

# Westside Christian Wave Weekly

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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.

[I Can't Do This Anymore! – February 5, 2024](#)

**Read: Isaiah 40:27-31**

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. (Isaiah 40:28,29,31a)

**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**

Please keep Mr. Kuschel and his wife, Sarah, in your prayers as Karl deliberates a call he received to Abiding Word Lutheran School in Houston, TX, to teach middle school math and religion. As a reminder, a call meeting at St. Andrew is set for Sunday, February 11, after the 10:30 AM service, to call for two positions: Principal and Middle School Special Education and ELA teacher.

**Father Daughter Dance this SATURDAY**

We are excited to invite our fathers and daughters to "An Enchanted Evening" of dancing and fun! Our annual Father Daughter Dance is this Saturday (2/10), from 6 - 9 PM. The cost of the event is \$5 per person.

If you have not yet submitted your RSVP, please do so by clicking [HERE](#). We will use the RSVPs received by end of day today to help us prep for the night, so please register ASAP.

### *Volunteers needed*

Volunteers are needed to ensure a successful event. Moms, volunteering at the dance is a great opportunity to witness this special night. Dads, even though this event is for you and your daughter, there are some ways for you to volunteer, too.

Whether you can help with set-up, registration, photography, or clean-up, there's a job for everyone! Click [HERE](#) if you can help. We greatly appreciate it!

### *Reminder regarding our Volunteer Policy*

As a school, we believe that volunteering demonstrates many important things to our children. For one, it shows our children that we hold an interest in their education and a commitment to their school. It also demonstrates the way Christians respond with service to their community. Most importantly, it fosters the culture of family that we have worked hard to create and will continue to develop at WCS. **It is an expectation that each household volunteer a minimum of 5 hours during the school year.**

## **Bubble Wonders assembly**

This Friday, [Bubble Wonders](#) will be here to WOW the students with an educational and entertaining show. We are splitting the kids into two groups to ensure an engaging program for all: Preschool - 3rd grade @ 9:00; 4th - 8th grade @ 10:00. The kids won't want to miss this one!

## **Friends of Westside (PTO) meeting next MONDAY**

Want a chance to voice your opinion on how to spend the remaining funds from the Westside Stride? Join the Friends of Westside (PTO) meeting next Monday (2/12). We'll be discussing that as well as learning more about the upcoming school assemblies and events. All are welcome! The meeting is kid friendly, so you're welcome to bring your littles if that will help.

## **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program application period has begun**

Westside Christian School participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), sometimes referred to as the Choice Program. The WPCP is a state-funded program that offers qualified families a voucher to cover their child's tuition in full. The application period began on February 1, 2024, and will end April 18, 2024. You can learn more and complete an application [HERE](#).

The WPCP is available to current Westside families as well as students coming from a public school, home school, charter, or virtual school setting. Students could be eligible if their family

family qualifies and would like to learn more, we encourage you to reach out to [Principal Meredith Pucci](#). More information can be found on our [website](#).

## 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.



## Bakery Dew Valentines cookie sale

Show some love with a sweet treat from Bakery Dew LLC! Choose Chocolate Chip Pecan or Monster Cookie (gluten free and nut free), individually gift boxed with blank gift tag, ready to treat your Valentine! Cookies will be available February 13, beginning at 3 PM in the atrium. Individual, unboxed cookies in both varieties will also be available. Boxed, \$3 each; individual, \$2.50 each. Proceeds benefit the 3rd quarter mission project. Cash, checks (Bakery Dew LLC) or Venmo (@bakerydew4you) accepted.

## 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.

(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)

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[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.

## Spirit Week themes and pep rally

Spirit Week, one of the most anticipated events of the school year, is scheduled for 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 basketball team may wear their jerseys with a sleeved shirt underneath. There will be a pep rally at 2 PM (all are welcome!).

**Friday:** *Superhero Day* (PreK - 4th) & *Pajama Day* (middle school).

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.

## Survey for Title I Supports due this FRIDAY

All Westside families, please click [HERE](#) to complete this very short survey by this Friday (2/9).

This [survey](#) of our current student body helps to determine the amount of Title I academic supports available to Westside in the 2024-25 school year. These supports include supplemental reading and math intervention services for eligible students. **If a [survey](#) is completed by all Westside families, Westside can receive the maximum Title I allocation for services allowable by law.** The Title I allocation is determined by the income levels of students who would have attended a Title I (public) school in the area.

If your child(ren) lives in multiple households, only one household should complete this [survey](#). If you have children who attend another private school, you may receive multiple surveys. Each survey you receive is specific to the school that sent it. This [survey](#) is from Westside, so the information you submit should be specific to your child(ren) who attend(s) Westside.

**Your family name and information will be kept confidential at our school.** Only a summary of the data collected is provided to the area school districts where it is utilized for calculating the Title I allocation for services.

## 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)

## 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.

### Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is overflowing. Please take a minute to look through it.



# {CALENDAR} OF EVENTS

## This Week

**Friday:** Bubble Wonders assembly

**Saturday:** Father Daughter Dance

**Sunday:** Preschool and kindergarten students sing at St. Andrew

## Early Next Week

### **Monday:**

- Friends of Westside (PTO) meeting @ 7:50 AM in Soul Cafe
- 1st grade field trip
- 3rd grade field trip

**Tuesday:** Bakery Dew Cookie Sale

## February Lunch Menu.pdf

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

- 2/15-2/16: **NO SCHOOL** (State Teachers Conference)
- 2/19-2/23: Spirit Week (see article above)
- 2/20: 4th grade field trip
- 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)



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

Friends of Westside (private Facebook group): #FOWMiddleton



**Meredith Pucci**