



**WESTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL  
WEEKLY MEMO - JANUARY 15, 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**

We had one chapel period this week on Tuesday. We met with our Faithpacks and we spent a little time in prayer and discussion about what it means to fight for true faith. That was the challenge given to us last week in our chapels, so it seemed like a great topic for our Faithpacks. Some Faithpacks read the passage and discussed it, while others used a guided sheet with questions and ideas on reflection. I continue to give thanks for our Faithpack time. Please pray it blesses and challenges each of us, while building true community. We didn't have chapel on Thursday because of our exam schedule. We look forward to two Sanctity of Human Life chapels next week, led by our Pack for Life group. Please consider joining us via Livestream.

**FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE**

**College Application:** For those seniors who are looking at attending college, this is the month to get the applications into the schools you are considering. Submitting the application does not commit you to that school; you are not required to put down a deposit; it simply means you are taking the necessary steps in becoming a college student. For some schools, receipt of the application is also the trigger that starts the scholarship application process, and some have scholarship deadlines within the next two months.

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

**New links in Vocational/Guidance:** We receive job postings from businesses in our communities, and we are providing a link to post job opportunities under Vocational/Guidance. This is an invitation for businesses to contact us with openings, as they already do, as well as a place for our students and families to find part time opportunities for students.

The second link provided is for volunteer opportunities. We seek out volunteer opportunities for our service day, but this is something that could be ongoing rather than just one day out of a year. Students are extremely busy so perhaps not all volunteer requests can be filled, but we want to make students aware of opportunities to serve.

**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.

### **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.

### **SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULES**

For second semester schedules students need to be sure that they check the most current version of their schedule on JMC Monday evening. They may need to refresh JMC or log out and log in to be sure they have the most current information.

Emailed schedule change requests will be accepted through Monday at 3 pm. Mrs. de Boom will email students making requests to verify whether the change has been made.

Starting Tuesday, January 19 all schedule change requests will need to be written down on the paper outside Mrs. de Boom's office. Schedules need to be followed as listed in JMC until the student receives email confirmation of the schedule change. Students desiring to drop a class will need to pick up a drop slip and have it signed by both the teacher and a parent before the class will be dropped. All students need to maintain the minimum of six Western classes within their schedule, allowing for only two study halls or learning center periods.

### **NICSTO**

If you did not apply for NICSTO at the beginning of this school year and would still like to, you have until February 1 to do so. The forms are found on our webpage.

### **WESTERN COOKS TO START SERVING BREAKFAST**

Starting on Monday, January 18 the cooks will have some breakfast options available. They will serve from 7:45 - 8:30. Please note: This will be run through the student's lunch account. Until they can get a handle on how many kids will use this service they may run out of food.

### **A NOTE FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

We hope you're doing well on this snowy day. As we continue to work towards improving communication, I would like to encourage you to download the Rschool Today app from the app store on your phone. Once you have Western Christian chosen as your school, please choose what calendars you want to follow (i.e. Wrestling). Whenever we make any adjustments to the schedule the app will push notifications to everyone who follows that calendar. With all of the changes we have been making due to COVID and weather, this would be one great way to stay informed.

Here is a picture of what the app icon looks like in the app store:



Thank you for your flexibility and support this year! Go Pack!

### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday, January 18 - Noon Dismissal (Exam periods 7 and 8)

- *Girls Freshman Basketball Game @ Spirit Lake*
- *JV and Varsity, Boys and Girls Basketball Games @ Unity Christian*

Tuesday, January 19 - Start of Semester 2 | Non-Chapel Schedule

- *JV/Varsity, Boys and Girls Basketball Games @ Estherville*
- *JV/Varsity Wrestling Double Dual @ Lawton-Bronson*

Wednesday, January 20 - ProLearning Schedule | 2:30pm dismissal

Thursday, January 21 - Chapel Schedule (Pack for Life)

- *Freshman Boys and Girls Basketball Games vs. Spencer @ Western Christian*
- *JV/Varsity Wrestling Double Dual @ Cherokee*

Friday, January 22 - Non-Chapel Schedule

- *JV and Varsity Basketball Games vs. Spencer @ Western Christian*

Saturday, January 23

- *Large Group District Speech*
- *JV/Varsity Wrestling Tourney @ Alta/Aurelia*