



Campus Connection

The weekly newsletter for St. Joseph, St. Mary, & St. William Campus



2nd Quarter Ends with Early Dismissal

Friday, January 23rd will be an early dismissal day. St. Joseph Campus will dismiss at 11:25 A.M. St. Mary and St. William Campuses will dismiss at 11:30 A.M.. This is the last day of the 2nd quarter.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 30th.

Home & School Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Home and School and Catholic Knights was a great success. Over 400 people were served and Waukesha Catholic Home and School earned over \$1,800. The pictures with Santa were a hit with young and old alike. A big THANK YOU to the Kuklinski family for donating their time and camera equipment for the pictures with Santa.

Mark Your Calendar – Deadline Friday, January 9th

The next Home & School event is quickly approaching - the 1st Annual Waukesha Catholic Home & School “Knights”! It will be held Saturday, January 17, 2009 in St. Mary’s Community Room. Bring your adult family, friends, and trivia buffs in teams of 10 for an evening of fun. Doors open at 6:15 P.M. and games begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. The cost is \$10 per person or \$100 per team. Complimentary beer, water and lights snacks will be provided. BYO: soda, wine, cocktails and hor d’oeuvres. For more information contact: Margaret Dunn-Watson at 544-9313, Andrea Palmisano at 408-2112 or Mary McNulty at 524-8531.



4 year old Kindergarten Program

Do you have a child that will be entering 4-year-old kindergarten within the next few years? Please join the administration of Waukesha Catholic for an open forum at which we will discuss the possible expansion of the 4-year-old kindergarten program. We want to hear from you – the future users of the program – regarding your needs and opinions. Please come to learn more.

Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 P.M.
St. William’s Parish Hall
440 N. Moreland Blvd.

OR Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 P.M.
St. Mary’s Community Room
225 S. Hartwell Ave.

Catholic Memorial High School

For more information or to register for any of the following call:

Mary Hutchens at 262-542-7101, ext. 204 or mhutchens@catholicmemorial.net or
Julie Lindahl at 262-542-7101, ext. 242 or jlindahl@catholicmemorial.net.

❖ All families interested in learning more about CMH are invited to “Celebrating Our Mission” on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 P.M. At this event you will hear from our President, Fr. Paul Hartmann ’84. You will also have the opportunity to meet in small groups with our Principal, Director of Counseling, Director of Admissions (Tuition Assistance), Campus Minister, Associate Principal, CMH students and CMH parents. This informal interactive evening is designed to answer all of your questions.

❖ 7th and 8th graders are invited to Catholic Memorial High School for a “Fun Friday” on January 9th from 5:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. It is a Friday night set aside for middle school students to come to CMH and participate in fun and interactive activities. Students may choose two of the following activities: Sticky Rhinoceros (CMH’s own comedy improv team), Football with Coach Young, Fencing, Photography and

Painting or Science. After the sessions we will all gather for pizza. All students that attend also receive a FREE ticket to the CMH Varsity Boys' Basketball game vs. Kettle Moraine (students must be accompanied by an adult).

❖ Catholic Memorial High School invites you to "Principal Matters". Please join us on Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for "Principal Matters" with Principal, Dr. Mark Schmitt. This casual forum is an excellent source of information for prospective and current CMH parents to hear about the daily "happenings" at Catholic Memorial. Conversation often covers topics not included in the monthly newsletter. Parents considering CMH for the future have a unique opportunity to feel the spirit of Catholic Memorial in a small and comfortable setting.

❖ Incoming Freshman Registration for current 8th grade students will be held on January 26th from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the InPro Athletic Center at Catholic Memorial High School, located at 601 E. College Avenue, Waukesha. Faculty members, Department Chairs and School Counselors will be available to answer questions about our curriculum and classes, to provide individual assistance with course selections and to help guide your family in registering for the 2009-2010 school year. A completed application must be on file prior to registration. If you have not taken our 8th grade placement test, please bring your most recent standardized testing scores and report cards.

Meghan Law Notification

In 1997 a law was passed that allowed law enforcement to share information with their community regarding sex offenders who are released from prison. The schools have received a notice from the Waukesha Police Department regarding a sex offender released into the community. If you are interested in the information available you may call the Waukesha Police Department, 262-524-3769 or 262-524-3785, stop by your campus office.

Gratitude and Best Wishes

I hope your celebration of Christ's birth gladdened your heart and filled you with renewed hope and enthusiasm.



It is with much love and gratitude in my heart that I thank those parents and families who contributed to my Christmas gift courtesy of the Waukesha Catholic Home & School Association. Your gift of Scrip was much appreciated.

Be assured of my ongoing prayerful support throughout our New Year and may 2009 bring good health, contentment and God's peace.

Blessings,
Fr. Leonard

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC St. Joseph Middle School

Included in This Week's Packet

Catholic School's Week Activity *Witness* Permission Slip **Grades 6, 7, 8**
Drama Class Field Trip Permission Slip **Grade 8 Drama Students Only**
Four Peas Catered Lunch Menu *February*-Due No Later Than January 14, 2009
H&S Sponsored Social Flyer, Permission Slip and Volunteer Form **Grades 6, 7, 8**

All That Jazz

The CMH Jazz Ensemble shared their musical talents with Waukesha Catholic Middle School on Thursday, December 18th. The ensemble directed by Mrs. Rosemary Walzer performed both jazz and blues numbers for our listening pleasure.

Waukesha Catholic is proud to have 4 alumni participating in the ensemble. They are Greg Plechaty, Senior, Jon Balicki, Sophomore, Alec Aldred, Freshman and Gabe Wichser, Freshman.. Charlie Lange , a 7th grader at Waukesha Catholic Middle School sat in for one number with his guitar. Way to go Charlie!

What a treat!! We very much appreciate the ensemble taking the time to come and perform for us. Thank you Mrs. Van Treeck for arranging this opportunity

The Sounds of Christmas

The sounds of Christmas reverberated off the walls of Shattuck Auditorium at Carroll University on Wednesday evening, December 17th. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade bands all performed individually and the 7/8th grade did a number together along with some parent musicians and Mrs. Kelly Schmidt.

The chorus classes under the direction of Mrs. Leisha Smith also performed both group and individual numbers. The décor, the audience and most of all the student performers put us in the Christmas mood.

A big thank you goes to Mrs. Becky Van Treeck, Andy Hacker, and Leisha Smith for all their hard work and effort in putting the program together. Great job!

Service to the Greater Community

All of the students in Waukesha Catholic Middle School decorated paper bags turning them into either reindeer, snowmen or Christmas trees. Once finished the 8th grade Service/Outreach classes filled the bags with goodies: candy, crackers, juice bags, granola bars and other snacks. 275 of these bags were then packed up and loaded into Mrs. Greil's and Mrs. Oehldrich's cars and they delivered them to Ethan Allen School for Boys in Wales. Thank you teachers and students for helping us out with this very worthwhile service

St. William Parish and Mrs. Mary McNulty began the tradition of outreach to Ethan Allen and Waukesha Catholic Middle School is continuing the effort.

Maintenance Thank You

The St. Joseph Maintenance Staff would like to thank all the families who contributed toward our Christmas Scrip gift certificates. From *Jerry, Justin and Norm*

Waukesha Catholic St. Mary Campus

Keep in Your Prayers

After a 3-year battle with lymphoma and brain cancer, Brennan Kocovsky's grandmother, Beverly Wildt passed away on December 29th. Please keep the Kocovsky's in your prayers.

Please keep Peter Aspenson, 5th grader at St. Mary's, and his family in your prayers. Peter's grandpa, Richard Fauerbach passed away on December 22nd.

Mary Kuemmel's dad, Calogero "Kelly" Pagano passed away on Thursday, December 18th. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

Please keep the Rice family in your prayers. Linda's mother, Lois Moresi died on December 23rd.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen.***

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest Winners!

Students in grades 1st - 4th were encouraged to draw a picture with the theme "The True Meaning of Christmas" for the Knights of Columbus poster contest. All of the kids did a great job! Listed below are the winners. The posters of first place winners are eligible for further competition at the Diocesan level.

Congratulations to all of you!

1st grade: Honorable Mention – Caitlin Sereno

Honorable Mention – Tyler Kurowski

3rd grade: 1st place – Mark Durand

2nd place – Kaleena Montez

4th grade: 1st place – Amalia Hornung

2nd place – Kate Mrochinski

Honorable Mention – Dylan Snider

Health room Help!

Do you have an hour to spare? If so, please consider spending a bit of time at the school health room. Help is needed between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. No nursing degree required just a kind heart, ability to put on a band-aid or apply an ice pack. Thank you for your consideration.

Classroom Help

Our 1st and 2nd grade students need your help! Could you volunteer to work with the students during art class? They will be making decorations for the 2009 Waukesha Catholic Auction and need parental help – one time only and super easy!

Wednesday, January 7th: Grade 1-1 from 11:00 – 11:45

Grade 1-2 from 2:35 – 3:20

Hot Lunch Forms Are Due!

Don't forget to send in your child's hot lunch form. They are due January 14th!

Market Day Update

The December 2008 sale netted a profit of **\$450.30** from 57 customers, which brings our four-month total to **\$1808.09!** Thanks to all who continue to support this program! And thanks to all the Market Day volunteers. We could really use some NEW volunteers, especially for the Saturday morning pickups from 7:00 am to 8:00/8:15. You don't have to show up every month – just as you have time. Don't be shy – it's a fun group!

The next sale date is **Saturday, January 24**, which means the forms are due **Friday, January 16 at school.**

Or, you can order online until Wednesday, January 21 at noon (www.marketday.com; St. Mary's school code is #4369). The on-line ordering is easy and has clearance items, as well. The pickup location will be the St. Mary's multi-purpose room, as usual. If you have any questions about Market Day or need an order form please contact Joe Piatt at 548-9991 or jpiatt@carrollu.edu. Thanks in advance for your support of this program!

In Today's Packet

Home & School/Catholic Schools request form

Hot Lunch Volunteer form

February Hot lunch form

St. Mary's Parish Chorister's Information

Waukesha JanBoree brochure

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, January 7th: Non-uniform day

Friday, January 9th: School Mass, 9:00 a.m. 3-1

Wednesday, January 14th: Hot lunch forms due

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC St. William Campus

New Year

We begin a New Year, but we are still in the season of Christmas until January 11th, the feast of the baptism of the Lord. It is easy to forget that Christmas is not just one day, but rather a season during which we continue to celebrate the gift of Christ's birth. Sunday, January 4th we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany, when tradition tells us the 3 kings brought gifts to the Christ child.

We can continue to honor the season by blessing our homes for the year. The blessing recalls the visit of the Magi and marks our homes as special "holy" places. The blessing is simple. Gather all the members of the family and pray this prayer: Loving God, as we mark this lintel (doorpost), send the angel of mercy to guard our home and repel the powers of darkness. Fill those of us living here with a love for each other and warm us with the fullness of your presence and love.

Sprinkle the house with holy water.

With chalk mark the door frame with these symbols --20+K+M+B+09--, these letters represent the names of the 3 kings: Kaspar; Melchior; and Balthazaar. The numbers represent the current year.

If anyone needs chalk for this blessing, just send a note to your child's teacher, she will send home a piece of chalk.

Welcome

We welcome Antonio Beers, a new student in Grade 4, and his family to St. William Campus.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

Congratulations to the following students from St. William Campus who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their grade level, competing against all students of Catholic schools in Waukesha (St. Mary Campus and St. William Campus) :

Grade 1—

1st place – Luis Salinas

2nd place – Thomas Schmitzer

3rd place – Trevor Piacsek

Grade 2—

1st place – Ryan Konecny

2nd place – Luke Hubley

3rd place – Carsen Piacsek

Grade 3—

2nd place (tie) – Emily Mirsberger

3rd place – Heidi Bucci

Grade 4—

3rd place – Areli Angel

The 1st place posters were sent on for diocesan judging.

Penny Drive

We will collect pennies on Thursday, January 15th for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Hot Lunch

The orders for February lunch are due to the office by January 8th. Late orders will not be accepted.



Playground

We still need help with playground supervision every other Friday during lunch recess. This requires you to be at school on the day you help from 12:00 to 1:00. Please help.

Learn Fair

We will hold our annual Learn fair on Tuesday, January 27th in the Parish Hall. An ice cream social will be sponsored by the Home and School on that evening.

After Care Update

After Care will be provided on Friday, Jan. 23rd, from 11:30am – 6:00pm. This is an early dismissal day. Please let Carol Cage know if you need child care on that day.

Thank You, Carol

Mark Your Calendar

January 20th - Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors meeting at Vercelli House 7pm

January 23rd - Early dismissal (at 11:30) followed by Teacher In-Service

January 24th/25th - Catholic Schools Week begins / Book Fair in Parish Hall

January 27th - Learn Fair

January 28th - Mass at Catholic Memorial High School for students in Grades 1 to 8

January 30th - Frosty Stomp (St. William Campus dance)