

WELCOME  
TO 3<sup>RD</sup>  
GRADE!

The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1  
2013-2014 Theme Verse

Dear 3VT Parents,

Psalm 27:1, this year's theme verse has always been one of my favorite verses. It was a verse that my mom "gave" me, highlighted in my very first Bible when I was about a third grader myself. As a kid I was a bit of a worry wart and would often pad out of my bedroom late at night, and into my parents room with some concern about the next day. My parents often reminded me that God was bigger than my fears. It seems an apt verse to think about as we start this school year. I write this the night before we begin our year together, and I pray that God's bigness covers our school year together.

In His Service,

Melissa Van Til

## PARENT ORIENTATION

I look forward to meeting with you next week Tuesday evening (September 10) from 7:30-7:55 for parent orientation.

In the meantime, if you have any questions feel free to call or email me.

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## THIS WEEK

- This week in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade we are spending some time getting to know each other and the rules and procedures of third grade.
- We are beginning Bible, Math, Language Arts, and Science as well. Details of what we are studying will be provided in next week's newsletter and at Parent Orientation night.
- Our specials schedule is on the other side of this paper.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Art 8:40-9:25	Gym 11-11:30	Music 11:30-12	Spanish 9:45-10:15	Gym 10:45-11:15
	Library 11:30-12	Spanish 2:20-2:50		Singing 12:50-1:20



Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents,

We are off and running with another great school year! My prayer and hope is that this will be the best year yet for your student(s) at West Side Christian School.

The occasion for this letter is to inform you that we will not be able to continue our swimming lessons for the third graders through the YMCA this year. The cost of the program is over \$100 per student this year and has become prohibitive for the current budget. We are disappointed anytime that finances limit the scope of our opportunities but sometimes fiscal realities require us to postpone or eliminate programs that we cannot sustain. Financial stewardship is not always easy, but it is our responsibility as we take on this task of Christian Education.

I am amazed at the many great opportunities that our school is able to provide. I am very excited about our new partnership with Blandford Nature Center this year. I believe this will provide an excellent addition to our science education. We are working with Blandford advisors to find ways to maximize the use of the Brian Dyk Nature Preserve on our school property.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am praying for you and your family, that you would have a great school year!

Blessings,

Tom Aldrich, Principal  
West Side Christian School