



Campus Connection

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



"STAFF SPOTLIGHT"

Full Name: *Martha Esmeralda Smilanich*

Position: *Waukesha Catholic - St. Joseph Middle School
Spanish Teacher for grades 6-8*

Years at Waukesha Catholic: *First full year*

Prior Experience/Education: *Elementary, middle, and
high school teacher in Mexico; Waukesha School District*

Who's in your family: *Her husband and son*

Favorite book: *"Como Agua Para Chocolate"*

Favorite movie: *Contact*

Favorite food or restaurant: *Chinese Food*

Favorite quote or motto: *"Anyone can speak Spanish."*

Last time you cleaned your work area what interesting or
unusual thing did you find: *A skeleton head*

What do you like best about your job? *Her students, she
likes kids between a child and adult. She finds it
interesting.*

Favorite work memory: *She had a Korean student. At the
end of the second year he wrote a letter to her in Spanish
thanking her for being his teacher.*

What do you like to do when you're not at school? *She
enjoys playing with her son.*

What is something interesting about you that most people
don't know? *She met her husband in Mexico and married
there and moved to Wisconsin.*

Interview conducted by: Trevor Novotny and Ryan Worden

Geography Bee



Waukesha Catholic Middle School students participated in the National Geography Bee.

The school winner, who will take the qualifying test for possible participation at the state level, is 6th grader Rebecca H.

Congratulations Rebecca and best wishes for the written exam.



NEED TO KNOW

Last Day of 2nd Quarter – Friday, January 18th

Friday, January 18th will be a day of early dismissal – 11:25 a.m. for St. Joseph Students and 11:30 a.m. for St. Mary and St. William Students.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home next Friday, January 25th.

Lenten Event

Begin your Lenten journey by joining other families to see a movie, enjoy a light supper and engage in a family activity. The three opportunities are: Monday, January 21st at St. Mary Parish Community Room from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, January 23rd at St. Joseph Gym (bi-lingual) from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.; or Sunday, January 27th at St. William Parish Hall from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Please RSVP to Teresa at 262-896-2929, ext. 324



FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

- ❖ Scrip orders for the week of January 14th were \$ 38,745 with \$ 869 in profits.
- ❖ 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 e-mail to Scrip@wcsonline.org.
- ❖ For additional Scrip order forms: <http://www.wcsonline.org/Documents/NewsLetters/SCRIP%20ORDER%20FORM%2012-03-2007.pdf>

Auction Annex

It's Auction Time!!! The 2008 Waukesha Catholic Auction Escape to the Hills is 38 days away and counting down fast. What will we be auctioning, you may ask? The list is growing as our hardworking acquisitions team continues their efforts to find us adventurous experiences and items.

So far on the ballot...autographed items such as a Brett Favre Jersey, 2 Brett Favre Prints & a Jason Bonam Guitar from the band Foreigner; various sports, music and theatre tickets including 4 tickets to an Admirals game; Get-togethers with themes such as a Tuscan Dinner or Breakfast, Chocolate Making and Wine Tasting; Get away packages to the Dells and Colorado including plane tickets and lodging.

As we continue to count down **we need your help** in two very specific ways:

- **Volunteer** – please use the enclosed bright green flyer to sign up for times/dates – complete the form and send it back to school as soon as possible.
- **Donate Scrip** - forward any denomination/brand of scrip to school. All these donated scrip items will be put together and used as a Grand Prize for our Escape to the Hills Scavenger Hunt - stay tuned for more details but send scrip now!

Please also remember and patronize our wonderful sponsors/advertisers:

WE Energies; Waukesha State Bank; Couri Insurance Associates; St. John Neumann, St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. William Congregations; Enterprise Lighting; Kraklow Family Dentistry, SC; Security Insurance; Davies Orthodontics LLC; Don Belman Homes; a Friend of Waukesha Catholic; R&R Insurance Services Inc; Carlsen Brothers Interior Contractors; Marquette University; Steve & Stacie Piacsek; Soft Water; Merrill Hills Country Club, Dana Investments and Spancrete Industries.

If you have any questions about the event or would like to join the orchestration and planning, please contact Christine Nierzwicki at (262) 544-6137 or christinenierzwicki@wi.rr.com.

Milk Cap Update

Please remember to send you clean Golden Guernsey and Kemps specially marked milk caps into school. Cut out the label and specially marked Kemps cottage cheese, etc. as these are also welcomed. We are also adding Milk Moola products from Kwik Trip stores, please start saving these. I will be sharing have more information on these products. For each milk cap collected, we earn \$0.05. Over the last several years we have earned \$200.00 to \$300.00 a year. With your help we can do even better this year! If you have any questions, please email me at CML4@wi.rr.com. Thanks for your help! Chris Leach, Milk Cap Coordinator.

OTHER EVENTS

Athletic News

Reminder:

- School Attendance Policy: If your student is absent from school because of illness, they are **not allowed** to participate in athletics for that day. This includes games and practices. Please be diligent about following this rule.
- Fans in the stands make sure we are representing Waukesha Catholic in a positive way when at games. There have been some reports of referee hassling by our fans the past couple of weeks. Please remember why you are there and enjoy the game in a well mannered way.

Waukesha Optimist Club Swim Meet

The annual Optimist Swim meet will be held on Saturday, April 4th at Waukesha South High School. Please contact your school office for further information of scheduled times and events.

Catholic Memorial High School Registration

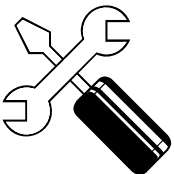
Incoming Freshman Registration for all current 8th graders will be held on Monday, January 28th from at 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the InPro Athletic Center at Catholic Memorial High School, located at 601 E. College Avenue, Waukesha. Faculty members, Department Chairs and School Counselors will be available 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 2008-2009 school year. A completed application must be on file prior to registration. To request an application or for more information please contact the Office of Admissions: 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.

Catholic Memorial High School Invites You to "Principal Matters"

Please join us on Thursday, February 21st from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM when Principal, Dr. Mark Schmitt, continues the principal-parent information exchange held monthly at CMH. Get to know Dr. Schmitt and catch up on all the CMH "family" news

Building Competition Open to children in Grades 1-6

The National Association of Women in Construction is holding their annual kids' event on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2008 from approximately 8:30 - 11 A.M. at Mount Mary College, Wauwatosa. Please share this FREE event with any families you know with children in grades 1 - 6. This event gets kids introduced to the construction industry and allows the kids to act as a general contractor creating a project s/he describes to a judge after spending up to 45 minutes creating it. The child is given 100 Legos and 3 of 5 construction materials. No restrictions on where the child lives. There are prizes! Additional info and registration forms are available in the school office.



St. Thomas More High School Raffle

On January 26th, STM will be holding a drawing for a 2007 Chevy Cobalt. Tickets are \$5 or 3 for \$10. Each ticket is good for a free oil change at any Braeger service center. Call 414-481-8370 x 109 for tickets. www.tmore.org All the money raised from the raffle goes to fund scholarships for our students as well as academic programs within the school.

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Auction Reminder

We wish to thank the room parents in charge of the classroom projects for the auction. Thank you for your assistance with these wonderful, much desired items. This is just a reminder that the deadline for completion is January 18th. If anyone has any questions, e-mail at christinenierzwicki@wi.rr.com or 262-544-6137.



RECOGNITION

SJ Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students of the month for December! Keep up the great effort!

Math

6th Patrick K
Randi G
7th Nick W
Emma K
8th Mark C
Greta D

Computer

6th Jared N
Madeline D
7th Oscar M
Kirsten D
8th Michael L
Heather K

Basketball News

Congratulations to the boy's 8th grade basketball team. They took first place in the St. Luke's annual basketball tournament.

Messages of Gratitude

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

*As we go forth into our new year, please know that
I am very grateful for your kindness to me this
past Christmas.*

*May 2008 bring you good health and much happiness.
God's peace to you.....and thanks again.*

*Love,
Fr. Leonard*

Dear Families,

I am writing this note to express my profound thanks to all of you who contributed to a very generous gift of a Scrip certificate for Christmas. While the gift is unbelievable and much appreciated, I also want to thank you for your incredibly profound welcome and all of the prayerful support you offer me. As you know, I love to be in the school. In some respects and on some days it renews my sanity!!! The kindness, maturity, and faith of the students never cease to amaze me and put a smile on my face and in my heart. Thank you for being part of Waukesha Catholic, and thank you so much for being a part of my life!!!

Many Blessings,
Fr. Jason

Keep In Your Prayers

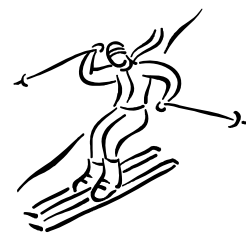
The uncle of 8th grader, Karen S. passed away unexpectedly over the Christmas holiday. Please keep her family and all of our families who have had unexpected misfortune in your prayers.

Message of thanks

CAMPUS HI-LITES ST. JOSEPH

Included in this Week's Packet

Auction Volunteer Form To Youngest
SJ Conference Request
Scrip Form to Youngest
Waukesha Public Library Totally Teen Flyer
6th Grade Hot Lunch Fundraiser Volunteer Form 6th Grade Only
6th Grade Hot Lunch Fundraiser Hot Lunch Order Form



Ski Club Update

If students plan to attend the Alpine Valley trip on January 25th forms are due this Friday at Noon.

Permission slips are now available for the all day ski trip to Cascade on Friday, February 8th. Pick them up in the school office.



Living Stations

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 6th. Traditionally our 6th graders perform the Living Stations during Holy Week. Mrs. Greil is in need of a couple of creative parents to help with this event. If you are willing to help please call, 896-2930x326. Thank You.

8th Grade Info

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Mark Your Calendar

The annual 8th grade versus parents and coaches basketball game, will be held Tuesday Feb. 12th 2:15 PM at St. Joes. If you are interested in playing, just show up by 2:15 and we will get you in.

ST. MARY

Packer Spirit Day

Friday, January 18th has been designated Packer Spirit Day. It is a non-uniform (half) day for those students who show their Packer pride (green and gold colors are acceptable – you don't have to have logo wear).

Attention Future K4 Parents

Thank you to all of you that received and responded to the survey regarding possible expansion of the K4 program. We truly appreciate your input. The majority of the people that responded to the survey indicated that a three day a week program was the preference. Therefore, for the 2008-09 school year the times and days of the 4-year-old kindergarten program will remain the same. The morning program will be from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The afternoon program will be from 1:00-3:30 on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

We did receive many written suggestions regarding the length of the day, start time, end time, etc. We appreciate all of the comments and will take them into consideration for the 2009-10 school year.



Building a Foundation to Greatness

Sixteen of our 5th grade students (six teams) worked with Mrs. Callaway and their teachers during their lunch hours to create power point presentations for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration 2008 Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest. They had to create a PSA that explained how “we demonstrate Dr. King’s positive message of diversity and tolerance today?” 5th and 6th graders from all the private and public schools in Waukesha were invited to participate. One winner and one runner-up will be chosen for display and recognition at the 2008 MLK Jr. Celebration on January 21st, 2008. Good luck to: Claire P., Alec D., Chris R., Bethanie K., Quinn S., Matthew M., Colleen K., Ian R., Niko S., Alex L., Haely B., Evan C., Lisette H., Sarah R., Joe C., and Joe N.

Market Day Update – St. Mary’s Campus

With the Christmas and New Year’s holidays, it seems the last Market Day pickup was ages ago! The December sale netted a profit of \$455.24 with 55 customers! Our profit for the year is up to \$2002 plus the \$400 in library books. Thanks to all who ordered and ALL the volunteers who helped on the day of the sale and with the reminder calls. On a special note, please keep Eileen Kelly in your prayers as her sister and “roommate” Opal recently passed away. They have supported the Market Day program for years now, and still do.

The next sale pick-up date is Saturday, January 26th, which means the forms are due Friday, January 18th at school. Or, you can order online until Wednesday, January 16 at noon (www.marketday.com; St. Mary’s school code is #4369). The pickup location will be the St. Mary’s multi-purpose room, as usual. If you have any questions about Market Day please contact Joe Piatt at 548-9991 or jpiatt@cc.edu. Thanks in advance for your support of this program!



Looking Ahead

Friday, January 18th: Early release, 1130 a.m.

Last Day of 2nd quarter

Tuesday, January 22nd: Lenten Family Activity, St. Mary Community Room 5:50 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23rd: Non-uniform day

In Today’s Packet

Auction Volunteer form

Donate “old” electronics reminder

ST. WILLIAM

After Care For Early Dismissal On Friday, January 18th

The After Care program will be open on January 18th from 11:30am – 6:00pm. Please let Carol Cage know if your child will be attending.

Penny Drive

The next Penny Drive collection will be taken on Thursday, January 17th. The proceeds will be sent to the Religious Retirement Fund.

Fun Fair

Fun Fair is held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (February 5th) as a kind of “Mardi Gras” to celebrate before the start of Lent. At St. William Campus, we use this party day to do an act of charity. All of the money raised by our Fun Fair, Lenten Boxes, and Lenten Raffle go to the School Sisters of St. Francis to help the children at the orphanage in Guatemala—“Guadalupe Homes”.

In order to raise money, we play games on Tuesday, February 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During that time, the students are organized into 4 groups (each group is given one block of 30 minutes to eat, one block of 30 minutes to work as a game helper, and 2 blocks of 30 minutes to play games). The games have candy

as prizes. Game tickets are 25 cents each or 5 for one dollar. These tickets may be purchased in advance or at Fun Fair.

Lunch will be served at Fun Fair; it will be hot dog, chips, cookie, and punch or water. The cost for lunch is \$2.50; this will be the same for students, parent volunteers or siblings of student's. We need your help to make this a "Fun" day for the children.

The Lenten Raffle has a long history at SWC. We ask families to donate new or gently used toys to be given away as prizes. Students are allowed to buy tickets during lunch recess throughout Lent. The tickets cost 10 cents each or 3 for 25 cents. All money is sent to the orphanage.



Finally, all money collected from Lenten Boxes is sent to the orphanage. Lenten Boxes will be sent home in the February 5th family packet.

We usually send about \$2,000 to the sisters during Lent. We have sent over \$25,000 to the Sisters in support of the orphans.

Please return Fun Fair lunch and game ticket orders as soon as possible. We need volunteers to work at Fun Fair, and we need prizes for the Lenten Raffle. Please contact the school office to volunteer to work or to send raffle prizes. Thank You.

February Hot Lunch Orders

Please check your hot lunch confirmation forms.

Hot Lunch-Help Wanted

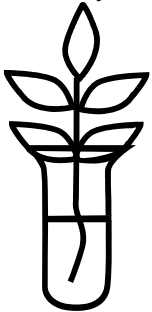
We are in need of hot lunch help on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30 to 12:30. If you are able to help, please call the school office.

Before and After Care Request

Getting rid of used toys, games, puzzles or art supplies, Before and After Care can always use donations.

Market Day

The next Market Day order forms are due to school by Wednesday, January 30th, or online by Saturday, February 2nd by noon.



Learn Fair

Our annual Learn Fair will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29th. This is a night for all students to create and send to school a project of their choice. All students who participate get an award ribbon. The evening also includes an ice cream social served by our St. William Campus Home and School Representatives. Please plan to attend, all projects are brought to school Tuesday morning and go home Tuesday evening, they are displayed in the Parish Hall. The Learn Fair forms were due back to school on Wednesday, January 9th; please return the form if your child plans to participate.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to "show off" St. William Campus to prospective new families during tours. A flyer in this packet explains the details. Please help!

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins the weekend of January 26/27; cookies will be served on Saturday and doughnut holes on Sunday after all Masses. Mrs. Bucci will operate a book fair in the Parish Hall, after the regular weekend Masses and during the week from Monday to Thursday. Please support our library by purchasing a book during the book fair.

Student activities include:

Monday: Dress up for Mismatch Day

Tuesday: Learn Fair. Dress up in RRR T-Shirts

Wednesday: Dress up in Sport clothes for Sport Day

Thursday: Dress up with crazy hats and or socks for Crazy Hat/Sock Day

Friday: Mass celebrated with all three Waukesha Catholic Campuses, concelebrated by our Priests and Bishop William Callahan. We ask all students to wear uniform clothes to school.

Ice Fishing

Milwaukee and Waukesha County parks are sponsoring an ice fishing event on February 2, 2008. Call 414-263-8614 for details.

Looking Ahead:

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

Included in Today's Packet:

St. William Campus Tour Volunteer Form

Waukesha Catholic Home & School Newsletter

Waukesha Catholic Auction Volunteer Form

Catholic Schools Week Volunteer Form

Waukesha Public Library Winter/Spring 2008 Programs

Study Buddy Information

Scrip Order Form

Market Day Order Form

