

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

April 9, 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 WELS.net. Questions are provided following the closing prayer to help with family discussion at home.

[I win because Jesus won – April 5, 2024](#)

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when

he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Corinthians 15:19-26)

Call updates

The voters of St. Andrew called Beth Plath to serve as our 3rd grade teacher, and we are excited to report that she has accepted that call. We look forward to welcoming her and her husband Dan, who will be the principal in our school ministry, beginning in the 2024-25 school year. Her acceptance letter is attached below.

In addition, Karl Kuschel and Tammy Mielke both received calls to other ministries. Karl received a call to teach middle school at Divine Savior Academy in Doral, FL. Tammy received a call to teach English at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, WI. Please reach out to both Karl and Tammy with any thoughts you might have, and pray for them as they deliberate their calls.

Beth Plath Acceptance (1).pdf

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Chapel date change

Chapel will be held on Friday, April 19, instead of that Wednesday. Please note this date change on your calendar. As always, all are welcome to join us at 8:15 AM when the children come together for these weekly devotions, music, and praise.

Art Gala

Stop by Westside on April 10 - 12, or on Thursday or Sunday, to view Westside's Art Gala featuring the masterpieces created by our students in grades K through 8. The students have worked very hard on their pieces. This year we made artwork from a program called EASE: Exploring Art Supplies through the Environment. You will see a lot of animals and imagery from several different habitats. The exhibit will be left up through 11:30 AM on Sunday, April 14.

Field Day volunteers needed

Our annual field day will be held on May 22 (last day of school), from 9 - 11 AM, and we need some help with set-up, running games, and clean-up. Please review the [sign-up form](#) and help where you can! If you can help for the duration of the event, please sign up for multiple slots. We appreciate you!

Middle School Girls Club

We are excited to announce that the Middle School Girls Club is forming for it's third year at Westside. Leaders, Sara Musgrave and Kari Oberloh (moms of middle school girls), invite all girls in grades 7 & 8 to sign up.

Who:

Offered to girls in grades 7 & 8.

What:

An after-school club featuring a different theme each week for girls to learn, participate, and have fun. Below are a few ideas/themes we have planned:

- Pet Rescue
- Crafting
- Health/Wellness

When:

The club will meet on Wednesdays, April 17 - May 15, from 3:30 - 4:45 PM (five weeks).

Where:

We will meet in room 114 (a.k.a., the art room).

Cost:

Sara and Kari are providing the funding for this club; however, we are asking for a donation of \$10/per girl to help cover the activity/snack costs. Please send the donation with your daughter on the first day we meet.

If your daughter would like to join in on the fun, please send an email including your middle schooler's name and grade to Sara (musgrave.sara@gmail.com) by April 12 so we can plan the activities accordingly.

Sign up to be a lunch line helper

Do you have 90 minutes to spare around the lunch hour? We are in need of helpers to check off the names of the children as they enter the gym for lunch. Click [HERE](#) if you can help.

Forward Testing details (includes updated sign-up for snacks)

Forward testing for grades 3 - 8 will be conducted at various times this week and next. **Please try to avoid removing your child from school for appointments on these days, and do not plan vacations during this time, if at all possible.** The exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. We also use the scores in combination with what we know about each child's strengths and areas of opportunity for growth to better impact their academic success. Your child's scores will be shared with you this summer and do not affect his/her grades. Contact Principal Meredith Pucci if you have questions about the exams.

The best way to help your child prepare for this testing is to ensure that he/she gets a good night's sleep the night before and eats a healthy breakfast the morning of an exam. You may also want to send a couple healthy snacks for mid morning and mid afternoon.

Remaining Exam Schedule Dates

April 10: Grades 4 & 8

April 11: Grades 4 - 8

April 12: Grades 4 & 8

April 15: Grades 3 & 8

April 16: Grades 3, 4, 7, 8

April 17: Grades 3 & 4

April 18: Grades 5 - 8

April 19: Grades 4 - 6

Make up testing will take place April 23 - 26.

Sign up to provide a healthy snack (updated list)

To help the kids stay focused and do their best, we would love to provide healthy snacks for those who need it. We're hoping you can help us with this by donating an item or two. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. While we are providing a supply of snacks, we cannot guarantee that it will last the full two weeks nor that you child will like what's offered.

Reports cards

As a reminder, 3rd quarter report cards have been published to Educate. Use the following steps to view your student's report card:

- 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.



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 2023 PS form: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/TaxForms2023/2023-SchedulePS.pdf>.

Open School Council meeting | April 16

The Westside Christian School Council's upcoming meeting will allow time for any parents/guardians to attend if they wish to meet with the governing board for any reason. The meeting date is April 16 at 6:30 PM. If you plan to attend, we ask that you email School Council Chairman, [Dan Kremer](#), to let him know so the group can plan accordingly.

Save the Date...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 soon!



Sign up for Summer Camps & Leagues

If your elementary students like football, basketball, running, soccer, golf, volleyball, wrestling, or STEM, Lakeside has a summer camp for them! These camps offer instruction and fun

among fellow Christians. Sign up is also available for summer baseball and softball leagues. Start at llhs.org/k8sports.

Youth Football Registrations Needed

Lakeside's new football coach, Matt Doering, encourages all 5th, 6th & 7th grade boys to consider the mental and physical strength-building, exciting sport that is football! The deadline to register for 2024 youth football (Aug-Oct) at Lakeside is quickly approaching. Contact him with questions at 920-648-2321 (x1521) or mdoering@llhs.org. Please also register at llhs.org/apps/pages/jrwarriors.

LLHS Spring Theatre: Disney's High School Musical On Stage

Showtimes: Friday–Saturday, April 26 - 27 @ 7 PM, Sunday, April 28 @ 2 PM.

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life! Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extracurricular activities. Fun for the whole family! Tickets are available at [LLHS.org/drama](https://llhs.org/drama).

{ CALENDAR }

OF EVENTS

This Week

Monday - Friday: Forward Testing

Wednesday - Sunday: Art Gala (see article above)

Friday: Strings & Guitar Concert @ 4:00; Band & Voice Concert @ 6:15

Saturday: Piano Recitals (Lund @ 9:30, Hunter @ 10:45, Fritz @ 12:45, Dyer @ 2:00)

Sunday: Grades 3 & 4 sing at St. Andrew

Early Next Week

4/15 - 4/19: Forward Testing continues

4/16: Open School Council meeting

April Lunch Menu.pdf

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

- 4/17: Middle school field trip | Chapel re-scheduled to Friday (4/19)
- 4/18: Choice Program enrollment period ends
- 4/19: Chapel | Preschool field trip | PowerHour
- 4/22: NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)
- 4/28: Grades 1 & 2 sing at St. Andrew
- 5/1: 3rd grade field trip
- 5/4: Family Movie Night (watch for details coming soon) | Casual Day | PowerHour
- 5/5: Preschool Spring Sing
- 5/7: Kindergarten field trip
- 5/8 - 5/10: Spring Clothing Exchange collection period
- 5/9: Plant Sale delivery date
- 5/12: Praise Choir sings at St. Andrew
- 5/13: FOW meeting @ 7:50 AM
- 5/14: Extreme Science assembly (8:45 - 9:45 AM)
- 5/15 - 5/17: 8th grade class trip
- 5/15: 2nd grade field trip
- 5/16: 1st grade field trip
- 5/17: 3rd & 4th grade field trip
- 5/21: 8th grade graduation
- 5/22: **Last day of school! School day ends for all students at 11:30 AM** | Field Day (9 - 11 AM)

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)

CONTACT US

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Friends of Westside (private Facebook group): #FOWMiddleton



Meredith Pucci