

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

February 13, 2024



NO SCHOOL this Thursday or Friday

Westside does not have school this Thursday (2/15) or Friday (2/16) to allow our teachers the opportunity to attend the State Teacher's Conference.

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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. Questions are provided following the closing prayer to help

with family discussion at home.

[Keep Listening to Jesus! – February 12, 2024](#)

Read: Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. Peter said to Jesus, "It is good for us to be here. (He did not know what to say.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" (Mark 9:2,3,5-7)

A Morning for Your Marriage

Pastor Hunter is hosting [A Morning for Your Marriage](#), from 9 to 11 AM on Saturday, February 24. This enrichment for married couples will help you find more joy in each other and give more glory to God through your marriage. Childcare will be available, but we ask that you register by Monday, February 19.

Call update

Mr. Kuschel has returned his call and will be staying at Westside!

Our 3rd grade teacher, [Ms. Gnewuch](#), has received a call to Abiding Peace Academy in Simpsonville, SC, to teach a 3rd/4th or 4th/5th combo classroom next school year (see her Acknowledgement letter attached). She welcomes your prayers, words of encouragement, and thoughts for her as she deliberates this call.

This past Sunday, the voters of St. Andrew called two individuals to join our ministry of Westside Christian School starting in the 2024 - 25 school year. Dan Plath was called to serve as Principal. He is currently the Principal at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Beverly Hills, FL. Krista Simmons, a member of St. Andrew, was called to serve as the new Middle School ELA and Special Ed teacher. Please pray for Dan and Krista as they deliberate the calls before them.

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Sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 27. We will not have school that day to accommodate for these important meetings. If you need to bring your child, please bring an

activity to keep him/her busy while you meet with the teacher. Older children may wait quietly in the hallway outside the classroom.

The links to sign up are available for students in 4K - 8th grade. The link for Pre-K3 is coming soon. We will email Pre-K3 families when the sign-up is available. For children in grades Pre-K3 – 4th grade, parents will complete a separate form for each child. For children in middle school (5th – 8th grades), parents will select one slot per family.

Sign up to meet with your child's teacher using the following steps:

- 1) Log in to Educate. (Contact [Stacy Bernd](#) if you need your login credentials.)
- 2) Locate the link titled "Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Ups" under the Announcements area, then click "(more...)" to expand the information.
- 3) Locate the appropriate conference sign-up*. (If the link doesn't work, copy and paste it into your browser or try using a different device.)
- 4) Complete the form.
- 5) Click submit. **Any change to your selected slot needs to be done PRIOR to 3 PM on Monday (2/26) by contacting [Dana Veers](#).** Last minute cancelations should be communicated in an email to your child's teacher.

* The middle school teachers will each have a table set up in the gym. **Your family will sign up for one 30-minute slot, no matter how many middle school students you have in your family.** You can go to whichever and however many middle school teacher tables you would like within your one timeslot. This will allow you to speak to more than one teacher and especially a teacher where you feel there are specific conversation needs. In addition, Meredith Pucci, Valerie Weiss, Levi Schriefer, and Sue Martalock will be in the building that day. If you have anything you need to discuss with those specific individuals, please reach out to them separately to arrange a meeting. Their email addresses are as follows:

meredith.pucci@westside-christian.org

valerie.weiss@westside-christian.org

levi.schriefer@westside-christian.org

sue.martalock@westside-christian.org

Please reach out to Dana Veers at Dana.Veers@westside-christian.org if you have any questions.

Spirit Week themes and pep rally

Spirit Week, one of the most anticipated events of the school year, is scheduled for next week, February 19 - 23. Each day is a theme day (see list below). Students are encouraged to play along and dress to the theme, but regular "casual day" clothes are also allowed. On Thursday, the students will play some fun games, and we'll come together as a school for a pep rally at 2 PM.

Monday: *Sports team day.* Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt or dress as an athlete.

Tuesday: *Duo/Twin Day.* Pair up to dress as a famous duo or wear the same outfit as someone else (triplets, quads, etc. also work).

Wednesday: *Tropical/Beach Day.* Let's bring a little summertime into winter.

Thursday: *Westside Day.* Dress in blue and white or any Westside spirit wear. Kids on the Westside

2 PM (all are welcome!).

Friday: Superhero Day AND/OR Pajama Day

As a reminder, casual day [dress code](#) applies. The following are not permitted at any time:

- Clothing containing sheer, lace or other “see through” fabrics designed to show skin.
- Excessively baggy and/or tight clothing including but not limited to leggings or jeggings (worn only as pants), lycra, spandex, and yoga pants/tops.
- Clothing showing cleavage, stomach, shoulders, collarbone, and/or back.
- Dresses, jumpers, skirts, or skorts shorter than fingertip length.
- Skirts, dresses, or jumpers without tights, leggings, or shorts underneath.
- Sleeveless dresses or jumpers without a shirt underneath.
- Clothing containing language and/or images that could be construed as offensive or inappropriate.
- Clothing containing holes or frayed cuffs.

Reminder about Forward Testing

Forward Testing is scheduled for April 8 - 19. While that's a bit down the road, we ask that you **look at your calendars now** to ensure that your child(ren) will be in school on those days. With limited building space and time in which to conduct the testing, making up a test is difficult. If at all possible, please do not schedule appointments during these two weeks. If you know that your child will be out of school due to travel, please email Stacy Bernd so that we can try to make an alternate plan for his/her testing. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Information for your taxes

Federal EIN: 39-1437079

Tax season is upon us. You will need our Federal EIN: 39-1437079. Also, you can find a record of your tuition expenses for 2023 using the following steps:

1. Log into TADS.
2. Navigate to the Billing area.
3. Select the number in blue next to the 2022-23 school year.
4. Click on the Reports tab.
5. Click on the link titled "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report".
6. Enter "2023" in the Tax Year field.

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

Wisconsin Tuition Tax Deduction

As your family looks into the details of the Wisconsin Private School Tuition Tax Deduction, [see some FAQs here](#). Download a 2022 PS form: revenue.wi.gov/TaxForms2022/2022-SchedulePS.pdf



Help needed in the Welcome Center

If you are interested in **paid employment** helping out in the Welcome Center on days when our receptionist, Lynnda Ehlke, is not here, please contact [Principal Meredith Pucci](#). Candidates need to be available from 8 AM - 1 PM, with an option to stay later if there is enough work to keep busy. General computer knowledge

and attention to detail is required.

Save the dates for WCS volleyball skills camp

Westside is offering a volleyball skills camp in early spring for girls in grades 3 and 4. The girls will learn basic volleyball skills and rules as an introduction to the game. The camp will consist of four after school practices, concluding with a Saturday morning of intrasquad scrimmages. Practices will be held at Westside on April 2, 4, 9, and 11, from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Scrimmage day is Sunday, April 14, beginning at 1:00 PM. Watch for a sign-up coming in March.

{CALENDAR}

OF EVENTS

This Week

Thursday & Friday: NO SCHOOL (State Teachers Conference)

Early Next Week

2/19-2/23: Spirit Week (see article above)

2/20: 4th grade field trip

February Lunch Menu.pdf

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

- 2/25: Middle School students sing at St. Andrew
- 2/27: **NO SCHOOL** (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- 3/4: Read Across America (watch for more details)
- 3/10: Praise Choir sings at St. Andrew
- 3/18-3-22: **NO SCHOOL** (Spring Break)
- 3/29: **NO SCHOOL** (Good Friday)
- 4/1: **NO SCHOOL** (Easter Monday)

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)

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www.Westside-Christian.org

Friends of Westside (private Facebook group): #FOWMiddleton



Meredith Pucci

