

# Westside Christian Wave Weekly

February 26, 2024



## NO SCHOOL tomorrow (2/27)

Westside does not have school tomorrow (2/27). Instead, we will be conducting parent teacher conferences. If you haven't had a chance to sign up for one or need to make an adjustment to one already scheduled, please see the article below.

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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.

### [Fill in the Blank – February 21, 2024](#)

#### **Read: Romans 8:31-39**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38,39)

### **Call update**

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

Dan Plath continues to hold our call to serve as Principal, beginning next school year. Please pray for Dan as he deliberates where best to serve our Lord.

### **Upcoming event with the Dane County Sheriff's Dept.**

The Dane County Sheriff's Department will be here next Tuesday, March 5, from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, for a **fun event** with the kids. The students will have an opportunity to check out their vehicles, try on gear, and ask questions about careers in law enforcement and learn what each deputy does. Vehicles on site (if available) will include:

- 2 Community deputies & squad
- 1 Beat/Patrol deputy & squad
- 1 Beltline truck
- 1 Bearcat (tactical vehicle)
- 1 MATE vehicle (outdoor terrain team)
- Recruiting team & squad (with free stuff to hand out to the kids)
- 2 Traffic deputies and their "unmarked squads" (a.k.a., race cars)

If all vehicles are able to be here, there will be quite a police presence, so please don't panic.

Westside's relationship with the Dane County Sheriff's Department is a pretty special one. They stop by often to foster their relationship with our students and work to keep us safe. This event is new to us this year. In the past, they have read books in the classroom, participated with the band, and been on hand for safety drills. Breaking news: They will be here during Preschool Orientation/K-8 Kick-Off on August 19 to conduct a child car seat check-up for anyone who would like one.

### **EMP registration for 2024-25 school year is now open**

We're excited to share that registration for the 2024-25 Elective Music Program (EMP) is now open!

Please register via the attached form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVd7G0TZo70GelHjO8iQ!g868etCSt\\_kgv7ovmpPeKzcNslw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVd7G0TZo70GelHjO8iQ!g868etCSt_kgv7ovmpPeKzcNslw/viewform?usp=sf_link).

Space is limited in each music elective; therefore, we recommend that families don't delay their registration. We will work to place as many students as possible in their music elective(s) of choice.

Not sure what EMP is all about? The EMP instructors have composed a video with information about each music elective and other information about the program in general.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NtOv4EmLPA92ZEozgZM\\_mrd-7gw7aW9J/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NtOv4EmLPA92ZEozgZM_mrd-7gw7aW9J/view?usp=drive_link).

If you have any EMP questions, please contact EMP Coordinator Melissa Dyer at:

[empcoordinator@westside-christian.org](mailto:empcoordinator@westside-christian.org).



### Consolation Champs!

The Westside A-team boys basketball team once again took home the Consolation Championship award. This weekend it was the Eastside Invitational in which they dominated. As always, they showed great Christian sportsmanship and used their God-given athletic abilities to his glory.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences TOMORROW (2/27)

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held tomorrow (2/27). We will not have school tomorrow to accommodate for these important meetings.

**If you haven't had a chance to sign up for a parent teacher conference, follow the instructions below. Any change to a previously selected slot needs to be done PRIOR to 3 PM today (2/26) by contacting [Dana Veers](#).** Cancellations after 3:00 today should be communicated in an email to your child's teacher.

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.

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\* 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](mailto:meredith.pucci@westside-christian.org)

[valerie.weiss@westside-christian.org](mailto:valerie.weiss@westside-christian.org)

[levi.schriefer@westside-christian.org](mailto:levi.schriefer@westside-christian.org)

[sue.martalock@westside-christian.org](mailto:sue.martalock@westside-christian.org)

Please reach out to Dana Veers at [Dana.Veers@westside-christian.org](mailto:Dana.Veers@westside-christian.org) if you have any questions.

## 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](https://revenue.wi.gov/TaxForms2022/2022-SchedulePS.pdf)

### **St. Andrew Summer Camp**

Summer camp at St. Andrew will look a little different this year. Instead of conducting science experiments and kicking soccer balls, kids will have an opportunity to grow in music, art, cooking, and more. What won't be different is that Jesus will be in the middle of everything. The dates are July 8 – 11. Registration will begin after Easter.

### **Camp Phillip overnight summer camps**

If you are looking for a Christian overnight summer camp, consider Camp Phillip in Wautoma. They have been hosting summer camps for over fifty years. Go [here](#) to see what is available in 2024. There are cards with more information in the atrium.

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# { CALENDAR }

## OF EVENTS

#### This Week

**Tuesday: NO SCHOOL** (Parent Teacher Conferences; see article above)

**Friday: Casual Day**

#### Early Next Week

2/4: Read Across America

### February Lunch Menu.pdf

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### March Lunch Menu.pdf

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

- 2/27: **NO SCHOOL** (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- 3/4: Read Across America (watch for more details)
- 3/8: Parents of Neurodiverse Learners Meetup
- 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)
- 4/4: 5th & 6th grade field trip; 7th & 8th grade field trip
- 4/6: Mother Son Event (watch for info to come)
- 4/6 - 4/7: LLHS Fine Arts Fair (EMP students only)
- 4/8: FOW meeting (virtual)
- 4/8 - 4/19: Forward Testing (see article above)
- 4/12: Strings & Guitar Concert @ 4:00; Band & Voice Concert @ 6:15
- 4/13: Piano Recitals (Lund @ 9:30, Hunter @ 10:45, Fritz @ 12:45, Dyer @ 2:00)
- 4/14: Grades 3 & 4 sing at St. Andrew
- 4/17: Middle school field trip
- 4/18: Choice Program enrollment period ends
- 4/19: Preschool field trip
- 4/22: **NO SCHOOL** (Professional Development Day)
- 4/26: 5th and 6th grade field trip
- 4/28: Grades 1 & 2 sing at St. Andrew

### Key Dates Calendar, 2023 - 2024 School Year

Please note that the calendar was revised this summer.

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## Tentative 2024 - 2025 Key Dates Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for the calendar.

### 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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### CONTACT US

Attendance Line: 608.620.7103 | General Line: 608.831.8540

[www.Westside-Christian.org](http://www.Westside-Christian.org)

Friends of Westside (private Facebook group): #FOWMiddleton



**Meredith Pucci**