



# ON PURPOSE

## *FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER*

### **From the Assistant Principal of Academics**

Dear Parents and Community,

We are excited to update you on the many wonderful things happening at Westside Christian High School this fall. This school year has been marked by intentionality, excellence, and deep dedication from both our educators and students, and we're eager to share how God is working in our community.

#### **Teachers: Leading with Excellence and Heart**

Our teachers continue to inspire and challenge students, not only academically but also spiritually. Through classroom prayer, Bible reflections, and Focus Groups, our educators are committed to impacting students' hearts and minds. Despite having the largest student body in our history, we've maintained small class sizes and increased offerings of electives, Advanced Placement (AP), and concurrent credit courses, allowing students to explore their passions and prepare for the future.

#### **Student Achievements: Rising to the Challenge**

Our students are excelling in many areas. The Student Ministry Team is dedicated to fostering a Christ-centered environment on campus, and some of our student athletes are achieving some of the highest GPAs in the state. Athletically, our teams have reached high placements in State playoffs. Choir students show remarkable dedication, practicing early each week, and our StuCo and Drama Department continue to lead with creativity and passion. Additionally, our Senior Class is making a significant impact through their community projects, dedicating their final year to serving others in meaningful ways.

#### **Supporting Our Teachers: P.E.S.T. Program and New Staff Spaces**

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the ongoing support of our P.E.S.T. (Parents Encouraging Staff and Teachers) program. Each year, parents "adopt" a teacher or staff member, praying for them daily and providing surprise treats and notes of encouragement. The element of mystery adds joy to the experience, and teachers are always expressing how blessed they feel to know their efforts are being prayed for and appreciated.

We've also made improvements to support our teachers' well-being. Many of our teachers share classrooms during their prep periods, so a Staff Workroom has been created from a repurposed storage room. This new space includes cozy seating, tables, a printer, a Keurig, and even a small fridge, providing a welcoming "home away from home" for our educators to focus and recharge. The room was beautifully painted by a group of parents, adding a thoughtful touch that makes it even more inviting. Additionally, the Staff Lunch Room has been redesigned to foster collaboration and relaxation during breaks.



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**Teacher's Lounge**



**Staff Workroom**

We are grateful for the ways our community continues to bless and uplift our teachers through both prayer and thoughtful physical spaces.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Westside Christian High School community. We look forward to what God will continue to do in and through us this year!

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