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# NEWSLETTER



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TWENTY-SEVEN

## WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### MARKED BY ASH, DRAWN BY LOVE

Lent is not a project of self-improvement. Rather, it's a time of allowing God to transform us. Lent is a time of intentional cooperation with God's graces, where God leads and we follow, like a good dance partner. We can choose to follow or not, but God is always in the lead.

What might this look like in practice? The answer will be individual for each one of us, and so a Lent of following God's lead must be grounded in prayer. We can listen for the voice of God and let ourselves be surprised by what the call in Lent might be. Perhaps we not only contribute to our paper rice bowls with alms for the poor, but also feel God calling us to

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undertake service work where we build relationships with a community of people outside our comfortable social circles. Or maybe fasting this year means not only the obligatory fasts, but also fasting from judgment when I do not know the inner workings of another's heart. Perhaps God is calling me to add in a different form of prayer: a few minutes of silence on my lunch break at work, or praying as a family just before the children are tucked into bed.

Or perhaps we will feel the call of God out of the blue in Lent to follow God into some new place. Are we open to letting this Lent be God's and not our own?

## REGISTRATION INFO

Registration is open for current WCS students who have returned their call to participation paper following the Covenant Process Meeting.



If you have not completed the Covenant Process Meeting, please complete that as soon as possible.

Enrollment will open for new families on March 2nd.

## LICE AWARENESS

This is the time of year when head lice are more common in many communities. While we have not had any cases at school, we want to encourage families to take preventative steps. Please remind students not to share personal items such as hats, hoodies, brushes, hair ties, or headphones. A quick routine check at home can also help catch concerns early.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

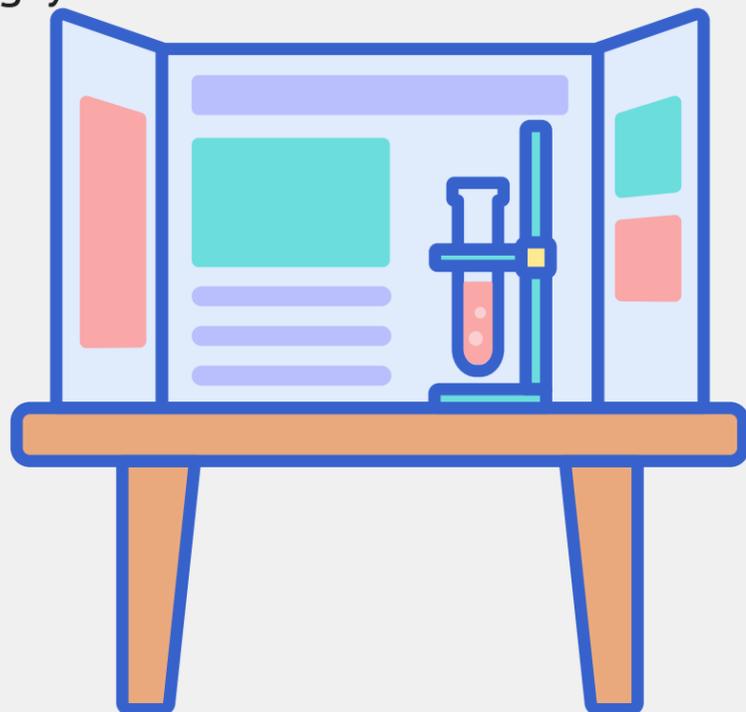
The Saint Boniface campus will be praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays throughout the Lenten season. They begin at approximately 1:35 p.m. and are open to the public. We would love for you to join us as we reflect on and honor Jesus through this meaningful Lenten devotion.



## SCIENCE FAIR

The Saint Boniface campus Science Fair will take place on March 10. We are excited to see the creativity, curiosity, and hard work our students have been putting into their projects! Please make note of the new date on your calendar. We look forward to a fantastic event showcasing their scientific discoveries!

The projects will be displayed that evening from 0-0 for public viewing. We look forward to seeing you there!



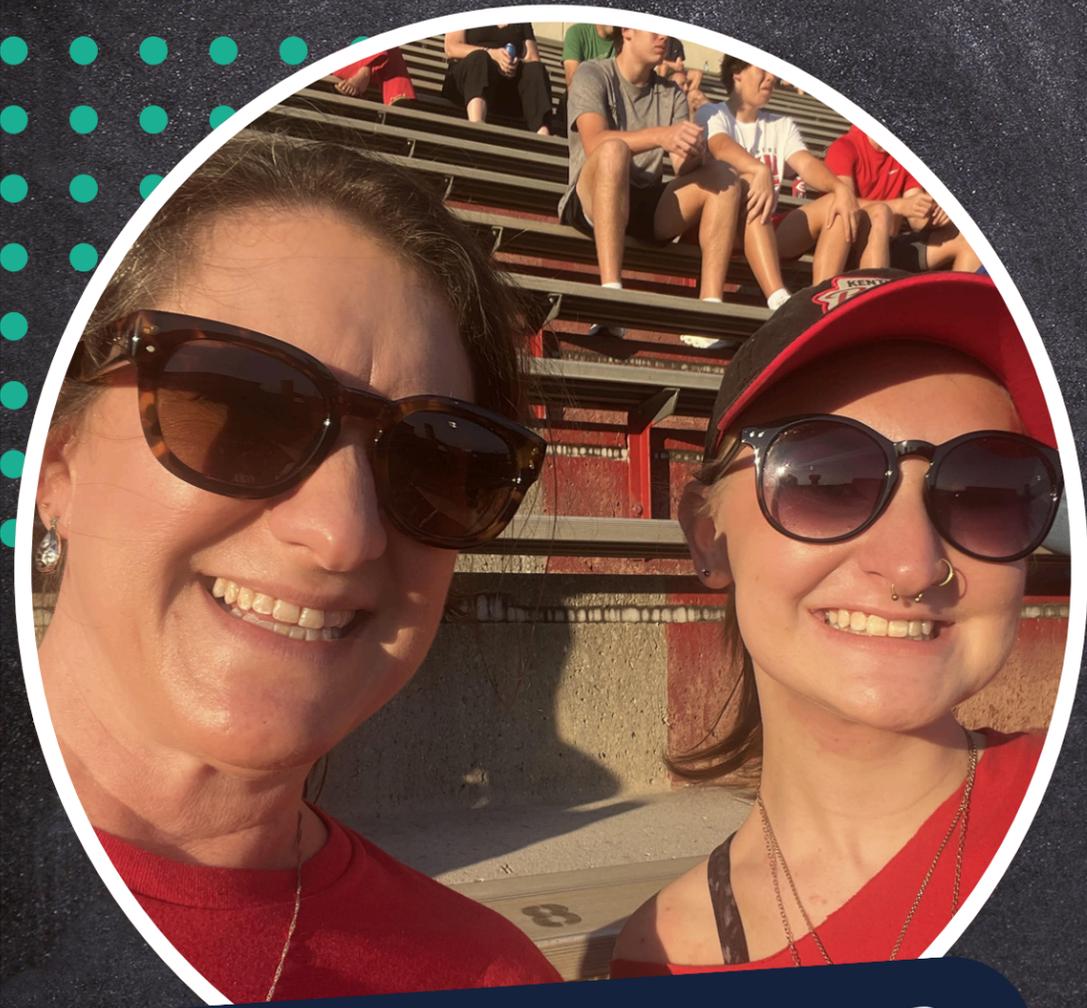
## ILLNESS REMINDERS

As we continue through illness season, we want to share a helpful guide outlining when students should stay home and when it is safe to return to school. Please review the graphic below for specific symptoms and timelines. Thank you for your partnership in keeping our students healthy and minimizing the spread of illness in our school community.



### When Should I Stay Home?

<p><b>I HAVE A FEVER</b></p>  <p><b>Temperature of 100°F or higher</b></p> <p><b>I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:</b> Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil).</p>	<p><b>I AM VOMITING</b></p>  <p><b>Within the past 24 hours</b></p> <p><b>I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:</b> Free from vomiting for 24 hours.</p>	<p><b>I HAVE DIARRHEA</b></p>  <p><b>Within the past 24 hours</b></p> <p><b>I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:</b> Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.</p>	<p><b>I HAVE A RASH</b></p>  <p><b>Body rash with oozing, drainage or fever</b></p> <p><b>I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:</b> Free from rash or fever and have been evaluated by my medical provider if needed.</p>
<p><b>I HAVE A COUGH</b></p>  <p><b>Within the past 24 hours</b></p> <p><b>I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:</b> Evaluated by my medical provider if needed.</p>	<p><b>I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION</b></p>  <p><b>Within the past 24 hours</b></p> <p><b>I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:</b> Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my medical provider if needed.</p>	<p><b>I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL</b></p>  <p><b>Within the past 24 hours</b></p> <p><b>I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM:</b> Released by my medical provider to return to school.</p>	<p>If your child has strep throat or bacterial infection, they should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 12-24 hours or your health care provider has approved your child's return to school. Seek medical attention when your child is sick and follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school.</p>



**NATALIE REIDFORD**

**CAFETERIA  
STAFF**

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Natalie and her husband, Jon, have been parishioners for many years. Their daughter, Lindsey, and son, Ben, graduated from WCS. When she's not serving lunch, she works as a freelance graphic artist and writer. She like to crochet, read, and spend time outside. Natalie loves animals, especially dogs!

# FEATURED 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADER



## PARKER BATEMAN

**What are your hobbies:** Football, wrestling, hunting and fishing

**What do you want to be when you grow up:** Engineer

**Favorite subject/class:** Social Studies

**What do you like best about Westside Catholic:** The Fall Festival trip.

# FEATURED 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADER



## ASHTON HAMILTON

**Favorite sport/activity:** Kickball, Baseball, Hockey

**What is your favorite book:** The Bible

**What do you want to be when you grow up:** Sheriff Deputy

**What do you like best about Westside Catholic School:** The kickball tournament

Most of the fliers are “clickable” on the PDF version of the newsletter and will direct you to a larger image of the flier, the associated website, or the forms that are needed.

The Saint Phillip dance will be tonight, February 27, 7-9pm.

**Reschedule**

Let's Dance!

# 7th & 8th Grade Dance

St. Philip

Admission: \$5

Drinks & Snacks available for purchase

Don't forget your Dance I.D.

## WESTSIDE WILDCAT

# BASEBALL TRYOUTS

MARCH 14 & 18, 2026

FACEBOOK.COM/EVWESTSIDEWILDCATS/

7U TRYOUT QR CODE    8U TRYOUT QR CODE

SCAN ME    SCAN ME

LOCATION & TIME WILL BE SENT AT A LATER DATE

## THE SAINT BONIFACE CAMPUS

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Saint Boniface campus will pray the stations of the cross every Friday of the Lenten season at approximately 1:35. This is open to the public and we welcome you to join us.

**SAINT BONIFACE**    **FRIDAYS**    **1:35 PM**

We do not have school on spring break or Good Friday, so the students will not be doing the Stations of the Cross on March 27 or April 3.



# MATER DEI 2026-2027

## Cheer Tryouts

MON. 4/6    TRYOUT CLINIC 5:30-7:30  
PARENT MEETING @ 7:15 MAIN GYM

TUES. 4/7    TRYOUT CLINIC 5:30-7:30  
MAIN GYM

WED. 4/8    TRYOUTS 5:30-? MAIN GYM

Sign up now!

## MATER DEI FOOTBALL

# CUB WORKOUTS

6th - 8th Grade

Great Opportunity Not Mandatory

2026

FREE OF CHARGE

SIGN-UP

Weight Training • Form • Technique • Core • Plyometrics • Team Bonding

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 17TH - MAY 21ST

6:00PM - 7:00PM

## Westside Catholic School 2026-2027 Year

August	September	October
November	December	January
February	March	April
May		

August 6: First day of school  
 September 7: Labor Day - No School  
 September 22: Saint Boniface Grandparent's Day  
 October 9: End of first quarter  
 October 9, 12, 13: Fall Break  
 November 23 & 24: Parent Teacher conferences  
 November 25-27: Thanksgiving break  
 December 10: Saint Agnes Christmas Program at 6:00  
 December 18: End of second quarter  
 December 21-January 5: Christmas break  
 January 4: Classes resume  
 January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School (Potential make-up day)  
 January 25-29: Catholic Schools Week

February 10: Ash Wednesday  
 February 12: Professional Development Day  
 February 15: Saint Agnes Grandparent's Day  
 February 15: President's Day - No School (Potential make-up day)  
 February 25: Saint Agnes Grandparent's Day  
 March 12: End of Third Quarter  
 March 22-26: Spring Break  
 March 29: Easter Monday - No School  
 April 16: No School (Potential make up day)  
 April 28: Professional Development Day  
 May 18: Pre-Kindergarten Graduation at 10:00 am  
 8th Grade Graduation at 6:00 pm  
 May 20: Last Day of School

## LUNCH ACCOUNTS

We kindly ask all parents to please take a moment to check your child's lunch account balance. We currently have a large number of accounts with negative balances, and we need your help in bringing those up to date as soon as possible. Timely payments allow us to continue serving students smoothly and avoid interruptions. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your continued support!



## PTO NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Our wonderful PTO is always planning and putting on great events for our students, staff, and families. To make these events successful, they need volunteers. Please click the link and sign up to help out.

[WCS Volunteer Second Semester Sign Up Link](#)

## weekly menu

**Monday**  
Taco Snack  
Uncrustable Kit  
Yogurt Kit  
Chef Salad  
refried beans  
corn  
fresh veggies  
fruit  
milk

**Tuesday**  
Hamburger/ Cheese/ Bun  
Uncrustable Kit  
Yogurt Kit  
Chef Salad  
potato wedges  
baked beans  
fresh veggies  
fruit  
milk

**Wednesday**  
Dutch Waffle/ Sausage Links  
Uncrustable Kit  
Yogurt Kit  
Chef Salad  
potato smiles  
fresh veggies  
fruit  
milk

**Thursday**  
Chicken & Dumplings/ Cornbread  
Uncrustable Kit  
Yogurt Kit  
Chef Salad  
green beans  
carrots  
fresh veggies  
fruit  
milk

**Friday**  
Pizza Crunchers/ Marinara  
Uncrustable Kit  
Yogurt Kit  
Chef Salad  
cheesy potatoes  
roasted broccoli  
fresh veggies  
fruit  
milk

## YOUTH FIRST PARENT AND CAREGIVER RESOURCES FOR RESILIENCY



Youth First is empowering parents with monthly talks

**February 2026**

**"Not All Stress is Bad."**

**Topic: The Difference Between Stress and Distress for Children and Adolescents.**

Read the full article [here](#)



**SAINT AGNES  
CHURCH**

**THURSDAY - 8:00 AM  
SATURDAY - 4:30 PM**



**SAINT BONIFACE  
CHURCH**

**TUESDAY - 8:00 AM  
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM  
SUNDAY - 10:00 AM**



**SACRED HEART  
CHURCH**

**MONDAY - 7:30 PM  
FRIDAY - 7:30 AM  
SUNDAY - 7:30 AM**



**ADORATION TIMES**  
**MONDAY - 6:30 PM SACRED HEART**  
**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00**  
**AM - 5:00 PM - SACRED HEART**

**GROTTO**

**SATURDAY - 8:00 AM**

**LATIN MASS**

**SUNDAY - 12:00 PM**

## UPCOMING DATES

- Fish Fry at 4:30 - February 27
- First grade field trip - March 2
- I Read testing - March 2-13
- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter - March 6
- Family Fun Time At Saint Annes 1-3pm - March 7

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Weyland Wetzel - 1
- Beccy Winn - 1
- Loeretta Brickey - 2
- Parker Bateman - 4
- Cecilia McBride - 8
- Tesla VanMeter - 11
- Lettie Garrett - 13
- Levi Brown - 14
- Charlie Nagy - 15
- Veronica Rainey - 16
- Kaisley Cook - 17
- Bernard Zenthoefer - 21
- Kylie Gries - 27
- Jameson Rousey - 27
- Wyatt Reidford - 28
- Aria Wilson - 28

The luncheon that families could attend with their students will be rescheduled for April 17. More details to follow.

ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.