Principal Meredith Pucci](#) for more information on how you might help fill these needs. (FYI, any of these roles would fulfill your volunteer requirement.)

School hours and building security

The school day begins at 8:00 AM. The main entrance doors are unlocked at 7:40 AM and lock back up at 8:05 AM. Students signed up for Extended Care in the morning must be signed in by a parent or caregiver. No other students are allowed in the building without their parent or caregiver until 7:40 AM.

The school day ends at 3:15 PM. The doors are unlocked at 3:00 PM and lock back up at 3:35 PM. Extended Care after school begins at 3:15 PM. Students not signed up for Extended Care should be picked up at 3:15 PM. Parents are allowed a 15-minute grace period to allow for unexpected delays.

Please carry your key card to gain access to the school during hours when the building is locked. If you regularly have the need for two key cards, please see our Administrative Assistant, Stacy Bernd, to be issued an additional card. If you need to enroll your student in Extended Care, please email the Extended Care coordinator at extended.care@westside-christian.org.



After-school clubs

Is your child interested in joining one of our after-school clubs? Here is more information on some of them.

Art Club (grades 3 - 8)

Art Club is for students interested in expanding their creative experiences in the visual arts. We will focus on honing our skills and digging deeper into the visual arts.

September & October – Art as self expression

November & December – Wearable art

January & February - Art of Illustration

March - "Youth Fine Arts Month" celebrating!

April & May - Independent Choice Project

Art Club will be held on Mondays, beginning September 9, from 3:15 - 4:15 PM in the art corner of the gym. The fee for Art Club is \$20 to cover the cost of materials. Permission slips will be available from Ms. Martalock during art class for those interested. Art Club is limited to 20 students.

STEM Club (grades 4 - 8)

Led by Mrs. Krueger, STEM Club will be held once a month on Thursdays, from 3:20 - 4:20 PM. We will learn programming and engineering as well as design and problem-solving. Because of the materials needed to make this a successful club, the cost will be between \$50 - \$60 per student depending on how many sign up. Please contact [Mrs. Krueger](#) if you have questions, or have your student see her if he/she would like to sign up.

Game Club (grades 4 - 8)

Led by Mrs. Krueger, Game Club will be held once a month on Thursdays, from 3:20 - 4:20 PM. We will learn a new strategy game for the first 30 minutes and then have time to get in groups and choose different games to play for the last 30 minutes. A fee of \$10 per student will be required to join the club in order to purchase games. Please contact [Mrs. Krueger](#) if you have questions, or have your student see her if he/she would like to sign up.

Forensics (grades TBD)

Forensics will begin on September 10, and will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday through the end of the season. It will run from 3:20 - 4:20 PM. We will choose pieces for competition and prepare them for the forensics meet. We will learn how to prepare different types of oral recitations and how to prepare an introduction for them. Please contact [Mrs. Krueger](#) if you have questions, or have your student see her if he/she would like to sign up.

Girls volleyball

Welcome to Westside Volleyball 2019! My name is Liesl Povich and I will be coaching the 7 & 8th grade girls' volleyball team at WCS. Let me also introduce Isa Wipperfurth who will be coaching with me, and Mrs. Michelle Luppen who will coach the 5 & 6th grade team. We aim to teach the girls Christian sportsmanship, volleyball fundamentals, and to use their God-given gifts to the best of their abilities. No experience is necessary! More information is available under Athletics Schedules in SchoolSpeak. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. Go WAVE!



Gym class reminders

As a reminder, your child **MUST** wear proper fitting, tennis shoes to gym class. If possible, leave a pair at school to avoid any issues.

Middle school students are required to wear a Westside gym shirt and dress code appropriate bottoms. Students who do not come prepared may need to sit out and/or make up the missed class by writing a paper about a topic assigned by the gym teacher. Gym shirts may be purchased from our Administrative Assistant.

{ CALENDAR }

OF EVENTS

Events this week...

- Clothing exchange: 8/26 - 8/30
- Chapel: 8/28 @ 8:30 AM. All are welcome!

Upcoming events...

9/2: NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

9/10: Friends of Westside meeting @ 7:30 AM. Please join us!

9/17: Save the date for Hobby Night, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

9/27: NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)



Pre-K3 News

We spent this week getting to know our friends...some new and some old. Friends are very fun to play with. Each one of us is unique in looks, abilities, and interests. We did some charting of physical characteristics in class and sang lots of songs to remember names. We talked about showing respect to each other by sharing, taking turns, and being kind. We always need to remember the best ways to get along with each other. We learned that God is love and that we can show love because of him. Jesus is our perfect example to follow. With his help we can get along, learn, and have fun!



4K News

This has been such an exciting time for us in 4K, as we get to know new classmates and learn about the routines in our room. We are learning about how to be a kind friend, good listener, and how to be helpful. We will soon review shapes, colors and sizes, too. Our Bible lesson is that the Bible is God's Word, and also that God made the whole world.



Kindergarten News

Our Kindergarten class is off to a great start with 12 students. Hooray! The children have been very kind to each other and have had lots of fun making new friends. They have also been learning new rules and routines very quickly. We have already begun our Superkid Reading Curriculum with Cass who loves to cook. Cass is helping us learn about the letter C and its sound. Cass also has a cat named Coconut, who helps out in the kitchen. How fun! We are very thankful that God has blessed the beginning of our school year.



1st Grade News

During the first week of school, we enjoyed learning more about each other through classroom activities. We have 15 students in our classroom: 10 boys and 5 girls. Everyone is quickly learning our classroom routines! Our first Bible lessons focused on creation. We talked about all the things God has made for us and how he makes each of us different. This week we will start our first social studies unit: Family.



2nd Grade News

We got off to a great start! We got to know each other with our "About Me" bags, along with other fun activities and projects. We read the story of a teacher who had "First Day Jitters." This followed with class discussion of the jitters we had about 2nd grade. Then we read a silly poem about special 'jitter juice' that always takes away those jitters or fears. Naturally, we decided to try this special juice and boy did it work. Plus, most of us thought it tasted great, even though it was green. :) What a fun week we had getting back into the routine of school!



3rd & 4th Grade News

We had a busy first three days of school. Between activities meant to get to know each other, activities that would help us get comfortable with the room and its procedures, and even starting to learn some curriculum lessons, the students have been kept very busy. I think a few may have even appreciated a nap on Friday afternoon. I loved watching new friendships form, existing friendships renew, and children successfully trying things they hadn't done before. What an exciting first week as we focused our Bible lessons on the first week of the world's existence – creation. What a mighty God we have. May he bless our school year with smiles, learning, and laughter.



Middle School News

Our first three days of school were spent team building as an entire middle school team and getting to know each other. This next week we will really be diving into curriculum for each class and following the normal schedule (which is now posted on School Speak). Look for a note in your student's "Take Home" folder this week about our upcoming field trip to Expeditions Unlimited on September 16.



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Our mission is to prepare students for academic success and lives of Christian service through a curriculum and total school program founded on the Word of God.

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