

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

April 28

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Save the date | School supplies pick-up/drop-off

This information is for families with students in kindergarten through 8th grade only. Preschool families completed this step last week.

As you know, we will not be returning to our classrooms this school year. We have designated **May 22**, which would have been our last day of school, as the day for you to return your student's Chromebook and power cord (if borrowed) as well as any books and other materials that belong to the school and/or any final school work that needs to be turned in. We will also collect key/card fobs from families that are not returning to Westside next school year. In return, you will receive any remaining school supplies and/or items from your student's desk. If you ordered a yearbook, it will be distributed then, as well. Each kindergarten student will also receive a certificate of completion and 8th grade students will receive their diplomas.

We will run this day the same way we did at the end of March, with a drive-up for the exchange of materials at the front entrance. All staff working this day will be wearing face masks and gloves as an added level of protection. If you do not feel safe with this plan, are ill, or your situation makes leaving your home difficult, please email Stacy (stacy.bernd@westside-christian.org) to make alternate arrangements.

We have staggered pick-up by last name (see chart below). Please notice that H and S make up one of the groups due to the disproportionate number of families with last names beginning with these

letters. *Any family member may pick up materials.* Your student does not need to be present at pick-up.

A - D..... 8:00 - 9:30
E - G & I - K..... 9:30 - 11:00
L - R..... 11:00 - 12:30
T - Z..... 12:30 - 2:00
H & S..... 2:00 - 3:30

While we are certainly disappointed that we can't have some of the enjoyable end of year activities that are normally planned, we are still hoping to coordinate a picnic this summer. After being apart for quite a while, it would certainly be a blessing to have a party and see our entire Westside Christian School community! As we learn more in the coming weeks regarding the end of Safer At Home restrictions, we will communicate specifics with all of you.

Enroll now for the Elective Music Program

"Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him...Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music" (Psalm 98:1,4).

We are going to use SignUpGenius to register for the 2020-21 Elective Music Program. Please read the Parent Letter (attached) carefully before enrolling your student for lessons.

Click [HERE](#) to enroll.

There are a limited number of openings available in each program so be sure to enroll in the program early!

Some highlights from the letter include:

- Band, guitar, and voice start in 4th grade, but piano starts as early as 4K.
- Students in grades 5 - 8 are REQUIRED to sign up for at least one music elective.
- Handchimes is an option for middle school students only.
- Enrollment is required and considered a contract for the full school year.

For our current Pre-K3 families excited about Kiddy Keys in 4K, you will have the opportunity to enroll during Preschool Orientation and at the start of the school year.



EMP parent letter 2020-21.pdf



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Join our team of amazing teachers!

Preschool Teacher

WCS is looking for a qualified preschool teacher who would be interested in being a lead teacher a minimum of 2 days a week. Ideal candidates would be a WELS member, have preschool experience,

and Elem. Ed. degree or have taken early childhood certification classes. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, contact [Principal Meredith Pucci](#).

Spanish Teacher

Westside Christian School is looking for a Spanish teacher beginning next school year. This part-time position would include teaching two sections of Spanish, 2-3 days a week. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please reach out to Principal Meredith Pucci.



Middle school Religion and Social Studies teacher position

Westside Christian School is actively working with our District President and the Commission on Lutheran Schools to fill the position of Social Studies and Religion teacher in our middle school. While working with our contacts at Wisconsin Lutheran College, we became aware of a few candidates who may be a match for the position and are exploring whether or not any of them might be a fit for our ministry. We have also submitted a request for a graduate of Martin Luther College (MLC) for the position. MLC assignment day is coming up on May 16. Between these two options, we pray that God will continue to bless our school ministry.

Father Daughter Ball pictures

Those who attended the Father Daughter Ball were supposed to receive a picture. Unfortunately, this year we are only able to supply you with a link to the edited pictures. If you want a printed version of your picture, you will need to print it using your home printer or send it to a vendor such as Walgreens to be printed for you. Thank you for understanding.

Click [HERE](#) to access the pictures.

Special Needs Scholarships for 2020-2021

Westside Christian School will be participating in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. This program allows a student with a disability to receive a scholarship to attend our school. The scholarship is able to cover some of the services for the student (e.g., speech therapy, occupational therapy) and will typically cover the cost of tuition as well.

Any current students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a services plan could be eligible. Unlike the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, eligibility is not based on a family's income. We will be working with Aspire Therapy to provide services to students in our school, as needed.

Let us know if you believe your child may qualify or know another family who would like the benefit of Christian education but haven't been able to attend in the past. Family enrollment for this program begins July 1. Seats are limited and scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Each application is looked at individually to determine whether or not we are able to meet all of the needs of the student applying. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please reach out to [Principal Meredith Pucci](#).

Extension granted for WPCP and financial aid applications

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, DPI has extended the deadline to submit an application and complete the application process for the WPCP to May 14, 2020. Completion of the process includes your submission of certain documents to Westside. We need to have received all required documents from you no later than May 14.

To be in line with this new deadline, Westside has also extended the deadline for financial aid applications. The economic impact of COVID-19 is significant, and we understand that your income from last year may not be a true picture of our financial situation for the coming school year. Our financial aid process allows families to submit a written letter to help us better understand each family's unique situation.

Contact [Meredith Pucci](#) ASAP if you have questions about either program.

Transportation reimbursement

Certain families are eligible for transportation reimbursement from the school district in which they reside. Eligible families should have received a mailing from the school district in which they reside and can submit for reimbursement within the guidelines outlined by each school district. Families should contact their school district with questions. **It is the responsibility of each family to indicate the school district in which they reside within TADS upon enrollment.** Failure to indicate your school district correctly may result in your family not being able to receive transportation reimbursement. More information is found in the Family Handbook.

Families will need to include the number of days they transported their student to and from school on the form. Use the following numbers and subtract any days your student was absent, which will be found on your student's final report card.

1st Semester: Preschool had 79 days. Kindergarten through 8th grade had 80 days.

2nd Semester: Preschool through 8th grade had 45 days.



Information for your taxes

Tax season is upon us. You will probably need our Federal EIN: 39-1437079. Also, you can find a record of your tuition expenses for 2018 using the following steps:

- 1) Log into TADS.
- 2) Navigate to the Billing area.
- 3) Click on the link titled "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report".


If you do not remember your login credentials for TADS, you will need to call them at 800-477-8237.




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