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# THE WISCONSIN EDUCATOR

A quarterly newsletter focused on advancing Christian education in Wisconsin and supporting our member schools.



We are deeply grateful for our Wisconsin member schools and the impact of their ministry on countless families. May the Lord's presence bless you richly this holiday season!

### Thank you for being a member!

Thank you for partnering with us in Christian education! We have 16 member schools this year. Each school's registration information has been forwarded to the American Association of Christian Schools office for dual membership.

WACS membership certificates are being mailed out this week. An updated Member School Directory is being sent via email.

For WACS-related questions, please contact our Office Secretary, Mrs. Linda DeGroot, at 920-360-4979 or <a href="mailto:office@wacschools.org">office@wacschools.org</a>.

For the latest list of our officers and team members, visit www.wacschools.org/about.

# Thank You for Attending the Great Lakes Christian Educators' Convention!

Over 1,100 teachers from our AACS Christian schools across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin participated. It was a wonderful time of encouragement, fellowship, and instruction for Christian educators.

Mark your calendars - we return to Wisconsin Dells on October 8–9, 2026! We welcome your input for future conventions by submitting any speaker or workshop topic suggestions to the WACS office.



The AACS RightPath Retirement Plan provides participants a way to use pre-tax dollars to save for retirement with the added benefit of tax-deferred income. Transamerica Retirement Solutions provides the recordkeeping and customer service needs of the plan. For more information: <a href="https://www.aacs.org/services/staff/aacs-right-path-retirement-plan/">https://www.aacs.org/services/staff/aacs-right-path-retirement-plan/</a>

### WI Private School Choice Programs

Many WACS member schools take part in the WI Private School Choice Program (PSCP) with great success.

If your school is interested in participating, you should visit the WI DPI website link below for more information on how to register and important deadlines.

#### WI DPI Website:

https://dpi.wi.gov/parentaleducation-options/choiceprograms

Trainings are coming up soon and the application deadline is January 10, 2026, to participate in the 2026-27 school year program.

Your school would need to start the process towards accreditation which you can do through WACS! See our website at <a href="https://www.wacschools.org/benefits">www.wacschools.org/benefits</a> for a link to the Accreditation Program information.

For more information on the PSCP or accreditation, contact our Executive Director, Dr. Michael Phillips at director@wacschools.org.



WACS is a member of the American Association of Christians Schools

### WACS EVENTS

To view and download the full WACS Events Calendar, visit www.wacschools.org/events



## Congrats to WACS Athletics State Champions!

Volleyball State Champions
Badger State Baptist School, Oak Creek

**Soccer State Champions**Bay City Christian School, Green Bay

The association extends its sincere thanks to Jamie Jackson, Nate Miller, and the staff at Waupaca Christian School for organizing an outstanding state tournament. We appreciate all the teams and athletes for their hard work and good sportsmanship!



#### WACS Athletics 2025-2026 Basketball Seasons

We are excited that the 2025-2026 WACS Basketball Season will be starting soon.

The WACS Tip-Off Classic will be held at JustAGame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells on December 5. Details will be emailed out to the schools.

The WACS State Basketball Tournament will be hosted by Maranatha Baptist University on March 6-7, 2026.

Season standings will be posted weekly at www.wacschools.org/athletics.



### **WACS State Competition**

The State Competition season is almost upon us. Middle school and high school registration forms will be emailed out to schools in early January and elementary registration forms in February.

#### More information is available online at

https://www.wacschools.org/activities/state-academics-fine-arts-competition, including our NEW WACS manuals, registration numbers, judging forms, and competition calendar. Contact Megan Haynes at <a href="mailto:mhaynes@cbcs.org">mhaynes@cbcs.org</a> with questions.

State Competition: March 13 | Watertown Elementary Showcase: April 17 | Watertown Elementary Showcase: April 24 | Green Bay



### AACS National Creative Writing Contest

We encourage all WACS schools to participate in this year's short story and poetry contests for  $5^{th}$  –  $8^{th}$  grade students.

### Contest rules and judges' sheets are available at <a href="https://www.wacschools.org/writing">www.wacschools.org/writing</a>

Entries must be sent to the WACS office by December 8, 2025. A student may enter only one of the categories – either short story or poetry.

Each school is asked to have an in-house competition and send only the winning piece from each category to the WACS office.