

**WESTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**WEEKLY MEMO**



***LOVE IN ACTION - Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.***

**THEME SERVE FOR 2018-2019**



HOSTING STUDENTS FROM THE NETHERLANDS/AND APPLYING TO GO TO THE NETHERLANDS

In just over a month, six very excited Dutch students will be coming to Iowa for the first time! They are anxious to start connecting now with their host family, but we still need a couple more families to make this work. Would you be willing to open your home for just three weeks (October 19 - November 9) to one of these students? This a great way to interact with some great kids and learn more about the Netherlands. Please contact Carey Van Donselaar at [carey.vandonselaar@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:carey.vandonselaar@westernchristianhs.com) or 722-1252 to be a host family.

Also, the meeting for students interested in going to the Netherlands for three weeks next March will be on Monday, September 17 at 6:15 PM in the cafeteria.

**UPDATE FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COORDINATOR:**

Homecoming week included one chapel on Thursday, and we welcomed Kim (Vanden Bosch) Humphreys (class of 2004) in to lead us with her ministry of music. She sang a song, "Who you say I am," and it was such a beautiful reminder of God's loving claim on His children. Matt Covey (class of 1995) then shared a message with us based on Romans 12:10. Matt told us that before he even knew our school's theme verses (Romans 12:9-12), he decided to talk about Romans 12:10. It was a great reminder of God's work in all the details of our lives. He challenged us to consider how we could devote ourselves to one another in love--outdo each other in loving ways! He used humor, personal examples, and Biblical parables to set some specific ideas of loving each other in front of us. The most memorable part of his message for me was when he compared gossip to a snake. He expanded that idea further, and it helped me to more clearly recognize that sin and fight it in a very specific way. What a blessing to hear the testimony, by song and word, from two Western grads. It is our prayer every day that God will continue to use Western Christian in the formation of true faith in His children. Please pray that prayer with us!

Chapel next week will include all 19 Faithpacks meeting on Tuesday and Praise Chapel on Thursday. Our Faithpacks will have two goals for our Tuesday meeting. Each group will decide on and then carry out a way to reach out to Tyler Van Otterloo and remind him of our love and support. Each Faithpack will have the same goal, but the way they choose to carry out that goal will be up to them. I am excited to see and hear what happens. Please pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in our kids' hearts, so that their minds and hearts will be wide open to extending love and support to a fellow student--what a great way to carry out that theme verse and show devotion to a Christian brother in love. Our second goal will be to remind ourselves why we do Stewardship Day and then begin selecting projects for Stewardship Day. This day is a great way for our theme verse to again guide us as we plan--Love In Action. I ask that you be in prayer for our groups as we plan that day. Pray that God would set before us a great variety of ways to serve Him. This day, if carried out in true love and service, could be one of the most powerful ways for our students and teachers to shine God's light in

a world that so desperately needs that light! Thursday's Praise Chapel will be led by a group of Western students, and it often includes prayer, Bible reading, and singing praise songs. I love seeing students lead us in worship; it richly blesses our school community and praises our God. Be encouraged to join us on facebook livestream for that chapel.

Finally, as many of you know, a neighboring school community, Marcus Meridan Cleghorn Remsen Union has been impacted by the death of one of their students, Natalee Henke. Dan Barkel is superintendent of that school system. As a school, we have been upholding that entire community and Mr. Barkel's leadership in our prayers. I was able to email Dan earlier this week, and while he admitted that this week has been tremendously difficult for their school, God's presence has been felt. He shared with me that the faculty and staff gathered one day after school to continue working through this situation and they closed their meeting with prayer. Later, Dan had a staff member share with him that in all the years that person had worked for that school system, they had never before prayed together as a staff. We pray that even at the darkest moments of our lives, God's light can shine through! Please continue to uphold that community and especially Natalee's family and friends in your prayers.

### **Counselor's Corner**

Juniors signed up for the NCC Career Day schedule for Monday, October 8. Each student selected three career groups to learn more about. Students will also have the opportunity to attend the college fair and speak with representatives from a large number of colleges and universities. It is a great day to learn more about their options for after high school.

We will be administering the PSAT test to all juniors, who desire to take the test Wednesday, October 10. The PSAT test enters students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Western has had National Merit Scholar Finalists in the past. Juniors desiring to take the test need to let Mrs. de Boom know. There is a \$20 fee for the test.

Counselor appointments will begin this next week. Mrs. de Boom will be meeting with the seniors to visit about what their plans are after graduation. Students should watch the daily announcements to know when their appointment is.

### **PARENT SPONSORED HOMECOMING DANCE**

I will attach a poster for your information regarding a parent sponsored homecoming dance. This is something that we as a school probably have not shared in the past but we feel that it is better for you as parents to be informed about activities such as this just as much as the kids. They quickly get the information out to one another but I feel that you as parents also need to know what is happening.

### **PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Handbooks are printed and can be picked up in the office. I have re-entered the information that I took out. If at some point you go into your account you can double check to make sure that I have it correct and also update any information regarding the notices for late starts/cancellations and low hot lunch accounts etc. This is done in the Messaging box to the right of each number you have listed. I know some parents are starting to put in student cell phones so they also get the text message in the morning if there is a late start or school cancellation.

### **HOT LUNCH BALANCES**

I sent out notices this afternoon on lunch account balances. If you received a notice then your account is low. If you have an ACH for hot lunch then you probably can disregard the notice unless your ACH goes in on the 10th. Then if your account is low you may need to double check with us on why it is still low.

**Link to receive weekly emails to see weekly progression of your students**

Below is a link which allows parents to sign up to see weekly progression of the Google Classroom assignments if you want to follow those. IF you are currently signed up but want to stop receiving them please email Mr. Fenchel.

[bit.ly/WCClasspar](http://bit.ly/WCClasspar)

**HOT LUNCH MENUS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Monday: Chicken N Biscuits, Coleslaw, Peas, Chocolate Mousse

Tuesday: Mr Rib, Fries, corn, Bar

Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Mixed Veggies, Strawberry Glaze sala

Friday: Club Sandwich, Baked Beans, Oreo Fluff, chips

Monday	17	Fr Volleyball Tournament @ Unity Christian Fr/JV Football vs Sioux Center - 5p
Tuesday	18	Chapel - Faithpacks Fr/JV Volleyball @ Spirit Lake - 5:30p V Volleyball @ Spirit Lake - 7p
Wednesday	19	
Thursday	20	Praise Chapel JV V Cross Country @ Sioux Center - 5p Fr/JV Volleyball vs LeMars - 5:30p V Volleyball vs LeMars - 7p
Friday	21	V Football @ Unity Christian (Northwestern) - 7p
Saturday	22	V Volleyball @ Sanford Pentagon Tournament JV Volleball Western Christian Tournament





