Westside Christian Wave Weekly

January 4, 2024

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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 <u>WELS.net</u>. Questions are provided following the closing prayer to help with family discussion at home.

Wear your best Christmas clothes - January 3, 2024

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:12-14)

Call update

Westside Christian School is still seeking to fill two positions for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. At a call meeting on January 7 at 11:45 AM, after discussion and prayerful consideration, St. Andrew voters will choose one candidate for each position: principal and special education/English language arts teacher. We will then extend calls to the selected individuals. They will determine over the subsequent weeks whether to remain in their current role or to join our ministry in Middleton. Those interested in providing input on candidates should plan to attend the meeting on Sunday.

PowerHour returns this FRIDAY

Children up to age 3 and their caregivers are invited for "outside" winter fun at the next PowerHour. Join us on this Friday (1/5), at 10:30 AM in the St. Andrew gym. Click here for more information on PowerHour.

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School closure procedures

It looks like we may finally get some wintery weather next week. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school closure procedures (see attached). As always, we encourage you to keep your child(ren) at home if you are concerned about travel to or from school. Please call the Attendance Line at 608-620-7103 to report an absence or if your child will arrive late or be picked up early.

Dress for the weather

The snow brings lots of opportunity for outdoor winter fun! We provide sleds for the kids to use when there's a little more snow on the ground, and they love to build snowmen, roll giant snowballs, make snow angels, and just have fun running and playing in the winter wonderland out back.

This is just a friendly reminder to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess during the cold winter months. Students in grades K - 8 will stay inside for recess if the "feels like" temperature (combined wind chill and air temp) falls below zero degrees. Students should have a winter coat, a pair of winter boots, at least one pair of mittens/gloves, and a hat. A pair of snow pants, scarf, balaclava, or ski mask will also help keep your child warm while outside. **Winter boots are required on the playground.** Students without boots will need to stay on the cement during recess.

Notices of School Closure_2023-24.pdf

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Price increase for school lunch

Due to the steadily rising cost of food and fuel charges, Taher will be raising the price of school lunch by \$0.15 per meal. Therefore, the cost for a school lunch will increase to \$4.35, effective 1/1/24. The cost for a second entree remains the same at \$1.80.

Sorry for the delay: Early Enrollment status update

Update on delay to early enrollment

As you know, early enrollment did not begin as scheduled on December 27. We are still working through issues with TADS. We will send an email when it's up-and-running. In the meantime, here is the previously published information about the process. Sorry for the delay

Westside families and members of St. Andrew have an opportunity to enroll at Westside *before* enrollment opens to the community. Applications and re-enrollment requests received prior to January 14, 2024, are given top priority, but only if they are submitted during this early enrollment period. Attached below are the 2024-25 tuition rates and the Key Dates calendar, as well as information about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for next school year.

As a current Westside family, you will receive an email (via TADS) inviting you to re-enroll your student(s) for the 2024-25 school year. The link in that email is **specific to your family**. Do not share it!

Please keep the following in mind when re-enrolling or submitting an application:

- In addition to re-enrolling your current Westside student, you may also submit an application for any other child in your family (Pre-K3 8th grade) for priority review. Complete your re-enrollment(s) first then go to the Admissions area of TADS to submit applications for your new student(s).
- This enrollment includes a binding financial commitment for the 2024-25 school year. In the event of a student withdrawal or decision to enroll elsewhere, parents or guardians are financially responsible for paying tuition for the entire 2024-25 school year. We do understand that there are situations that may necessitate a withdrawal. For example, a qualifying life event (e.g., significant health issue, relocation) is an acceptable reason for withdrawing a student. Westside may wave the policy in these situations.
- Only St. Andrew Member Subsidy and Multi Student Discount credits will be applied at this time. All other credits (e.g., WPCP, SNSP) will be applied before you receive your first invoice in August. *Please note the changes to the Multi-Student Discount.*
- You will need to pay a non-refundable \$125 enrollment/application fee, so have your credit card or banking information available. You will be charged nothing more until August 2024 when your first tuition payment is due.
- Open enrollment for the general public begins on Tuesday, January 16. All enrollment requests
 received on and after January 14 will be processed in the order they are received, so be sure to
 take advantage of the early enrollment period.

• If you know of a family who is interested in learning more about Westside Christian School, please contact Meredith Pucci right away.

If you have trouble with the online TADS tool, contact TADS support at (800) 477-8237 or support@tads.com, M-F, 8 AM - 6 PM CST. If you have questions about the enrollment process in general, please contact Stacy Bernd.

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Key Dates Calendar_2024-25_Tentative.pdf

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General WPCP Invite 2024-2025.pdf

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This Week

Friday: Casual Day

<u>Early Next Week</u> Friends of Westside meeting at 7:40 AM

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

Click HERE.

January Lunch Menu.pdf

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

- 1/8: Friends of Westside meeting @ 7:40 AM in Soul Cafe
- 1/15: **NO SCHOOL** (MLK Jr. Day)
- 1/16: Open Enrollment begins
- 1/19: Early Release Day (all students dismissed at 11:30 AM; no

school lunch or Extended Care offered) | Parents of Neurodiverse Learners meeting @ 8:00 AM

- 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
- 2/14: 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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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)

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