



**WESTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL  
WEEKLY MEMO -FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

**THEME VERSE FOR 2020-2021**

**FROM THE DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTOR**

Western's FFA led our Tuesday chapel this week. It was a great opportunity for students to lead and bless us. Two of the current FFA officers wrote and delivered a message about the importance of waiting on God's timing. Thanks to Mrs. Nettinga and all students involved in FFA.

Western also received a beautiful thank you from Pastor Jason Wiersma about how his time here last week during Spiritual Emphasis Week was a rich blessing to him in addition to being a blessing to us. It is a reminder of God's great timing and plan in each of our lives. We certainly can't judge God's story of our lives by reading only one chapter. We have the best Author, writing His story on each of our days! To God be all the glory!

**FROM THE COMPETITIVE SPEECH PROGRAM:** We host our District Speech Contest for Individual Events on Monday, March 1. Spectators Welcome!

[WCHS District Schedule for Monday](#)

**FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE**

College Applications etc: By now most of the seniors looking at continuing their education have made applications and been accepted. But some families have not filled out the FAFSA. In order to be eligible for financial aid, the FAFSA must be completed and as early as possible. Without this form, financial aid offices cannot assess the student's financial need.

Transcript Requests: All transcript requests should be made to Mrs. de Boom. She will send them out to the requested colleges.

Scholarships: A scholarship document has been shared with the seniors through their Class of 2021 Classroom page. It is also available through a link on Western's website - Academics > Students Services > Academic Registrar. This is a working document that will be updated as 2021 deadlines are announced and new scholarships come to the counseling office. Many organizations have not yet set 2021 deadlines. Previous deadlines are highlighted in green to give students an idea of when they have been due in the past.

NCC has just sent out a notice suggesting that students revisit their scholarship page as new scholarships have been added.

### **FROM STUDENT SERVICES**

ACT: Test Optional, Test Blind. These are two terms you may find on college websites this year. Test optional means the college does not require your ACT/SAT scores. This is because of Covid and some internal problems with the tests and testing agencies.

Test blind means the college will not consider your scores regardless of what the score might be. The question has come up: should I send in my score if I have it? Several admissions personnel at different schools have told me not to send the scores unless they are high scores for special scholarships. This is one year where the GPA is going to dictate the academic scholarship amount for many colleges.

You should know that there are still schools requiring the ACT/SAT, so you need to do your homework on your particular school of interest and its requirements.

For juniors wondering about taking the ACT this spring, I suggest registering. No one knows how next year will go relative to Covid, but the results of this spring's ACT are a great objective indicator as to how you might approach next year in your courses and how you might need to prepare to improve your score in the fall.

### **SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR PARENTS**

Save the date - Tuesday, April 13 there will be an informational meeting covering college class options for your student for their junior/senior year. Attendance is required for your student to register for college classes for the 2021-2022 school year.

**SENIORS** We are still waiting for senior quotes and memories from about half of you for Strums. Marlena sent out a survey via email several weeks ago. Parents, please ask your senior if they have completed this.

### **FRESHMEN PARENTS:**

Physical Science Physics Olympics Triathlon is just under a month away. Please be encouraging your freshmen to complete their projects before the event. All freshmen must be present at the event on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7pm

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR PARENTS**

From the After Prom committee: You should have all received an email with information regarding the After Prom For 20-21. This also includes a consent form. Please read through this information carefully and look for the deadline to return your form and payment. Thank you!

### **CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Saturday, February 27

- *Boy's Varsity Basketball | Sub State Game*

Monday, March 1 - Non-Chapel Schedule

- *Individual District Speech*

Tuesday, March 2 - Chapel Schedule (Northwestern College Praise Team)

**Wednesday, March 3 - Pro-Learning Schedule (2:30 Dismissal)**

- ***JETS Competition***
- ***Learning Trip: All Band students to NWC during 2nd, 3rd, and 5th periods***

**Thursday, March 4 - Chapel Schedule (Faithpacks)**

**Friday, March 5 - Non-Chapel Schedule**

- ***Faculty Contracts Due***
- ***Gratitude Circle | 3:35pm***

**Saturday, March 6**

- ***FFA District Convention***