

WCS NEWS

Fall 2025

CAMPUS UPDATES

Progress as promised! A large turf project was completed in August to make the outdoor and playground area cleaner, safer, and more accommodating for our students. It's safe to say they are enjoying their updated space and feeling right at home in their new outdoor environment.

Thank you to everyone who supports our fundraising efforts throughout the year and for the generosity of our local foundations. Projects like this wouldn't be possible without you!

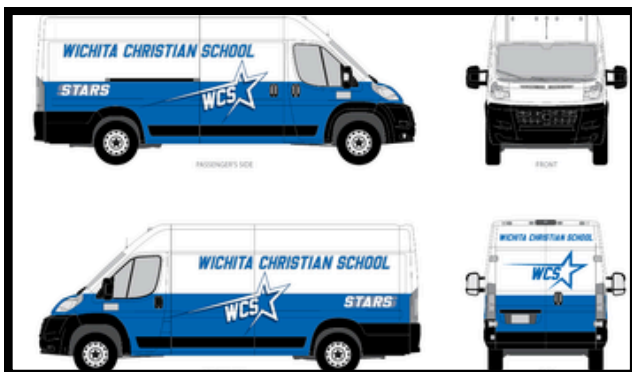
Thanks to grant funding, NO tuition dollars were used for this project!



The Development Department also secured grant funding for a brand new 14 passenger van in an effort to provide additional safe and reliable transportation for our students.

Be on the lookout for the new wrap (pictured bottom left) coming soon!

Again, thanks to the generosity of our local foundations, *NO tuition dollars were used for either of these large projects!*



The following updates and projects have also been implemented recently:

- New safety fencing around the back parking lot of the TK-12 campus, courtesy of Builder's Lumber Co.
- New curriculum in elementary and secondary classrooms
- Additional security cameras at preschool and TK-12 campuses
- New stage curtain, thanks to the Greenwade family and the PCE!

AWARD-WINNING SCHOOLS

We were honored to be nominated and chosen by our beloved community as the **best private school for the Community's Choice Awards again this year!** WCS Preschool also received recognition from **Wichita Falls' Community Votes for Childcare Services and our After School Care program.**



We are extremely grateful for our dedicated staff and all the ways they pour into our students. This recognition is a direct reflection of their commitment and passion to enhance His Kingdom through the mission of Christian education. **Glory to God!**

COMMUNITY



Living out Christ's love and teachings, our students continue to display a deep sense of compassion and service to our community. All WCS students, preschool through high school, are taught the importance of serving others and modeling God's love. Students participate in a wide variety of charitable projects throughout the year that benefit both our local community as well as poverty-stricken areas around the world.

Whether volunteering at local non-profits, working on chores at home to raise money to purchase Christmas gifts for local children in need, or making cookies for the local fire departments, these acts of service help students cultivate empathy and develop leadership skills while positively impacting the lives of others.

Some of the charitable projects WCS students and families have been involved in so far this school year include:

- WCS Lady Stars Volleyball team volunteered at the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank in August.
- Each October, WCS Preschoolers empty their piggy banks to support local charities like Sonshine House and Hospice.
- WCS Cheerleaders decorated and filled cookie boxes that were delivered to all eight Wichita Falls fire stations in November.
- WCS students, PCE, and families raised money to buy Christmas gifts for local children through Wichita Falls Fire Department's Operation Santa toy drive.

This year WCS launched an initiative called **Service Fridays**. Rooted in Matthew 5:41, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two," this initiative encourages students to serve others wholeheartedly. Service Fridays are monthly volunteer outings where a group of high school students, who are overseen by the senior B.U.D.S. and accompanied by a faculty member, serve at local non-profit organizations.



So far this year, our high school students have supported the following non-profits through the Service Fridays program:

- Habitat for Humanity of Wichita Falls
- Whispers of Hope Horse Farm
- City of Wichita Falls Animal Services
- Sonshine House
- Texhoma Christian Care Center



We are so proud of our students for living out the call to serve others and for representing WCS with kindness and compassion!

B.U.D.S.

At WCS, juniors and seniors partner with elementary students for special projects and trips as part of a leadership class taught by Mrs. Barry called BUDS (Building Unity in Discipleship Service), where they have the opportunity to grow as Christian leaders while mentoring our preschool and elementary Stars. In return, our youngest learners gain a sense of belonging and are blessed with Christian role models who encourage them educationally and spiritually.



Mrs. Barry's BUDS class is just one of the many ways Wichita Christian School nurtures a Christ-centered community that truly feels like family



Students had a wonderful time at the Charlie Corn Maze in October. It's amazing to witness the joyful interactions and mentorship opportunities that are abundant thanks to our smaller school setting.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Our school community gathered for the annual “**See You at the Pole**” prayer late September. Lead by the Student Council, we read scripture, lifted our friends, schools, teachers, staff, community, and leaders in government up to the Lord.

We recognize the honor and responsibility of protecting and guiding young hearts to have courage for their faith in a fallen world, and we are grateful to our WCS families for trusting us to partner with them in this important mission.

“For God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self control.” 2 Timothy 1:7



As always, families are welcome and encouraged to attend chapel each week!

- **High school chapel is Wednesday mornings at 8:15 am**
- **Junior high chapel is Wednesday mornings at 9 am**
- **Elementary chapel is Wednesday afternoons at 2:15 pm**



This year Mrs. Standifer and Mrs. Richie are the elementary Bible teachers and students’ memory verses tie in with the chapel lesson taught by Mrs. Cummings each Wednesday afternoon. **The theme for elementary chapel this year is the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).** Our prayer is that these fruits will take root in their hearts and overflow into their daily lives at school, home, and beyond.



Each week, the elementary classes take turns leading chapel. They have been very enthusiastic to carry on Mrs. Standifer’s tradition of performing Bible-based skits during their turn to lead and it’s proven to be very meaningful and engaging for all!

For secondary chapel, Mr. Cannedy has coordinated guest speakers for the month of December to speak with students about how faith shapes work. Guest speakers will include local business owners as well as Wichita Falls Mayor, Tim Short.

Pictured left is Nichole Kirk from Dear Heart

FINE ARTS

The WCS band has been busy this semester performing at pep rallies, football games, the Masquerade Fundraiser Dinner, and the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony.

In October, the WCS band participated in the TAPPS Field Band State Competition in Waco and came in 5th place in Tier 1.



At Wichita Christian School, our music program continues to flourish, and we're grateful for the way the arts shape a well-rounded education.

Our students filled the WCS auditorium on December 4th with the joy of the season as they shared their God-given gifts at this year's TK-3rd Christmas Concert. Their excitement, hard work, and beautiful performances made the evening truly special.



We're extremely grateful for the **Wichita Falls Youth Symphony Orchestra** and Ms. Amanda for partnering with us. Their commitment to nurturing students through string instrument instruction helps our students grow academically, emotionally, and socially.

We had a wonderful night at the 4th - 12th grade Fine Arts Christmas Extravaganza and 1940's Homecoming Musical! Our elementary choir, theatre, and band students put their hearts into every performance, guided by Mr. Swanson and Mrs. Wilson, and helped bring the reason for the season to life!



We celebrate all of the STAR students and parents for the many hours they invest in pursuing their God-given talents.



ATHLETICS

It has been a tremendous blessing to welcome two of our own alumni back to campus this year to coach our **Lady Stars Volleyball** teams. Their deeply rooted school pride and commitment, paired with their firsthand experience in our athletic programs, has brought a unique passion and genuine connection between our coaches and players. Thank you, Maddison Peck (head coach) and Anslie Allen (assistant coach) for all you have poured into the program and athletes this season! You have been wonderful examples and successfully laid the foundation for many more great seasons to come!

Lydia Moore led the volleyball season with 146 kills and **Madilyn Patterson** was not far behind with 108.

Mazey DeLizio led the season with 348 digs.

Kennedi Brown led in assists with 200 for the season.

Macee McCabe led in blocks with 28.



With six of our seniors graduating in the spring, the **high school football** team had a challenging season but remained resilient to finish and we are all very proud of them. They maintained all A's and B's throughout their season and had zero tardies for class. We thank God that we finished the season with seven healthy players.

-Coach Seth Nolan

Congratulations to the following TAPPS All-District 2-3A Award Winners:

- **Korbin Rose** - First Team Punter & Second Team Linebacker
- **Boston McNeil** - Second Team Defensive Back
- **Luke Miller** - Second Team Spread Back & Defensive Line
- **Luke Pankonien** - Second Team Quarterback & Defensive Line
- **Asher Adams** - Honorable Mention Defensive Line
- **Gabe Huff** - Honorable Mention



Congratulations to the following TAPPS All-District 2-2A Award Winners:

- **Lydia Moore** - First Team All-District
- **Mazey DeLizio** - Second Team All-District
- **Kennedi Brown** - Honorable Mention
- **Teni Lawal** - Honorable Mention



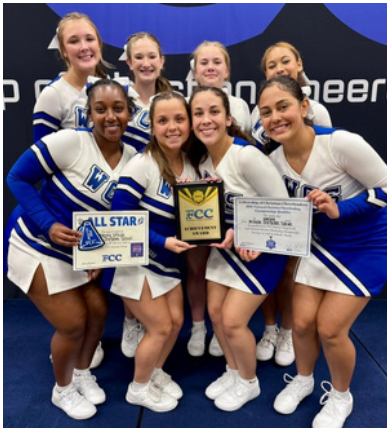
Thank you WCS family for your support during another successful **middle school football** season! This year brought lots of new opportunities for players to step up into larger roles, and I couldn't be prouder of how the guys handled those challenges! Although we had to battle through some injuries, we were able to achieve a solid record of 6-2. With that, our Middle School program has a record of 24-6 over the last 4 years. **This 8th-grade class will complete their middle school careers with 19 wins, which, by my count, makes them the winningest class in WCS Middle School Football history!** As always, win or lose, we give God all the Glory for allowing us to play this great sport, and we can't wait to do it again in 2026!

-Coach Josh Maddox

Cross Country

We were proud to send five runners to the state meet this year, and we saw steady, team-wide improvement from start to finish. I want to thank all of our parents, grandparents, and guardians. Cross Country is a challenge for each individual who takes it on, and your support, encouragement, and trust made all the difference for our athletes.

-Coach Maddox



Cheer

The WCS Cheerleaders and their dedicated coaches, Head Coach: Kimberly Harris and Assistant Coach: Kelsey Baker (WCS Alumni), have been working tirelessly, pouring incredible effort into building a vibrant and spirited school community. Their commitment extends far beyond the sidelines, as they have been executing energetic pep rallies, dedicating their time to meaningful community service projects, and consistently promoting school spirit and fellowship across all grade levels. Over the summer, the cheer team attended the **Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders Cheer Camp** where the Stars represented our school well

with hard work all week long that was recognized and awarded by the staff with 3 awards:

- **Achievement Award** - for the most growth in a team for the week!
- **A Nationals Competition Bid** - Awarded to only 3 teams in the camp!
- **All Star Award** - Mazey DeLizio selected by the camp staffers based on strict criteria of outstanding skill and leadership!

Macy's Day Parade

Two of our Senior STAR Cheerleaders participated in the Spirit of America Productions portion of the Macy's Day Parade in NYC at Herald Square in front of Macy's on Thanksgiving Day! They completed over 20 hours of rehearsal time with over 600 other cheerleaders across the United States. They had an unforgettable time rehearsing and sightseeing at the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial, and a Broadway show!



Participating in the parade is a long time WCS tradition that started years ago with Mrs. Heyen. Over 20 WCS cheerleaders have attended and performed in the parade over the years!

Mini Cheer

During the football season, the talented mini cheer squad performed in two pep rallies and every first quarter of each varsity home game. Coach Amanda Miller and her squad just finished choreographing and performing a precious Christmas dance for the basketball pep rally on December 8th.



Be on the lookout because these rising Stars are also planning to participate in a couple of basketball halftime performances.



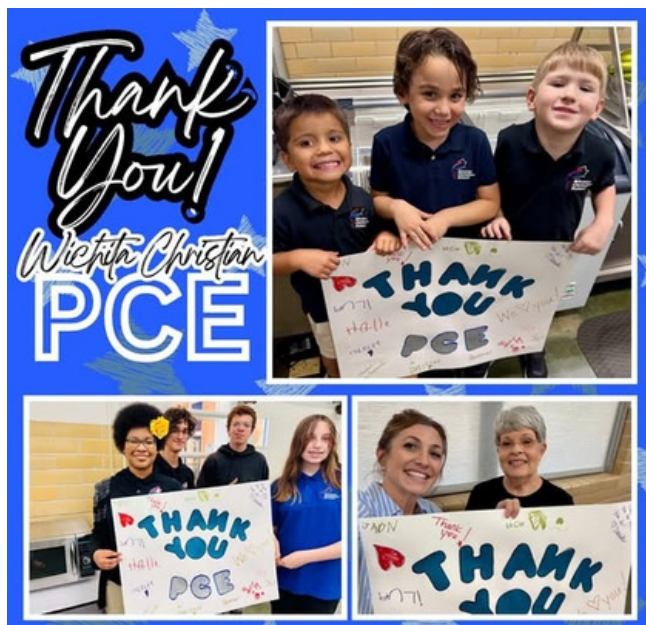
The **Lady Stars basketball** team is off to their best start in several years. The team has been putting in a lot of time to improve their free throw percentage. Prior to Thanksgiving break, Coach Smith said, **"If we can stay healthy and improve our free throw woes, we expect to be one of the top district contenders this year."**

LET'S DO THIS, LADY STARS!

Please attend the games and cheer on our athletes, it means so much to them!

PCE

Our beloved Parents for Christian Education (PCE) deserve an enormous THANK YOU for all they have done for our school, students, and teachers! We also want to thank all of our families who support the PCE's fundraisers throughout the school year. **Because of your generosity, the PCE has been able to support many updates at the preschool and TK-12 campus. We have a new cafeteria freezer, window treatments, microwaves, and ceiling fans. Along with the Greenwade family, the PCE also helped fund our new stage curtain!**



In November, two of our students earned the special experience of being **Assistant Principals for the Day** with Mrs. Burch! Collins (5th grade) and Addilyn (1st grade) worked hard at selling the most chocolate bars during the **World's Finest Chocolate Bars fundraiser** in order to earn this privilege.



A HUGE thank you to the PCE and our families for carrying on the tradition of **Operation Santa** and blessing local children with gifts during another successful year of partnering with the Wichita Falls Fire Department!

This is PCE's annual service project to benefit children in our community. The top earning students get to go on the shopping trip to select the gifts. They are placed in groups and given a budget, making the trip a great lesson in consumer math too!

These small acts of kindness model Christ's love and can make a big difference in someone's life. WCS families have participated in this effort for local children for over 20 years and raised over \$4,400 for Christmas gifts this year. Way to shine His light!



If you are interested in making a difference at WCS, and would like more information about joining the PCE, please email Lauren VanWinkle at laurenvanwinkle.lv@gmail.com

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council has had a busy and successful year so far hosting the following events:

- 'See You at the Pole'
- Our Blood Institute Blood Drive
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Fall Festival

We had a great turnout for our blood drive, bringing in 30 people with 20 successful donations which means 60 patients were positively affected by our efforts! Be on the lookout for another blood drive in the Spring, we would love to see those numbers grow. -Mrs. Peck



On November 11th, STUCO hosted the school's **17th annual Veteran's Day Ceremony** where we honored veterans and their families for their sacrifices. Guest speakers included Dr. Mike Battaglino, a U.S. Air Force Veteran and Wichita Falls City Council member. The event featured performances by the WCS Elementary Choir and Band, a Presentation of Colors, and letters from Mrs. Findley's fifth-grade class.

This year's annual **Fall Festival** had an amazing turnout, with students from preschool through high school, filling the halls with laughter and smiles. Seeing our students, families, staff, and friends enjoying the horse-drawn wagon rides, playing the carnival games, and connecting over delicious food truly reminded us of what makes WCS so special - our amazing community!

A huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to the WCS Student Council, staff members, and family volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the evening so memorable. We look forward to doing it again next year!



Thank you to Mrs. Peck and the WCS STUCO for joyfully pouring their talents and energy into our community!

SECONDARY

Secondary students jumped right into the activities and reconnected with friends and teachers on the first day of school. They enjoyed BBQ, ice cream treats, a devotional led by Mr. Pipes, and team-building games on the first day to ease back into the rhythm of learning. It was a great start to a year that has been full of academic and spiritual growth.



Middle school science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) classes have been filled with exciting, hands-on experiences this year under the guidance of Mrs. Chaddock. In the photo to the right, students explored the properties of the Non-Newtonian Polymer known as Oobleck. They've also been studying chemical reactions responsible for luminescence, making "elephant toothpaste", experimenting with dry ice, and much more! Every student loves science when you get to engage in the subject like a STAR!



Homecoming was a beautiful night filled with reunions, fellowship, and football victories! **Congratulations to our Homecoming King and Queen: Gabe Huff and Olivia Otto** **Congratulations to our Homecoming Prince and Princess: Camden Osborn and Charlie Pipes**



"BLEED BLUE & SHINE WHITE!"

A big shout out to our teachers, staff, cheer team, and coaches for going the second mile in showing their school spirit this year! From decorating the hallways, to spirit dress-up days and the many pep rallies, the Stars have been out in full force supporting and encouraging our students and athletes!

ELEMENTARY

Lower elementary students have been busy with hands-on building projects and problem-solving challenges in Mrs. Standifer's engineering lab (pictured right)! They're learning how to think like engineers while having fun with classmates. Future inventors, problem-solvers, and creators are right here at WCS!



We have been overjoyed and grateful to open our doors up to families for many special events and class gatherings this school year. It was wonderful to see so many families at Grandparents' Day, Thanksgiving luncheons and parties, the Fine Arts Masquerade Fundraiser Dinner, chapels, the Veteran's Ceremony, as well as our annual Fall Festival. As the year progresses, we look forward to even more opportunities for our community to connect and grow together, continuing this cherished tradition of doing life together as a family of believers.

Elementary Art



Elementary students have worked on some incredible creations under the guidance of our talented elementary and junior high art teacher, Mrs. Brumbelow! Thanks to their talent and hard work, our lobby and hallways are decorated beautifully this season!



From oral book reports to hands-on science experiments and learning about consumer math with our BUDS, our classrooms are filled with well-rounded, engaging, and meaningful learning experiences across every grade level. We've made significant investments in new curriculum to ensure students are equipped with strong foundations, relevant skills, and a love for learning that sets them up for a successful future.



PRESCHOOL

Thank you to all the wonderful families who joined us for WCS Preschool's annual Thanksgiving luncheon on November 21st. We had over 200 special guests attend! Your presence was a blessing, and we thank God for the wonderful community He's placed around our precious little ones.

With an abundance of our youngest (18 month) learners enrolling, we will be opening up a new classroom in January to support the needs of our families. New classes are filling up fast, but we still have limited spots remaining for 18 months - 3 years, and openings are also available for Transitional Kindergarten at the TK-12 campus.

If you know of families who are seeking a Christ-centered, established, loving environment, now is the perfect time to encourage them to schedule a tour and learn more about WCS Preschool. We would love to show them what makes WCS stand out!



Johnny Appleseed Day is always an exciting day filled with special events and activities across our preschool and elementary classrooms. Preschoolers enjoyed a special chapel with Mrs. Cummings and Mr. Reese (beloved WCS Alumni and teacher), along with crafts and tasty treats to commemorate the day!

Students are looking forward to their visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus and our older preschool classes will be enjoying a festive field trip to the Santa House in December. Keep an eye out on our Instagram and Facebook pages to see pictures from our upcoming field trips, Christmas spirit dress-up days, and special Christmas activities!

In October, the Wichita Falls Fire Department came to visit and teach our rising Stars about fire safety and the important work they do to protect our community. The children loved seeing the firetruck up close, meeting real firefighters, and learning hands-on safety tips!



WCS NEW MERCH!

WINDOW DECAL

Wichita Christian Single Sport Yard sign

Wichita Christian multi sport yard sign

Wichita Christian family yard sign

CAR DECALS & YARD SIGNS FOR ATHLETICS, FINE ARTS, & SCHOOL SPIRIT!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

The Cheer/Spirit Booster Club has designed new WCS merchandise!

We have new, customizable car decals and yard signs to show your school spirit while supporting our students and programs. These are perfect for ALL families - preschool, elementary, secondary, fine arts, and athletes!

Grab your car decals and yard signs at the following link:

<https://tandblegacysigns.com/collections/wichita-christian-school-merch>



EXCITING NEWS: The Lands' End custom shopping experience for Wichita Christian School uniforms is live, and there are NEW options available!

Orders may be placed online by visiting: landsend.com/900120783

Lands' End has the ability to embroider our official school logo on all shirts and jackets, making this store a one stop shop for families!

Be sure to check out our new Uniforms and Spirit Wear page on the WCS website:

www.wichitachristian.com/about/uniforms-and-spirit-wear

Here you will find links to all of our official school monogram uniform options along with school spirit wear!

Happy shopping!

Uniforms and Spirit Wear

Find your official WCS uniforms and spirit wear through our vendors below

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WCS Sideline - Sideline Store

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WCS Sideline - 1st Place Sideline

LANDS' END SCHOOL
SHOP SCHOOL

Lands' End School Uniforms Store

TEXOMA GIVES

As a private Christian school, we do not receive government funding. We operate solely on tuition and gift income. Texoma Gives is one of our two major fundraisers throughout the year and kicks off our Annual Giving Fund drive for the fiscal year. Once again, the Lord's blessings were upon us, and in September, with matching gifts from Dan and Carla Bolin and Marchand Construction and Roofing, we raised:

\$118,000!

Thank you to everyone who prayerfully and financially supported WCS during Texoma Gives!

Fundraisers are VITAL to our success at WCS!



ANNUAL GIVING FUND

No tuition dollars were used for the numerous projects listed in this newsletter; funding was provided by the sacrificial and counter-cultural giving of our donors and local foundations. In order to continue supporting our growth, we humbly ask that you consider a tax-deductible, year-end gift to the Annual Giving Fund Campaign.

The Annual Giving Fund is essential to support operations and is the highest priority for fundraising at WCS!

We are grateful for the success of Texoma Gives, that brought us nearly halfway to our yearly fundraising goal!

There are several ways to give to the Annual Fund:

By check, the QR code, or online at:
www.wichitachristian.com/about/giving

Annual Fund gifts are unrestricted and will go directly towards supporting our students, teachers, programs, and facilities.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY MADE A GIFT TO THE ANNUAL GIVING FUND!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars to dine-in or carry-out a meal from On the Border on Monday, January 19th from 11am - 9pm!

We are raising money to make improvements around our campuses. Specifically, we plan to improve the back courtyard area at the TK-12th grade campus to create a welcoming space that supports outdoor learning experiences.

This will make the fourth restaurant fundraiser this school year with more to come. We have intentionally added these events to our fundraising calendar for several reasons: they build community, support funding gaps, and generate easy, low-effort revenue for booster clubs and special projects. *Thank you for participating!*



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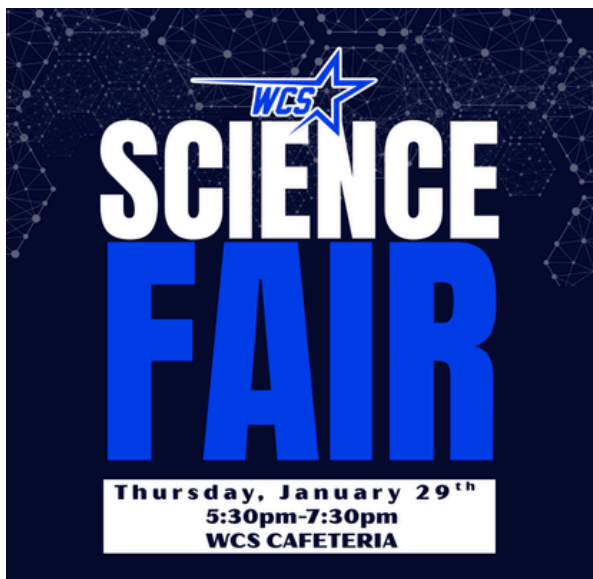
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WCS
SCIENCE FAIR

Thursday, January 29th
5:30pm-7:30pm
WCS CAFETERIA

Christmas Break:

- Early dismissal Thursday, December 18th
- Christmas Break December 19th - January 5th
- January 6th is the first day of 2nd semester

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, January 19th - On the Border fundraiser
- Thursday, January 29th - Science Fair at WCS
- Thursday, February 5th - Basketball SENIOR NIGHT
- March 26-27: Spring Band Championship
- April: Mini Mall Auction

Stay tuned for more information about a school voucher informational meeting and Open House date!

Thank you for nominating and voting WCS "Best Private School in Texoma" once again!

Please invite your families and friends to stop by for a tour to witness the WCS difference for themselves!





Please invite your friends and families to come take a tour, it may be exactly what their family is looking for!

Call (940) 763-1347 today!

As we close out another calendar year and look back on the first semester, we are filled with gratitude for the well-rounded learning opportunities and meaningful service experiences that have helped educate the whole child, both in character and knowledge. We are grateful to be a part of this mission with you, and we pray the joy and peace of Christ fill your homes during this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas, STAR family!

