

WESTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Weekly memo - Nov. 16, 2018



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 verse FOR 2018-2019

Update from the Spiritual Life Coordinator:

We had the unique opportunity to have three chapel sessions this week. On Monday, a special Veterans Day chapel took place, led by Pastor Cory Van Sloten, who also actively serves in the Army National Guard as a chaplain. We were privileged to have a few Veterans in attendance and many people joined via livestream. Special thanks to Pastor Van Sloten for his message, his heart for Midwest Honor Flights, and his service to our country!

On Tuesday, we celebrated many of the gifts that are being developed and used to glorify God by many Western students during our Fall Praise Chapel. Again, we are humbled by the incredible gifts God has chosen to give us and we continue to pray that both individually and collectively, we can use those gifts to honor our Creator!

Finally, on Thursday our Faithpacks met for a time of shared gratitude. All groups were encouraged to make Gratitude Posters to display throughout school, and each Faithpack was challenged to raise funds for the Rock Valley Love Inc, Christmas Event. Western has committed to providing a copy of Max Lucado's Christmas book, The Crippled Lamb, to each family that attends the event. Please encourage your son or daughter to count their blessings and donate to this project. All donations are due by November 30. Western's goal is to provide 38 books.

Our annual Gratitude Chapel is next week Tuesday. That has become a blessing-filled tradition here. That chapel time will include a student Praise Team leading us, and then we will watch the Gratitude Video. Please join us in person or on livestream. We will post our Gratitude Video after that chapel for others who would like to see it!

A school-wide fundraiser auction is being planned by our Student Council, with all proceeds going toward Tyler Van Otterloo and Matt DeWild and their families. We are encouraging families to discuss how they may want to support this fundraiser. We will need some great items for students to bid on, and we will also need students who are ready to bid! Many of our students are very good "bargain hunters" so we are encouraging to view this auction a little bit differently and come with open hands and generous hearts! We also continue to uphold Tyler and Matt and their families in our daily prayers. We thank God for the healing and returned strength that they have experienced so far, and we pray for God to continue to be a close and loving presence in each of those young men's lives.

A Senior Class Picture will be taken next week Wednesday, Nov. 21, during 8th period of that half-day schedule. Seniors will be dismissed from their 8th period class, so they can pick up their Senior t-shirt and take the picture. Parents of seniors, please make sure your senior is present for that picture. We are encouraging all students, even those with early work release, to stay through 8th period, since all classes will run before noon that day. Thanks for your help on this!

Counselor's Corner

Next week Monday, Kevin Steiger from Dordt will be here 9:30 am through second lunch to visit with all students that have applied to Dordt. He has some important scholarship information to share with students.

Next week Tuesday, Britney from Northwestern College will be here over the lunch periods to talk with students that have applied and those still considering Northwestern.

Scholarships - A [document](#) has been shared with the seniors in Google Classroom that lists all the scholarships that have come through the counseling office. This document will continually be updated as new scholarship information is made available. As students begin applying for scholarships they can access an unofficial copy of their transcripts in JMC. Go to Transcript on the left menu bar. Click print and a PDF file will download onto their computer that can be shared with others. If students need an official transcript they will need to come see Mrs. de Boom in the counseling office or send her an email requesting one.

December 1 is around the corner and many schools view that as their priority deadline for applicants to get their information submitted for financial aid and scholarship information. Encourage your students to submit their applications to colleges by December 1.

BARGAIN ALLEY LOOKING FOR ITEMS

The Bargain Alley Thrift Store could use donations of artificial Christmas trees. If you have one that has been in the closet a few years that you no longer use the Bargain Alley would love to have you donate it. The store also has a couple of beautiful full size bed frames that they would like full size mattress sets for. If you have any questions call the store at 712-439-6800.

FFA APPRECIATION SUPPER FOR FARMERS

Also, because of the rainy weather last week on Saturday, the FFA groups from Western postponed their Elevator meals. In place of those elevator meals, our FFA has decided to host an appreciation supper for area farmers. The night will include lots of good food! It will be on Thursday, November 29, from 5:30-7 in Western's Cafeteria. Farmers, please allow our FFA to thank you and to treat you to some delicious food on that night!

HOT LUNCH MENUS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday: Grilled Pepperoni and cheese, tossed salad,

Tuesday: Hot dog, nachos, corn, bar

Wednesday: chicken strips, fries, peas, pudding

Thursday: Thanksgiving Lunch

Friday:

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