

Grandparents and Special Friends Day:  
(February 9, 2018)

WCS welcomes grandparents and special friends for the day. Guests visit classrooms, view student work, and attend an assembly with class performances. Hosted by the Family Council and Festival Committee.



Spring Gala: (March 3, 2018)

This is an adults-only celebration and benefit for the school! Parents enjoy food, friends, music, dancing and a live and silent auction. Hosted by the Wasatch Family Foundation.

Passover:

Third graders often celebrate the spring season with a traditional Passover feast. (Complements the curricular studies.)

Earth Day Clean-up: (April 20, 2017)

Parents, community members and disc golfers are invited to join in this school-sponsored effort to clean-up Creekside and Big Cottonwood Parks. Efforts are coordinated with Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation. Hosted by Family Council and Festival Committee.



Eurythmy Showcase: (April 27, 2018)

Classes from the fourth grade up share performances with the student body during this assembly. Parents are invited to attend this activity held during the school day.

Pentathalon: (May 11 & 12)

Fifth grade students culminate their studies with a Pentathalon in the spirit of ancient Greece. Organized by the Games teacher and class teachers. (Complements the curricular studies.)

Medieval Games:

Sixth grade students cap their year with a camping trip and Medieval Games where students' noble efforts are recognized with a Knighting Ceremony. Organized by the Games teacher and class teachers. (Complements the curricular studies.)

May Faire: (May 18, 2018)

This is a celebration of Spring for the entire school community. Dancing round the maypole, outdoor games, and live music. Parents are welcome to attend and observe the dances. Hosted by the Family Council and Festival Committee.

All School Assembly: (June 1, 2017)

The school year concludes with a final assembly held at the Performing Arts Center at Olympus High School. This event includes performances from all classes and the music program, including the return gift of a rose from the first grade students to the eighth grade. Eighth Grade Advancement is held immediately following this event and includes a dinner and ceremony for students and families.

These events are supported through a variety of entities in the school such as the Family Council, Wasatch Family Foundation, and the faculty Festival Committee. The Festival Committee welcomes ideas and initiatives from the community for multicultural events and festivals. Contact: [info@wasatchwaldorf.org](mailto:info@wasatchwaldorf.org)



# FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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Festivals and celebrations are part of life at Wasatch Waldorf Charter School. These events mark the seasons, holidays, and cultural traditions, and build community.

# FALL

**First Day Celebration and Rose Ceremony:**  
(August 21, 2017)

To mark the beginning of the school year, parents are asked to walk their children onto school grounds where the full student body gathers together to sing the school song, greet their teachers, and file into school behind the bagpipes. The eighth grade class welcomes the first graders into the grade school with a special rose ceremony in the auditorium. First grade parents are welcome to attend.

**Festival of Courage:** (September 29, 2017)

At the beginning of autumn, WCS holds a school-wide celebration in the spirit of Michaelmas that includes a school assembly with an accounting of acts of courage performed by each class, a play by the second grade, and music. Students also enjoy an obstacle course, picnic, and singing outside. Hosted by the Festivals Committee.

**Sukkot:**

Third graders often celebrate the autumn harvest by building a festive hut in the garden. (Complements the curricular studies.)

**Diwali:**

Fifth graders often commemorate this traditional Indian festival. (Complements the curricular studies.)

**Harvest Festival:** (October 27 & 28)

This celebration of the season is a weekend event open to the public. Adults are welcomed on Friday evening for shopping, food, and music. Saturday includes crafts and games for children, puppet shows, stories, music, as well as market sales. Hosted by the Wasatch Family Foundation, with support from the Family Council.

**Dia de los Muertos:** (November 1-2, 2017)

This special remembrance of our ancestors includes special activities during Spanish classes. Hosted by the Spanish Department.



# WINTER

**Lantern Walk:** (November 11, 2017)

To mark the beginning of winter and inward journey of the season, students gather at the school to collect their lanterns, hear the story of Saint Martin and sing songs, and commemorate the virtue of giving. Students (with their parents) then walk with their lanterns along a path. The evening finishes with hot drinks and bread to share near bonfires. In advance, classes frequently hold food or coat drives or engage in other service. This quiet celebration is offered to the all children at our school. Hosted by the Festivals Committee.

**Saint Nicholas Day:** (December 6, 2017)

Kinderclasses and early grades are often visited by St. Nicholas who greets the children and is often seen by other classes as he visits the school.

**Santa Lucia:** (December 13, 2017)

Sixth graders often honor one of the medieval saints, Santa Lucia, as the giver of light during the season of Winter Solstice. This may include activities in which other classes can participate during the school day. (Complements the curricular studies.)

**Holiday Music Showcase:** (December 14, 2017)

Orchestra and choirs from Grades 6-8 perform during December. Students may also be encouraged to perform solo or small ensemble work from their music practice.

**Winter Music Showcase:** (January 26, 2018)

Strings and choirs from Grades 4-5 perform during January. Students may also be encouraged to perform solo or small ensemble work from their music practice.