



*“Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord
with all your heart and mind and do not rely
on your own insight or understanding.”*

Proverbs 3:5 AMP

WSCS COMING EVENTS:

September	22	HALF DAY - K-8 Dismiss at 12:00 - Staff Retreat
	22	No Preschool (AM/PM) or Young 5s classes
	28	West Side 5K at Millenium Park & Fun Run 6 – 8 p.m.
October	7	WSCS Fall Family Festival 1-3 pm (see announcement)
	17/18	Parent/Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm
	18	Picture Re-takes/Make-up day
	19/20	No School - CEA Convention/Professional Development for teachers
	27	Orchestra 7th/8th String Clinic at South Christian 8:30-11
November	7	No GRPS busing

HOT LUNCH:

Wednesday, September 20, is Chicken Strip Day.

Elementary helpers (11:30): L. Verbeek, S. Offringa, E. Simpson, L. Kauffman

Middle School (12:05): L. Verbeek

Thursday, September 21, is Breakfast Burrito Day

Elementary helpers (11:30): A. Raterink, L. Vermilye, S. Wielhouwer

Middle School (12:05): A. Raterink, S. Wielhouwer

Friday, September 22 -- Half day, no lunch

Monday, September 25, is Chicken Sandwich Day.

Elementary helpers (11:30): S. Bruin, K. Ritsema, P. Buth, B. Oosterheert

Middle School (12:45): S. Bruin, K. Ritsema

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS:

Wed., 9/20	Kim Broene
Thur., 9/21	Rachel Sanders
Fri., 9/22	Half day
Mon., 9/25	No Volunteers
Tues., 9/26	Betsy Herrington

T.R.I.P. - Our TRIP program is back into a weekly ordering schedule. Tuesday TRIP orders for this week are due today by 4 p.m. today. They will be ready to pick up next week Tuesday.

HALF DAY THIS FRIDAY: Please be aware that we have a half day this Friday. Teachers, paraprofessionals, aides, and other staff members will be going to a retreat. We ask that you take time this week to pray for our staff as we worship, fellowship, and grow in the Lord as a group. God is so good and we are so blessed to have this time together. K-8 students will be bused home at 12:00. There will be no preschool (am/pm) or Young 5s classes.

MAGAZINE SALE NEWS:

Thank you, parents, for all your help with the Magazine Reach Out booklets last week. We collected 104 booklets which put us over our goal -- hats off to our families! To celebrate, we will have a cRaZy hAt day on Friday, September, 29. Students may wear a hat to school that day – make your own or wear one of your favorites.

The magazine sale continues through Wednesday, September 27, so you still have time to place an order. You may place orders using the order sheet in the magazine packet or online at <http://www.gaschoolstore.com/1853316>. The first order turn-in day is tomorrow – Wednesday, September 20.

Preschool and Young 5 Parents – Magazine orders may be placed online at <http://www.gaschoolstore.com/4644746>.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and the profit from this sale helps to pay for teacher classroom requests and school programs like Science Olympiad and Odyssey of the Mind. We appreciate your participation!

LET'S RUN! WEST SIDE 5K is on Thursday, September 28. Are you a runner or someone who enjoys supporting good causes? The sign up for the annual 5K run hosted at Millennium Park is online:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/GrandRapids/Run4Reading?r=Y>

Kids Fun Run is at 6:20 PM and is about a mile long with medals for finishers. Only \$5 to enter. 5K begins at 6:35 PM and registration is \$30.

FALL, FAMILY, FOOTBALL, and FUN! -- they all go together pretty naturally, don't you think? Come join us for all four on Saturday, October 7 from 1-3 pm here at school. Rumor has it that a BIG game may be occurring during our Family Fest, so we're opening up the gym for family-friendly tailgating as well as a live-stream of the game. (See the flyer that came home for more details.) Enjoy some good-natured rivalry with family and friends while the kids explore the wealth of games we'll have for them.

We can still use plenty of volunteers to make this day a success. Please consider helping and check out the link below: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044fa5ac2ba0f94-family1>

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE EARLY THIS YEAR! PLEASE SIGN UP! Fall parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, October 17 and 18. Parents with students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be expected to schedule a conference with teachers. Scheduling is done online and can be connected from the home page of our website or just click on the link below. Middle School teachers will be available in the gym in an open format to meet with parents from 6-8 pm (no need to pre-schedule). Parents of Young 5s students may schedule a conference with Mrs. Myers, but it is not mandatory.

Preschool conferences in February

Young 5s parents may contact Mrs. Myers if you feel you would like to meet with her this fall

K-5 mandatory - click on this link https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/West_Side_Christian_School

6-8 teachers available in the gym

DRESS CODE: We are so blessed to have this warm weather this time of year in Michigan. With nice weather, we need to be mindful of our attire to school. Girls, please make sure your shorts are fingertip length.

TRANSPORTATION: Parents, a sincere thank you from your WSCS Transportation Team for praying us through the first few weeks of school...please continue. Your patience with the construction, heavy traffic, and fluctuating times are all appreciated. We will always do our best to keep your children safe. Thanks again.

TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT: Forms were sent home with all students. All students and parents should sign an agreement for proper use and care of the technology in our school. Please be sure to return these forms by this Friday, September 22. Thank you.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT - Parent Advisory: As required by the State of Michigan, parents will receive advance notice regarding the application of pesticides on school grounds or in our school building. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application. If you would like to read the entire policy, please click this LINK. <http://www.wscsgr.org/images/WSCS/PDFs/ParentAdvisory.pdf>

Requested Announcements

PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS: School session keyboard lessons for all ages by certified masters teacher. Please call Judith at 745-9433 for further information.

SUS MANOS GLEANERS is sponsoring a benefit sporting clay shoot on Saturday, September 23 at Blendon Pines from 9:00 AM to lunch. The \$50 registration (\$25 for age 12 and under) includes a 50 round course, delicious grilled lunch, prizes, and a gun raffle. For information or to register visit susmanosgleaners.org or call Sue at **616-293-2515**. (Sus Manos Gleaners uses donated produce and volunteer labor to produce dehydrated meals for overseas Christian missions to distribute to starving people).

REMINDER! ALL GIRLS IN GRADES PK-6: The 23rd annual GRCHS Fall Junior Cheer program is back! This year, the Junior Cheer clinics will be held on Monday, September 18 and Monday, September 25. Registration takes place immediately prior to the September 18th clinic from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Clinics will be held in the Quest Center at Grand Rapids Christian High School and will begin at 3:50 p.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. There will be sample sizes for the t-shirts available. The Junior Cheer game is scheduled for Friday, September 29 against the EGR Pioneers. If you are unable to accompany your daughter at the first clinic on September 18, you may pre-register by contacting Varsity Cheer Coach, Jacquie DeJonge, at 949-7516. If you need to leave a message, please include your name and how to return your call, your daughter's name, her school and grade, and the size of tee she needs.

Join us for the Covenant Christian HS Craft Show on Saturday, October 28 from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be 100+ handcrafted booths to shop from! Enjoy cinnamon rolls and coffee in the morning and pizza or a sub for lunch, followed by a homemade dessert. Don't forget to pick up a treat for Sunday coffee at the bake sale. Admission is \$1 for adults. All proceeds to benefit the band and boosters programs at CCHS. For more information, visit us online at www.covenantchristiancraftshow.org or find us on Facebook.