



Campus Connection

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

Spiritually Literate New Year's Resolutions

by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat

1. I will live in the present moment. I will not obsess about the past or worry about the future.
2. I will cultivate the art of making connections. I will pay attention to how my life is intimately related to all life on the planet.
3. I will be thankful for all the blessings in my life. I will spell out my days with a grammar of gratitude.
4. I will practice hospitality in a world where too often strangers are feared, enemies are hated, and the "other" is shunned. I will welcome guests and alien ideas with graciousness.
5. I will seek liberty and justice for all. I will work for a free and a fair world.
6. I will add to the planet's fund of good will by practicing little acts of kindness, brief words of encouragement, and manifold expressions of courtesy.
7. I will cultivate the skill of deep listening. I will remember that all things want to be heard, as do the many voices inside me.
8. I will practice reverence for life by seeing the sacred in, with, and under all things of the world.
9. I will give up trying to hide, deny, or escape from my imperfections. I will listen to what my shadow side has to say to me.
10. I will be willing to learn from the spiritual teachers all around me, however unlikely or unlike me they may be.

Student Service Council News

Congratulations to Jessica F., who is now the President of Student Service Council, and to Ashley S., our new Vice-President, Caleb K. is now the 8-1 representative.



NEED TO KNOW

Board of Directors

The next Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. at St. William-Vercelli House.

Coffee Connection

The next Coffee Connection with our Director, Maureen Gallagher, will be Tuesday, February 5th at St. Mary Campus Community Room at 11:00 A.M. Any parent is welcome to attend a general round table discussion. Questions concerning the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the roles of central administration, explanation of budget, etc. are the kind of issues that might be brought up and discussed. Creative ideas for the good of the system are certainly welcome. Bring your questions and join Maureen Gallagher.



FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

- Waukesha Catholic is looking for a coordinator for the Scrip program. This paid position will entail an average of five hours a week. The person would need to be available on Monday mornings but much of the other work may be completed at home. You must be familiar with computers and Excel. If interested, please send qualifications in an email to Scrip@wcsonline.org.
- The Scrip statements showing any orders placed from the end of last school year through the end of December are complete. If you placed an order during this time you will receive a statement. Please call as soon as possible if there is a discrepancy in your statement. If there are two papers in one envelope they have been consolidated but if you received an envelope from two different campus locations please call so these can be consolidated.

Home & School Culver's Night

It's Culver's Night, Wednesday, January 9th. Visit the Culver's on Grandview or 1-64 from 4-7 p.m. or Culver's on Sunset from 5-8 p.m. and a portion of each restaurant's sales will go to Waukesha Catholic's Home and School. We had fabulous November earnings of \$670+. Let's top that in January. Hope to see you there.

Auction Annex

Don't forget the Auction Raffle. **Tickets can now be purchased at each of the school offices.** The raffle drawing will take place at the Waukesha Catholic Auction "Escape to the Hills" at Merrill Hills Country Club on February 23rd, 2008. You need not be present to win. The prize is one year's Waukesha Catholic Tuition or \$2,000 cash.

Cost for the raffle is \$20 per ticket or 3 for \$50. Each ticket purchaser has a fantastic chance to win – a maximum of 500 tickets will be sold.

OTHER EVENTS

Parents are Invited

St. Matthias Parish School at 9300 W. Beloit Rd., Milwaukee extends an invitation to parents. "Mark your calendar for 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 10th. We will be welcoming guest speaker Mr. Dave Funk to introduce us to the principles of Love & Logic. Mr. Funk, an educator since 1969, is the co-author of Teaching with Love and Logic. He is a frequent presenter at parenting programs, teacher in-services, and conferences.

The 'Love and Logic' Program offers a process for interacting with children in a way that develops responsibility, trust and internalized controls. As a result, children learn consequences balanced with empathy, and develop a healthy self-concept of how their decisions affect what happens to them. Teachers and parents who understand this process will discover techniques that can make working with the children in their lives a joy. Please join us in Krieg Gym for this informational treat! Parking is available east of the school building and on the playground area. Enter the east gym doors. The presentation will be held in the school gym. For more information call 414-321-0894"

RECOGNITION



Congratulations!

Kaitlynn G. has a new baby brother, Cameron, born 1-03-08 at 5:00 p.m. He weighed 8lb. 6 oz., congratulations to Cameron's parents, Brian and Kristin Gardella.

Congratulations

Mike & Theresa Chrisien were blessed with a baby girl, the last baby born at Waukesha Memorial Hospital in 2007! Grace Danielle joins her brothers, Ben (2nd grade) and Harry and is a happy and healthy baby. God bless you all!



CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in This Week's Packet

Auction Item Reminder - **6th Grade Only**

Catholic School Week Volunteers

Lenten Gathering Flyer

Pea Pod Menu – February - **DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH**

St. Joe's after School Club Offerings 2 Semester

School District of Waukesha High School Open House – **8th Grade Only**

Scrip

Winter Social Flyer and Volunteer Form

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Sounds of the Season

On December 19th the students of the Catholic Memorial Jazz band paid a visit to St. Joe's. The sounds of the season rang through the gym. It was a nice break and got everyone enthused for our own concert. Greg Plechaty, Alfredo Garcia and Jonathan Balicki are past alum and members of the Jazz band. It was great to see them still enjoying their music!!

Christmas Concert

The St. Joe's Middle School Christmas concert performed the evening of December 19th at Carroll College. Shattuck Auditorium was a festive place to ring in the holiday season. Our chorus and band did an extremely good job. We are proud of all of our participants and wish to recognize the hard work of our teachers, Ms. VanTreeck, Mrs. Springer and Mrs. Schmitt.

A special thank you to Kevin Lang, Mark Wichser and Melissa Radke for helping to transport band equipment to and from Carroll College for rehearsal, Mrs. Krismer and Mrs. Kascht who served as greeters before the concert, and Angelica Aldred for taking band photos at the concert. The photos will be used for the 2007-2008 year book.

Hot Lunch Thanks

Remember back to the Wednesday before Christmas? The smell of hot dogs was in the air as the first Hot Dog day of the year went off without a hitch. Special thanks to Fred Coxey, Janet Curtis, Carol Mathison, Patrice Piette, Beth Szolyga and our coordinator Jeff Jonas!

Morning Drop off Reminder

Last month we had several near misses on Martin Street. We ask parents to please use the alley between the Historical Society and our campus, (East Avenue to Martin Street) when dropping off students in the morning.

Parents have called with concerns about students walking across Martin Street between parked cars and buses. Drivers have a hard time seeing around snow banks as well as buses. If the proper drop is used by **all**, the safety of our students will be ensured.



Ski Club Update

The Ski Club Trip to Alpine Valley this Friday, January 11th IS CANCELLED! Refunds for this trip are included in today's family packet.

Our next scheduled trip to Alpine is Friday, January 25th, 2008.

Student Service Council News

Congratulations to Jessica Furrer, who is now the President of Student Service Council, and to Ashley Sickels, our new Vice-President, Caleb Krause is now the 8-1 representative.

8th Grade Reminders

Parents and students are reminded to turn in their permission slips and fees for the 8th grade retreat on January 11th. Forms were initially due on December 20th. If you have already returned the form thank you!

8th Grade

On December 21st students received information regarding the 8th grade production of Willy Wonka, Jr. The interest survey and volunteer forms are due on Friday, January 11th. Please contact Mr. Kelly Vance with questions, 262-544-9526.

Box Tops for Education Update

Keep clipping those Box Tops! It was a profitable endeavor first and second quarter. St. Joe's received a check for \$332.90!! That total is just from clipping those box tops and sending them into the school office.

The hard work is done by Mrs. Jaynes. Mrs. Jaynes trims, sorts and counts the box tops and sends them in for us. A huge thank you to her. We never would have received that extra money without her efforts!

ST. MARY

Hot Lunch Reminder

In today's packet is the order form for February Hot Lunch. THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH. Please be sure to put your child's first and last name on the form as well as his/her classroom (1-2 or 1-2, etc..) number.



Book Fair

St. Mary's School Book Fair is coming soon! The Fair opens Friday, January 25 at 8:45 a.m. in the Community Room. Please see the attached request for volunteers and information about the *One For Books* program in this Campus Connection.

Accelerated Reader News

Please be reminded that January 18th is the last day for students to meet their A.R. goals for 2nd quarter. We hope to have many students meeting their goals so we can recognize them at the awards assembly. The date of this assembly will be published in next weeks Campus Connection.

St. Mary Campus – "Building the Foundation to Greatness"

There are so many wonderful, creative, exciting, and inspiring things happening on a regular basis at St. Mary's which demonstrate how we are "Building the Foundation to Greatness." Sometimes, however, we do not do a great job of sharing these stories/events with you. In future Campus Connection's we will have a segment titled: "Building the Foundation to Greatness", which will showcase the many "great" happenings here at St. Mary's. Stay tuned!!

In Today's Packet

- February Hot Lunch order form
- Lenten Gathering form
- Hot Lunch Volunteer form
- Book Fair forms



Looking Ahead

Friday, January 11th Hot Lunch forms are due
Wednesday, January 16th Non-uniform day
Friday, January 18th Last day of 2nd quarter
Early Dismissal – 11:30 a.m.

ST. WILLIAM

Happy New Year

We are at the start of a new year, a time when many people make resolutions. The church's "New Year" began with Advent, so Catholics have already made their resolutions. My hope for all of the families is that they take time to appreciate the gifts God has given them. Peace for the New Year.

Grade 1 News

Mrs. Gloria Carlin is taking a leave of absence for a time. During her leave, Mrs. Kim Sloan will be her long term substitute teacher. I ask you to keep both Mrs. Carlin and Mrs. Sloan and their families, in your prayers during this difficult time.

Box Top News

We received a check for about \$2,100 from Box Tops. I wish to thank Stacie Piacsek and all her helpers and all the families that participated in the collection. We will be able to do many extra activities with this money. Some of the things we do with this money is invite groups like the Windy City Players to do the Cinderella play, we recently attended. We are planning some field trips to visit at St. William in the future. Thank you!



Fun Fair

Lent is quickly approaching, Ash Wednesday is February 6th, and therefore, Fun Fair is Tuesday, February 5th. Forms for volunteers, lunch order and game tickets are in this packet.

February Hot Lunch Orders

Hot lunch forms for February were sent home on Friday, January 4th. If you did not receive one; notify the school office. They are due back to school on Thursday,

January 10th.

Please note: Due to Fun Fair, the 4 P's hot lunch scheduled for Feb. 5th will be cancelled, and a hot dog lunch will be served during Fun Fair. **Please do not order 4 P's lunch on Feb. 5th.**

Hot Lunch-Help Wanted

We are in need of hot lunch help on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30 to 12:30. If you are able to help, please call the school office.

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the winners of the Accelerated Reader raffle: Brianna A., Carsen P., Jenna S., Heidi B., Alex M., Michael W., Michael N., Mitchell P., Joe L., Fox S., Tommy S., and Allie K. The class that passed the most tests, and won the prize to choose a computer class was the 4th grade! Look for another promotion coming soon to your local computer lab...

Learn Fair

The Learn Fair forms are due back to school by Wednesday, January 9th.

Christmas Parties

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our room parents for their help with parties this Christmas season.



Friends of Jesus Gifts

Dear St. William Campus,

I just wanted to personally thank you for the gifts St. William Campus provided for the "Gifts From Friends of Jesus" toy drive. Many inner city children will have a Merry Christmas because you cared.

May the Lord bless you this Christmas.

Dennis Quernemoen
Director

Market Day

The next Market Day pick-up is Wednesday, January 9th at 3:30 to 4:30 in the gym.

A Note from Mrs. Watson

Mrs. Jessica Watson is willing to teach a "free" knitting class to moms interested in learning how to knit. Any interested persons please contact her at: Jessicawatson9@gmail.com. She asks any participants to make and donate one baby hat for a newborn child.

In Today's Packet:

Fun Fair Volunteer Form
Fun Fair Lunch Form
Fun Fair Ticket Order
Lenten Journey 2008 Registration
Partners in Faith Newsletter
Note from Mrs. Heck

Looking Ahead:

01-09-08 Market Day Pick-up 3:30 to 4:30
01-17-08 **No-Uniform Day**
01-18-08 **Early Dismissal—11:30 A.M.**-Last Day of Quarter 2
01-25-08 Report Cards sent home
01-29-08 Learn Fair / Ice Cream Social - 6:30-7:30pm

