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A Message from Dr. Greg Ross

Dear West End School Community,

As we approach the conclusion of a truly remarkable academic year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the community that makes our mission possible. Your generosity remains the lifeblood of our school, allowing us to evolve, innovate, and thrive.

A New Look for a New Era You may notice something different at the top of this newsletter. We are thrilled to unveil our **new school logo**. While our website will transition soon, we wanted our loyal community to be the first to see this symbol of our growth. This design reflects a "New Era"—one that honors our history while embracing a future that now serves both boys and girls.

Celebrating Our Milestones This year was historic as we celebrated the **Inaugural Opening of our Girls Program** for grades Pre-K through 2nd. Seeing our campus come alive with the energy of these young ladies has been a highlight of my career.

The momentum continues:

- **Expansion:** I am excited to announce that next year, we are officially adding a **3rd-grade girls class**, continuing our commitment to providing a premier education for all our students.
- **Success:** We are capping off this year by cheering on our 11 graduates. We are incredibly proud to share that **100% of them** have been accepted into the high school of their choice.

Everything we achieve is a direct result of your investment in these children. Thank you for being a part of this journey and for helping us turn this vision into a reality.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,



Dr. Greg Ross

Dr. Greg Ross
President and Head of School



Patrick Bellucci
DeSales High School



Markell Blackburn
Kentucky Country Day School



Jawantae Britt
Saint Xavier High School



Markario Hamilton
High Cross High School



Tywan Hinkle
Saint Xavier High School



Josiah Hinton
Saint Xavier High School



Ethan Love-Whitmore
Walden School



Amare O'Neal
Louisville Collegiate School



John Shropshire
Saint Xavier High School



Dalton Smith
Louisville Collegiate School



Royce Timberlake
Saint Xavier High School

Eighth Grade Scholars Spread Their Wings!

West End School is incredibly proud to announce that every member of our 8th-grade graduating class has been admitted to the high school of their choice! These scholars have worked tirelessly, and we are excited to see their efforts recognized by these prestigious institutions.

Please join us in congratulating our future High School stars:

- **Patrick Bellucci** – DeSales
- **Markell Blackburn** – KCD
- **Jawantae Britt** – St. X
- **Markario Hamilton** – Holy Cross
- **Tywan Hinkle** – St. X
- **Josiah Hinton** – St. X
- **Ethan Love-Whitmore** – Walden
- **Amare O'Neal** – Louisville Collegiate
- **John Shropshire** – St. X
- **Dalton Smith** – Louisville Collegiate
- **Royce Timberlake** – St. X

Fly high, Eagles! Your leadership, hard work, and many talents will be missed. We can't wait to watch you soar into this next chapter. We also extend a heartfelt thank you to our donors—your support paved the path for these extraordinary scholars to thrive.



Join Us for Commencement

We invite you to witness this proud moment as our scholars officially become West End School Alumni. Please join us for the Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony:

- **When:** Thursday, May 21st | 9:00 AM
- **Where:** Darrell Griffith Athletic Center

Help us give these Eagles a proper send-off as they prepare to soar into high school!



Second Graders Meet KCD Pen Pals at Muhammad Ali Center

After a full year of exchanging handwritten letters, the big moment finally arrived: our students met their Kentucky Country Day pen pals in person at the Muhammad Ali Center on April 2!

Highlights of the day included:

- A high-energy museum scavenger hunt.
- Exploring the inspiring legacy of "The Greatest," Muhammad Ali.
- Sharing laughs over lunch and building real-world connections.

We are so grateful for our enduring partnership with KCD. Together, we aren't just teaching—we're enriching the lives and perspectives of our scholars.



Ringling Brothers Perform LIVE at WES with Thanks to Chick-fil-A

A huge thank you to **Chick-fil-A** and **Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey** for bringing an unforgettable program to our students on April 21, 2026. WES students were treated to a spectacular performance and a delicious lunch. Our scholars even got to hug their favorite mascots and meet the high-tech "robodog"! Programs like these create memories that last a lifetime.





Spring Concert Showcases Musical Talent

West End School celebrated the season with our uplifting Spring Concert on April 23. This special evening was filled with harmony and rhythm as our ensembles took the stage. Families and friends enjoyed performances by **the WES Choir, Drum Corps, Dance Team, Orchestra, and a special piano solo.**



[String Orchestra 04/23/26](#)



WES Celebrates the Kentucky Derby with a Parade

Our scholars took a break from their studies to celebrate "Thurby" on April 30! Students promenaded in their best jockey silks and inflatable horse costumes, followed by spirited races in the gym. Many thanks to our Fine Arts Director, James Davis, for organizing this event.





Partner Spotlight: Rotary Club of Louisville

West End School is profoundly grateful for the continued partnership of the **Rotary Club of Louisville**. Recently, the Rotary presented WES with a generous check for **\$5,000** to support our ongoing mission.

However, their commitment goes far beyond financial investment—they truly show up for our students. A dedicated group of Rotarians has been visiting campus to read *A Long Walk to Water* alongside our 8th graders. This shared literary journey has sparked meaningful dialogue and provided a powerful learning experience for students and mentors alike. Thank you, Rotary, for investing your time and your heart in our scholars!



Meet Lee Anne Alsup, our New VP of Development

As our school grows, so does our Development office! We are thrilled to introduce **Lee Anne Alsup**, our new VP of Development. Lee Anne joins us with a passion for educational equity and a wealth of experience in sustainable growth.

If you have ideas for community partnerships or questions about supporting our scholars, please reach out at leeanne.alsup@westendschool.org. She is eager to connect with the families and supporters who believe in the mission of West End School.



Perso Dinner Collaboration with Kathy Cary

Join us for a special evening at **Perso** honoring the legacy of James Beard Award-winning Chef Kathy Cary of Lilly's Bistro. This one-night-only dinner features a collaborative four-course tasting menu inspired by Chef Cary's most beloved dishes.

100% of every ticket sold (\$150) will be donated directly to the West End School.

- **When:** May 28th, 6:30 PM
- **Where:** Perso
- **Tickets:**

[Click here](#) 

- *(Note: Beverages, tax, and gratuity are not included in the ticket price; a 20% service charge applies at checkout.)*



Alumni Spotlight: BBQ Celebration

Calling all West End School Alumni! Please mark your calendars for our **Alumni BBQ on Saturday, August 1, 2026**. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

RSVP: Contact Samuel Iradukunda at 502-309-5893 for more information.



Upcoming Important School Dates

May 16, 2026	F.L.O.W. Masquerade Sneaker Ball
May 21, 2026	Eighth Grade Graduation & Last Day of School
June 4, 2026	WES Family Academy
June 5, 2026	Back to School Health Exams (Park DuValle Clinic on campus)
June 22–25, 2026	WES Summer Bridge Program
July 1, 2026	Admissions Portal opens for 2027-2028
July 9, 2026	WES Family Academy for New Families (6:00 PM)
July 10, 2026	Back to School Health Exams (Park DuValle Clinic on campus)
July 20–24, 2026	WES Summer Bridge Program
August 1, 2026	WES Alumni BBQ
August 13, 2026	First Day of School!





Soul, Art, and Community Coming to Waterfront Park August 8, 2026!

We are thrilled to announce that the 3rd Annual Sky Soul Festival is returning to Waterfront Park on August 8, 2026. This incredible event is a true celebration of live music, art, culture, and our local community—and you won't want to miss it!

The festival is bringing heavy hitters to the stage this year. While more artists are still being added, the current lineup is already spectacular:

- **Fantasia**
- **Anthony Hamilton**
- **Busta Rhymes**
- **Tonio Armani**
- **DJ Kool**
- **Plus featured local bands!**

Please contact jay.hunt@westendschool.org regarding purchase of your ticket at a discount.

Event Details

- **When:** August 8th, 2026, gates open from 3pm-11pm.
- **Where:** Waterfront Park
- **Tickets:** Ranging from \$70.17 to \$301.79

A huge thank you to the Sky Soul Festival organizers for bringing the gift of music to our community and supporting our families. We hope to see you all there for a day of live music, soul, sun, and song!