

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

January 17, 2024



Early Release Day this FRIDAY

It's an Early Release Day this Friday (1/19). All students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. School lunch and Extended Care are NOT offered on Early Release Days. As always, if your child will not be at school on Friday, please call the Attendance Line at 608-620-7103.

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Family Devotions

Click the title of the devotion provided to view the full devotion and see the complete collection of Family Devotions online at [WELS.net](https://wels.net). Questions are provided following the closing prayer to help

with family discussion at home.

[And So It Begins – January 12, 2024](#)

Read: Mark 1:4-11

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)

PowerHour this Friday

Are you ready for some fun in the sun? Children up to age 3 and their caregivers are invited to a "beach party" at the next PowerHour! Join us on Friday, January 19, at 10:30 AM in the St. Andrew gym. Click [here](#) for more information on PowerHour.

Call update

Jake Unke and Katherine Rath continue to hold their calls to join our ministry of Westside Christian School, beginning in the 2024-25 school year. As a reminder, Jake Unke was called to serve as principal and Katherine Rath was called to serve as a middle school ELA and special education teacher. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers as they deliberate the calls before them.

Head track coach needed

Westside Christian School is currently looking for someone to fill the head coaching position for our track team in the spring. The season will start in early April with a commitment of two practices per week. The season ends in late May and is accompanied with 3 - 4 track meets. We currently have an outstanding staff of assistant coaches. The former head coach is willing to work with the new head coach prior to the season to ease the transition into the roll. It is a great opportunity to serve our school and help our students glorify God with their talents. Please reach out to [Jack Murphy](#) if you have any questions or are interested.

Open Enrollment has begun!

Open Enrollment began today! We do still have a handful of seats left to fill. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to reach out to us for more information about our school. The best place for them to start would be our website at Westside-Christian.org, or they could call us at 608-831-8540 to schedule a tour.

We are so blessed by the number of families returning to Westside for the 2024-25 school year. Thank you for taking the time to re-enroll your student(s) so that we could get a clearer picture of our numbers as we prepared for open enrollment.



Father Daughter Dance | February 10

We are excited to invite our fathers and daughters to "An Enchanted Evening" of dancing and fun! Our annual Father Daughter Dance is coming up on Saturday, February 10, from 6 - 9 PM. The cost of the event is \$5 per person.

Formal invitations will be sent in the mail later this week. You can RSVP using the QR code on the invite or by using the following link.: <https://forms.gle/fKa4uq86zCC7XNCo8>

Do you have decorations to lend?

We are in need of some items to supplement the decorations. Please review the items listed on the following link to see if you can help out by lending us an item or two for the evening:

<https://forms.gle/WfbU1j9Wi6mCCsx29>

Volunteers needed

In order for this event to be successful, and to support those who work so hard to plan it, we will need help with set-up and hosting the event. If you can help, please sign up using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/.../10C0F4FABA722A3FECE9...>

2nd quarter report cards are available

Your child's 2nd quarter report card is available on Educate. Use the following steps to locate it and acknowledge that you have viewed it:

- 1) Log into Educate (email [Stacy Bernd](#) if you need your login credentials resent).
- 2) Select "Students" under the School drop-down menu.
- 3) Select the Academic tab.
- 4) Click the arrow symbol (>) next to Report Cards to expand the area.
- 5) Click the PDF symbol to preview the report card. (If you would like a hard copy of your student's report card, print it from here.)
- 6) Click the "Acknowledge" button under the statement "I acknowledge viewing this report card" to let your child's teacher know that you've seen the report card.

Please contact your student's teacher with any questions or concern about grades. Contact Stacy Bernd if you have questions about the functionality of the Educate tool.

Nurture opportunities for adults and children

St. Andrew offers many opportunities to nurture your faith with God's powerful Word, while encouraging and helping others do the same. Consider joining one of the many Growth Groups for adults or involving your child in one of our children's ministries.

Growth Groups

You are invited to join a [St. Andrew Growth Group](#). A Growth Group is a small group of fellow Christians who meet together weekly at St. Andrew, in homes, at various locations in the community, or online. One that may be of particular interest to you is being offered Friday mornings, beginning February 2, in the Soul Cafe to discuss [this book](#). It is for parents of school age-children. Connect with [Mr. Mark Kjenstad](#) if you have questions.

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Sunday children's ministries

[Plugged into Jesus](#) and [Musikgarten](#) return Sunday, January 14. Musikgarten is at 9:20 AM in room 104. Plugged into Jesus begins at 9:25 AM. Children in 4K – K meet in room 102, and children in grades 1 - 6 meet in the gym. [Spark](#), for children in grades 6 - 8, also returns on January 14 and meets in room 110. Spark makes Bible stories relevant to teens and pre-teens.

Nix Sticks at Luther Prep: A winter hitting league for boys

All boys in 6th - 8th grade are invited to attend a four week hitting league on Sundays. More information is available at [lps.wels.net > Athletics > Nix Sticks 2024](https://www.lps.wels.net/Athletics/NixSticks2024).



Spread the news about New Friends

Do you have any special needs friends in your life? Let them know about "New Friends" events where LLHS students spend the afternoon with special needs teens, playing games and doing projects. The next time this group gets together is Sunday, January 21, 1 - 3 PM at Lakeside. Contact Shelly Coron with any questions (scoron@llhs.org or call 920-648-2321). We're happy to take walk-up visitors!

Warrior Summer Band

Hey, 8th grade band members! The summer band season begins Sunday, May 5, 2024, with a 6 PM mandatory parent & teen meeting. This year the band will go on an awesome week-long trip to and around St. Louis for its spectacular 141st America's Birthday Parade! Register early to help us plan! See llhs.org/apps/pages/summerband for more info. If you are planning to join us in summer band, you are also invited to participate in Spring Fundraising to help offset costs. This spring's cookie dough fundraising begins March 15. For more info, contact Mr. Pufahl (gpufahl@llhs.org).

Honor and Color Guard

Interested in Summer Band but don't play an instrument? We have two other options for you: Honor Guard (banner, American Flag, Wisconsin Flag, etc.) and Color Guard (spinning the colorful flags). Rehearsals have begun, so please call Jennifer Ertman (920-397-2603 or email jennifer.ertman@crownoflifeacademy.org) ASAP if you'd like to get your child involved

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OF EVENTS

This Week

Friday: Early Release Day (all students dismissed at 11:30 AM; no school lunch or Extended Care offered)

Friday: Parents of Neurodiverse Learners meeting @ 8:00 AM

Sign up to be a lunch line helper - NEW February and March dates added!

Click [HERE](#).

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You might want to get these dates on your calendar NOW!

- 1/22: Lion's Vision Screening
- 1/24: 7th grade field trip ("Warrior for a Day" at LLHS; bus leave WCS @ 6:50 AM)
- 2/1: Wisconsin Parental Choice Program enrollment begins (more info coming soon)
- 2/10: Father Daughter Dance (more info coming soon)
- 2/11: Preschool and kindergarten students sing at St. Andrew
- 2/12: Friends of Westside meeting @ 7:40 AM in Soul Cafe | 1st grade field trip | 3rd grade field trip
- 2/15-2/16: **NO SCHOOL** (State Teachers Conference)
- 2/19-2/23: Spirit Week (more info coming soon)
- 2/20: 4th grade field trip
- 2/25: Middle School students sing at St. Andrew
- 2/27: **NO SCHOOL** (Parent Teacher Conferences)

Key Dates Calendar, 2023 - 2024 School Year

Please note that the calendar was revised this summer.

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Singing Schedule, 2023 - 2024 School Year.pdf

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[Family Handbook \(2023-2024 School Year\)](#)

[TADS \(Enrollment and Billing Information\)](#)

Educate (Parent Portal)

Announcements (Lunch Menus, Key Dates and School Calendar, etc.) | Course Documents | Events (general and grade-specific) | Student-Specific Information (Assignments and Grades, Attendance Record, Demographics)

CONTACT US

Attendance Line: 608.620.7103 | General Line: 608.831.8540

www.Westside-Christian.org

Friends of Westside (private Facebook group): #FOWMiddleton



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