



Campus Connection

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

Director's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Christmastime is over, the New Year has begun and the children are back into the natural rhythm of school. I think we all are taking a collective sigh of relief.

I would like to take this opportunity to stress the important communication in last week's packet concerning the changes in the policy for volunteering at all Catholic Schools. There is no longer a 90 day grace period given to volunteers regarding obligatory attendance of the Safeguarding All of God's Family program's Safe Environment Education session. All volunteers must attend this program PRIOR to the start of his/her volunteerism.

I would like to recommend that everyone attend The Safeguarding All of God's Family Safe Environment Education session. This would assure that when you want to volunteer for a fieldtrip or help out at any of our campuses that you won't be turned away. Waukesha Catholic is committed to the safety of our children and at the same time we realize that volunteers make a difference in educating the children. We cannot serve our mission without you.

I urge you to take the time to attend one of the upcoming Safe Environment Education Training and become a participant in the Safeguarding All of God's Family program.

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.



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

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 will be sent home on Friday, January 30th.

Catholic Schools Week

Each year we celebrate Catholic Schools Week the last week of January. The dates for 2009 are January 24th – 31st. We will begin the week by serving coffee and donuts at each Mass at all the Waukesha Catholic Parishes. This is our way of thanking the parishes for their continued support. Catholic Schools Week will continue with activities planned at each Campus. All the schools will come together at Catholic Memorial High School for a Mass on Wednesday, January 28th.

Scrip

Scrip orders for the week of January 12th were \$29,221 with \$1,106 in profits. Scrip is easy to order on line at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Home and School Trivia "Knight" Postponed

The Trivia "Knight" sponsored by Waukesha Catholic Home and School has been postponed until early October of 2009. Due to a limited number of entries, it was necessary to reschedule the event. Teams of no more than 10 people compete against one another in a series of trivia topics. Everyone will have plenty of time to get their teams together for an evening of fun and excitement. Watch for a flyer in the August packet as well as the Campus Connection next fall.

School Closing Reminder

Emergency closing of the school due to snow or other conditions will be announced on one of the following stations:

TV Radio - AM Radio - FM

Channel 4 -- WTMJ WTMJ (AM 620) WKTI (FM 94)

Channel 6 – FOX-WITI WOKY (AM 920) WMIL (FM 106)

Channel 12 -- WISN WISN (AM 1130) WLTQ (FM 97.3)



And remember these important guidelines:

1. *We follow the Public Schools.* If the WAUKESHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS close or start later or leave earlier then we will do the same.

2. If for some reason one of the individual Waukesha Catholic campuses has an emergency of its own, this will also be reported. Therefore, listen to the radio or TV stations listed above.

NOTE: We do not follow Catholic Memorial's schedule.

Emergency phone numbers at each campus are only used in the event that land lines are down.

St. Joseph 262-565-7291 St. Mary 262-565-7292 St. William 262-565-7293

St. Mary Campus – Before and After Care Teaching Assistant Needed

St. Mary Campus – Waukesha Catholic is seeking part-time teaching assistants to join our Before and After School Care Program for the remainder of the school year. Experience and/or training in elementary education or child care preferred. There are both morning (6:45 a.m. – 9 a.m.) and afternoon (3:15 p.m. – 6 p.m.) positions available. Please contact Kirsten Rose at 262-896-2932 Ext. 347 or stmarycare@archmil.org for more information

Safeguarding All of God’s Family Training

Updated dates and times

Date	Time	Location
Friday, January 16 th , 2009	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary Parish Waukesha Community room
Saturday, January 17 th , 2009	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish Waukesha Community room
Tuesday, January 20 th , 2009	1:00 p.m.	St. Mary Parish Waukesha Community room
Wednesday, January 21 st , 2009	6:30 p.m.	St. Mary Parish Waukesha Community room



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Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph Middle School

Included in This Week's Packet

Catholic Schools Week Volunteer Request
Parent Teacher Conference Request
Safeguarding All of God's Family Letter & Registration Info
Safeguarding Volunteer Notification
Saturday School Invitation *Not all Students will receive*
Social Request
School District of Waukesha High School Open House *Grade 8 Only*
Permission Slip 8th Grade Retreat – 8th Grade Only
Junior Crusader Football Flyer

Changes in Downtown Waukesha

It seems the Waukesha area is changing by leaps and bounds. Many new businesses have been welcomed into the downtown area. During Christmas break an article appeared in the Waukesha Freeman and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel announcing the creation of a new men's homeless shelter which will be located at St. Matthias Episcopal Church on the corner of Main and East Avenue. The shelter will be located in their fellowship hall.

Waukesha Catholic will keep parents informed of any communications with the shelter as we receive it. Administration is meeting with Bernie Juno, Executive Director of the Hebron House, this week. Our intention is to stress how important it is that we are kept up to date on the happenings at the shelter especially when it concerns any safety issues that would impact the children.

Parents please talk with your students about how important it is to stay with staff, coaches or parents in supervised areas until being picked up at either St. Joe's school or gym.

Cold Weather Reminder

Parents are reminded that school closure is based on the School District of Waukesha. Our policy at Waukesha Catholic is if public school closes then our system closes. Please see the main Connection for TV and Radio Station for school closure announcements.



Students are reminded to dress for the weather.

Ski Club will make an announcement to students on Thursday if the scheduled Ski trip to Alpine Valley will be cancelled. The cancelation will be based on Friday's weather predictions.



Volunteer Opportunity

A few extra hands are needed to help serve the pasta lunch on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25. If you can help for two hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the pasta day coordinator, Joanna Adamicki , 896-0697 for more info. Thank you.

Thank You for Your Donations

The Walters family in conjunction with SJ Student Service Council wishes to thank all those who donated new or like new books for the Young Presidents Organization, Wisconsin Chapter. The books were delivered by the Walters family. It's reported that over 30,000 books were collected, sorted and organized. YPO has a great facility that serves thousands of Milwaukee children.



General Mills Box Top Reminder

Please continue to send in your General Mills Box Top labels from select General Mills products. Each box top is worth 10 cents! The funds collected are used for various items needed through the school year. A huge thank you to Mr. Frank Kramer who has been sorting, counting and packaging!

Waukesha Catholic St. Mary Campus

Art Display Assistance

Mrs. Jennifer Russell, Art teacher at St. Mary's is in need of a parent who would be responsible for hanging approximately 45 pieces of art at the Waukesha County Court House. It would take about 45 minutes as the type of hanger is the metal grip strip. This work needs to be put up on January 23rd and taken down on February 5th. Please contact Annie Smith in the school office if you can help out or if you have any questions. Thanks!

Box Tops for Education

Thanks to the efforts of Renee Jaynes, St. Mary's Campus received a check for \$1,843.00. Keep clipping those box tops! The next turn in date is.....

In Today's Packet

Open House Volunteer flyer

Waukesha Catholic St. William Campus

Hot Lunch

Please check the February confirmation forms which have been sent home by the teachers in the classroom folders.

Safeguarding All God's Family

The letter in the last packet was rather formal; however, it is what Archbishop Dolan has demanded of all parishes (and schools). If you have not taken the 2.5 to 3 hours training session you must do so in order to continue working with children or to be present with the children in school. (The rationale for this is based on the sense of security children have with authority figures. When our students see an adult in a position of authority, they usually obey). The training is a one time thing, so if you already attended a session, you do not have to do so again. However, if you have not, even if you do not help out at school yet, please consider the training. It will help you to understand the risks for children and for yourself. There is no cost associated with the training. The only cost is a \$10 fee the school pays to do a criminal record check of all who work with children.

If you wish to sign up for the training, the information is again included in today's packet. Please note an additional class has been offered. All volunteers who help out/ work with children are required to attend a training session. This includes: scout leaders, room parents, home and school leaders, field trip volunteers, classroom helpers, playground supervisors, hot lunch volunteers, and anyone at school.

Finally, since this is a stricter interpretation of the existing requirement we are updating our records. If you attended a training session at any site outside of St. William Parish, please send us a note regarding where and when you attended the session. Thank You!

Training sessions at St. Mary Parish on: 1-17-09 (Saturday) at noon in the community room, and a date change to 1-21-09 at St. Mary Parish at 6:30 p.m.

Clubs

Last year, we offered “after school clubs” during the fall semester. This year we hope to offer clubs for 4 sessions after school from the end of February to the end of March. We plan to hold these clubs from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday’s. We have leaders for a few clubs already (journalism, book club, and cooking) but we hope more adults will share some of their skills with our students. If you are willing to lead a club of 10 or less children after school for 4 weeks, simply contact the school office and tell us what you want to share and the age group of students you wish to work with.

Request

We are asking parents to share one or two pictures from the Christmas concert in order to create a collage for our photo wall. We are seeking a variety of pictures from many angles, so if you have a picture to share, send it to the school office. Thank You!

Penny Drive

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

Learn Fair

Please return the Learn Fair “sign up” forms so we can plan for the spaces needed for the student projects. An ice cream social will be sponsored by the Home and School on that evening.

Catholic Schools Week

One of the really special times of the year is rapidly approaching. We celebrate Catholic Schools Week on Saturday/Sunday, January 24/25. This is a celebration of our nature-a catholic School. We will have a variety of activities planned. The Book Fair will be open in the Parish Hall during the weekend Masses and on school days during the week. The student “Dress Up” schedule is as follows:

1-26-09 Monday: Mismatch Day (no uniform day)

1-27-09 Tuesday: Crazy Hat Day (no uniform day)

1-28-09 Wednesday: Wear Uniforms Day-Mass at Catholic Memorial H.S. Grades 1-8

1-29-09 Thursday: Wear your “Food Pyramid color” Day (students wear their favorite color-no uniform day)

1-30-09 Friday: Sports/Activity Day (no uniform day)

Movin’ and Munchin’

Watch for information about this exciting adventure into healthy eating and increased physical activity. It will include an opportunity for students to sell (Grades 2 & 4), organize data (Grade 5) and buy (everyone) healthy snacks and fun activity items. More details as we get ready for the project.

Mark Your Calendar

January 20th at 7:00 p.m. Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors meeting at Vercelli House

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/Ice Cream Social 6:30-7:30pm

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

January 30th - Frosty Stomp (St. William Campus dance) 6:30-8:30pm