

# Westside Christian Wave Weekly

May 5

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## Save the date...May 22

For families with students in kindergarten through 8th grade...

As announced in last week's Wave, we ask that you make plans to stop by Westside on May 22. On this day, you will:

- Return Chromebooks and power cords (if borrowed).
- Return books and other materials that belong to the school.
- Turn in any final school work.
- Return key/card fobs (only if your student is not returning next school year).

In return, we will:

- Give back any remaining school supplies and/or items from your student's desk.
- Distribute yearbooks to families who ordered them.
- Issue our kindergarten students a certificate of completion.
- Present our 8th grade students with 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. We have staggered pick-up by last name as follows:



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. **In the meantime, check our Westside Christian Facebook page (@WCSMiddleton) each weekday in the month of May. We will be featuring a different 8th grade student to acknowledge the hard work and dedication these soon to be graduates have shown through their years at Westside!**



## 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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166.0 KB

## 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.

## Call update

Westside has requested an assignment of a Martin Luther College (MLC) graduate for a full-time English Language Arts teacher in middle school. This position is currently held by Mrs. Rachel Kamin in a part-time capacity, and will be increased to full-time. MLC assignment day is on May 16.

We have also been working throughout the year to find a Religion and Social Studies teacher for our middle school. In working with our contacts at the Commission on Lutheran Schools and Wisconsin Lutheran College, we are happy to report great progress has been made. God has heard those prayers and blessed our efforts and conversations. We are confident we will have good news to share with you very soon!

## 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.

## 8 Miles for Water

Every year, 8 Miles for Water holds a walk to raise money to help supply third world countries with clean drinking water. In the past, some of our Westside families have participated in the walk, and Westside has supported the organization with donations from one of our quarterly missions. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this year's event has been canceled; however, the Wyttenbach's are still attempting to raise money through online donations. If you would like to support them, click [HERE](#).

## 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.



## Westside Christian School

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