



Campus Connection

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

FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS AS PARTNERS IN LEARNING COMMUNITIES - Part 2

Learning and Change

Learning always involves change; change in brain patterns, change in outlook, change in relationships, change in knowledge, change in output! Change is related to continuous learning and continuous improvement. We see ourselves as part of a learning community in partnership with you, our families. How do we through our families and at school encourage the development of learning communities?

1. Is being a self-starter a value of your family? If "learned helplessness" is tolerated or supported, learning is stifled. Acknowledging and rewarding "self-starters" is a value endorsed by all learning communities. We try to continually recognize and foster it in our student learners as well as in ourselves as teachers and administrators.
2. Are mistakes viewed as part of continuous improvement and as a threshold for creativity? If so, we are well on our way to be a learning community where both adult and child "mistakes" are seen as opportunities for improvement.
3. Do all adults working with children support the emotional aspect of learning by dealing with self-esteem issues, by celebrating attempts at trying new things, by acknowledging accomplishments? If so, another pillar has been laid to becoming a successful learning community.
4. To what extent do we focus on individual needs as well as the needs of the system and the larger community? This week's Gospel points to the need to care for the poor, those in need, the sick. The "rich man" is not chastised for being rich, but for not caring for those in need. The needs of children can be all absorbing. How do we help children see and respond to the needs of others? Learning communities which support such efforts truly mirror the values of the Gospel.
5. How do we foster mentoring and mutual learning? When parents see teachers and administrators continually learning from professionals, from the children themselves and from parents, monumental strides are made in transforming a "school system" into a learning community.
6. As we strive to move from "very good" to "great" we are aware of the need to do regular self-assessments. Students, teachers and administrators can all benefit from self-evaluations. "How are we moving toward 'greatness'?" "Where do we need to focus for continual enhancement?" Giving students "rubrics" by which to measure their progress and evaluate themselves, helps them do on-going evaluations and know what the standards are.

In the spring we will be asking you to assess our learning climate and effectiveness. In the meantime, do not hesitate, as part of the learning community, to help us assess our usefulness in helping your children grow and develop into Christ-centered individuals who are inspired to build a better world.

Maureen Gallagher, Director
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Putting Light on the Subject At St. Joseph Campus



During the summer, the 7th /8th grade building was the object of scrutiny. The goal was to improve lighting in the upstairs hallway. Options were new lights, higher watt bulbs or opening the skylights that had been covered over for at least the past ten years. Skylights? Yes, four of them are located throughout the hall. With the new roof, it was possible to seal the skylights, replace the bubbles on the exterior and uncover them. All that has been completed, and Friday the skylights were opened and the halls are now illuminated with natural light as well as fluorescent lighting.

Thank you Waukesha Catholic for funding this improvement to our campus!



NEED TO KNOW

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken this Friday, October 5th. Please return the picture order form this week.

Coffee Connection

The next Director's Coffee will be held Tuesday, October 9 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Campus in the Media Room/Library.



Board Of Directors & Committee Structure

The enclosed sheet lists the board members that represent each parish, the structure of the committees, and general information about each committee. Contact the committee chair or staff contact for further information about a committee. New committee members are welcome!

<http://www.wcssonline.org/Documents/NewsLetters/Board%20Committee%20structure%202007.pdf>

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Survey

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is interested in your feedback concerning your child/children's Catholic School Education experience. Please take a few minutes to go to the following website to take this thirteen question survey: www.archmil.org/schoolsurvey

After the results are tabulated, the Office for Schools will make them known to all school principals so they can be relayed back to you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The survey will be open through November 2, 2007.

Meghan Law Notification

In 1997 a law was passed that allowed law enforcement agencies 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 Dept., at 524-3769 or 524-3785, or stop by your campus office.

FUNDRAISERS



Fall Social – Packer Party

Home & School is sponsoring a Packer Party at St. William Gym on Sunday, October 14th at noon. This event is open to anyone!

Come and watch the game! Tickets for a brat, soda, etc are \$5 each or \$25 for 6 or more (children under 3 are free).

See the flyer in today's packet for all the details.

<http://www.wcssonline.org/Documents/NewsLetters/Home%20&%20School%20sponsored%20tailgate%20party.pdf>

Donations of individual cans of soda and large family bags of chips are also needed for this event.

Scrip

- ❖ Scrip orders for the week of October 1st were \$ 27,770 with \$ 1,182 in profits.
- ❖ Using Scrip adds up to tuition savings. Start saving Now!
- ❖ Scrip on line is up and running. Before you can use the on line order you must sign up. (www.wcssonline.org/sitertools) Contact the school office for on line forms. You may order on line up until 7:00 A.M. on Monday mornings.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Auction Annex:

The 2008 Waukesha Catholic Annual Auction is set. It will be February 23 at the Merrill Hills Country Club and the theme is ***“Escape to the Hills”***. We are determined to move the auction from Good to GREAT!

The date, the location, the theme are all set. However, we are still missing....YOU! We need the time, talents and treasured experience of ALL our families and community to make this event GREAT.

We are still in critical need of volunteers in many of our committees. This is a great way to meet people in our school system and the community and to help move this fundraising resource to GREATNESS. The auction is the single largest fund raiser for Waukesha Catholic. Without the success of this auction, the operating budget will have a major shortfall for the school year.

The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load for all involved!

Please join the orchestration of this event and contact Christine Nierzwicki, at christinenierzwicki@wi.rr.com or 262-544-6137.



OTHER EVENTS

Fish Fry

St. John Neumann and St. Mary Parish are each having a Fish Fry on Friday, October 19. Mark your calendar to attend a fish fry and support one of our parishes!

Open House at Catholic Memorial



**Catholic
Memorial**
HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited to join the faculty, staff and families of Catholic Memorial High School at our 2007 Open House on Thursday, October 25th, 6:00-9:00 P.M. The evening will be a wonderful experience for all! Talk to our outstanding teachers, dedicated parents, fantastic students, supportive alumni and visit with student/parent club representatives. Explore all that Catholic Memorial has to offer and the many opportunities to become involved with our

community. Meet our championship coaches too! Take a student/parent guided tour, observe a science lab, learn about fencing, listen to amazing music, and find out more about scholarship programs and transportation. The list goes on and on.

For more information contact the Office of Admissions at 262.542.7101, Julie Lindahl ext. 242 or jlindahl@catholicmemorial.net, Mary Hutchens ext. 204 or mhutchens@catholicmemorial.net

Jr. Crusader Baseball

Join the Catholic Memorial athletics and the baseball family. Jr. Crusader Baseball is a nonprofit organization formed in January 2007 for the purpose of offering a competitive baseball program to elementary and middle school students. While not legally affiliated with Catholic Memorial High School (“CMH”), Jr. Crusader Baseball enjoys a close working relationship with the school and CMH athletic department. Tryouts these past weeks were a success. But our program is still in search of a few “Future Crusaders” at the following ages: Players for 2008 season (Birthday as of May 1, 2008) U9, U10, U12, and U13 For info go to <http://www.ballcharts.com/jrcrusaders> Or jrcrusaderbaseball@yahoo.com

Volleyball Clinic & Game

Marquette University, Al McGuire Center is holding a clinic on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at 11:30 A.M. Open to all kids K-8 with a clinic fee of \$10 per player (plus a \$3.00 online processing fee). Learn volleyball fundamentals and fun new drills from the Marquette Coaches and meet the MU Volleyball Team. Pick up a form in the school office or register online at

https://www.active.com/register/index.cfm?event_id=1486904&customreg=blank



Schedule: 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Volleyball Clinic
12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Pizza and Refreshments
2:00 p.m. - Marquette vs. USF

RECOGNITION

Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep the West family (SJ) in your prayers. Mr. West's mother died on Saturday, September 27th.

CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in this Packet

Catholic High School
Jr. Crusader Baseball Flyer Boys Only!
Open House Schedule 7/8 grade only
Packer Party Invite – Youngest
Packer Party Donation Request
Scrip to Youngest



Magazine Information

Just to let you know - for every **four** subscriptions sold (for the magazine drive at St. Joe's) the sellers name will be entered for a chance to win the Wii. Details regarding the drawing will be announced this week during AM/PM announcements!

Last week's St. Joseph Hi-Lites incorrectly listed a total of 10 subscriptions sold. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Mark Your Calendar

It 6th grade run time again! Tuesday, October 9th the School district of Waukesha in conjunction with the Waukesha Optimist Club and Geiger Awards is sponsoring the 34th annual 6th grade cross country run. The 1 ¼ mile run will take place at Waukesha West High School.

This year St. Joe's will compete at the following times:

Purple Division Boys	4:10 Pm	Line Up	4:20 PM Start
Purple Division Girls	4:50 PM	Line Up	5:00 Pm Start

Good Luck runners! Please Note: *Runners must provide their own transportation to and from West high school.*

Band News:



All 7th and 8th Grade band students received information about Catholic Memorial High School's Junior Crusader Nite. Information sheets were distributed to students in class on Wednesday, September 26. Students are invited to perform with the CMH pep band on Friday night, Oct. 12 at their football game. The handout included a response sheet which interested students should return to Ms. Van Treeck. Students need not have an intention of attending high school at Catholic Memorial to participate. This opportunity is open to EVERY 7th/8th grade band student.

Thank you

Thank you to the Home and School parents who helped with our Grandparents/Special Person Day. The day was a great success because of all your efforts. Mrs. Nancy Jonas was the chairperson for the event and

worked alongside our two Home and School representatives: Carol Reske and Colleen Furrer to coordinate everything. A thank you also goes to Mrs. Sandy Koester, Technology Coordinator, who was the liaison from the faculty to the Home and School. Mrs. Kathy Egan, 8th grade teacher, planned the Mass. A final thank you goes to Alec A. and Gabe W. for sharing their talents with us during the morning.

Making Waves in the Gym

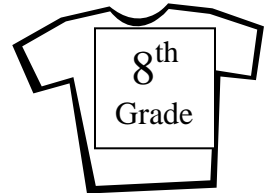
On Thursday, October 4, there will be Waves in the gym. That is two players from the Milwaukee Wave Soccer team will join us for a school assembly. The players will be demonstrating soccer skills that translate to skills that carry over in the classroom. The three skills being demonstrated are: Passing/Teammates; Juggling/Hard Work; Heading /Be Smart. The assembly will close with a Fun/Question & Answer session.

The assembly, as well as the "Wave in Education" curriculum series (partnered with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel) and a school day game are all part of the program offered by the Milwaukee Wave. We will be attending the school day Wave game on Tuesday, October 23 from 10:30-12:30.

New Arrivals

The latest order of navy blue hooded sweatshirts has arrived. If you ordered one, it should be coming home with your student today. If it doesn't, please contact the office (896-2930) for help.

The class t-shirts for the 8th graders have also arrived and have been distributed. 8th graders receive the privilege of wearing their class t-shirt with jeans each Tuesday. The responsibility of being good role models for Waukesha Catholic goes along with this privilege.



WCMS Student Service Council News

Due to a conflict, Dan Callaway is stepping down from Student Service Council. Our new Student Service Council President is Caleb Krause and our Vice President is Jessica Furrer. Congratulations to both of you...we know you'll do a great job!

Also, if you ever have any suggestions for service projects, please let the Council know by putting your ideas in the appropriate grade level suggestion box.

Dates to Remember

October 5	Picture Day 7 th grade Retreat
October 12	Middle Level Education Conference No School for St. Joseph Campus only
October 17	Social in the gym from 7:00-9:30 PM
October 18 & 19	Teacher in Service No School for entire System



ST. MARY

Accelerated Reader Parent Meeting

As was mentioned at Parent Night in August, St. Mary Campus is moving forward with the implementation of the Accelerated Reader Program as it is intended to be used. The Accelerated Reader Program is a computerized reading management program designed to motivate all students to become better readers by guiding their independent reading choices. Accelerated Reader will be used in conjunction with our core curriculum and provides an essential practice component. In addition to making reading practice fun and exciting for every student, AR gives us continuous feedback to personalize instruction so every student achieves maximum success.

Due to the fact we will be using Accelerated Reader differently this year than in the past we have scheduled a parent meeting on **Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room**. At the meeting we will give an overview of the program, share how we determine reading ranges, explain how the program will be used at St. Mary Campus, and answer any questions.

The teachers will be working with the children over the next few weeks to determine reading ranges, book choices, etc. We will have this information available at the meeting and will be able to answer any specific questions you may have.

Please plan to join us on Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Mary Community Room to learn about Accelerated Reader and how it will be used at St. Mary's to improve the reading skills of our students.

Picture Day

Turn in your school picture envelopes – even if you are not purchasing pictures. Friday is a non-uniform day. Children are encouraged to wear “their best” for pictures. **Please note: Order forms for Memory books will be sent home separately, at a future date.**

Market Day Reminder, from Joe Piatt

We especially urge you to give Market Day a try in October 2007! If we can top 66 customers and \$4,600 in total sales, we will earn \$400 in Scholastic books for our library (in addition to the cash profit)! You should have received an order form in last week's packet. If not, pick one up at the school. You can also order online at www.marketday.com. The St. Mary's school code is 4369.

Hot Lunch

Included in today's packet is the hot lunch form for November. When filling it out, please be sure that the total number of meals equal the amount owed. Forms must be returned no later than Oct. 15th.

Reminder from the Office

- ❖ If your child is ill, out of town or arriving late/leaving early you must contact the school office attendance line (262-896-2932, ext. 400). Your attention to this important matter is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ When you return forms to school, please be sure to paper clip, staple or put into an envelope any checks and or paperwork. This alleviates any loss of money and confusion when forwarding items to the classroom.
- ❖ Please return the Tuesday envelope in a timely manner. This is an important way of communicating between the school and home.

Looking Ahead
In Today's Packet

ST. WILLIAM

Grandparents' Day

We thank our grandparents for taking time to be at SWC for Grandparent Day. The children love to “show off” their school. We appreciate the efforts of the entire community, as we work with the children to teach them about their Catholic faith and academic facts.

We especially wish to thank our Home and School representatives: Kim Carlsen, Jenny Hubley, Trish Wiczorek, Lisa Chapman, Sally Jarmuskiewicz, and Carol Mathison for organizing the social. We also thank all the parents who brought food items and those who helped serve and clean up (I would list all of you but I am afraid that I would run out of room or miss someone—So, Thanks!)



Blessing of Animals



On Thursday, October 4th Fr. Leonard or Fr. Jason will bless animals. This is a Franciscan tradition with a long history at St. William Campus. The blessing takes place before the children come into the building, at about 8:45 A.M. The animals stay with their owners until the blessing and then they have to go home. Children may bring stuffed animals or pictures of their pets if they can not bring their own pet to be blessed.

After School Clubs

The After School clubs meet on Thursday's—**BUT Art club will NOT be meeting Thursday, October 4th.** Please mark your calendar so we do not have to make last minute calls. Thank you!

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken Friday, October 5th. The children may dress in non-uniform clothing for the pictures. The order forms are due on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Memory Books will be ordered as a separate purchase after January 1st.

Market Day

We met the goal of increased sales and number of orders for the month of October. As a result the library will get \$400 in books as a reward from Market Day. Thank you for your continued support!

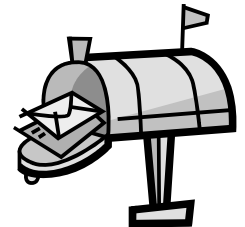
The next Market Day orders are due to school by Wednesday, October 17th and by noon on Saturday, October 20th. Pick-Up will be Wednesday October 24th at 3:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Rosary

October is a month dedicated to Mary and the Rosary. We celebrate this by gathering together as a school at 2:30 every Tuesday. We pray indoors or out depending on the weather, and conclude with Benediction in church. All are invited to join us.

Post Office

The "Good Earth" Post Office will open Thursday, Oct. 4th. In Tuesday's packet, you will find the directory. The directory lists addresses for all the students and faculty. The "Good Earth" Post Office provides a wonderful opportunity for parents and other adults to write to the children. Please encourage the children to write back. It provides them with a sense of value, and gives the adults a chance to check on their writing skills. Grandparents sometimes like to send letters to the kids. If they can't get to school to mail the letter, they can mail it to the school in the regular mail by putting the addressed "Good Earth" envelope into another envelope addressed to the school and it will find its way to the "Good Earth" mailbox. You can also get another copy of the "Good Earth" directory for Grandparents or other family members from the school office.



Magazine Drive

The orders are being tallied and we will know "numbers" this week and will share those with you next week. Thank you everyone for the effort you put into this fundraiser. If you still have orders to submit, please send them to the school office ASAP. These orders will not be eligible for prizes. Remember, an on-line order can be placed at anytime.

Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader

Channel 6 has called to ask us to participate in a promotional event for their morning news broadcast. They are taping the SWC Grade 5 students who will propose questions for the news team to answer. The taping will take place on Tuesday, October 9th from about 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.

FYI

Mark your calendars; the SWC Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 11th at 7 P.M.

In Today's Packet:

- ◆ Flyer from Fr. Leonard – Partners in FAITH
- ◆ Post Office Directory
- ◆ Home & School Packer Party Flyer / Donation Request
- ◆ Market Day Order Form
- ◆ Jr. Crusader Baseball Flyer



Looking Ahead:

10-04-06	Blessing of the Animals 8:45 a.m.
10-04-07	RRR T-Shirt day
10-05-07	School Pictures
10-09-07	Rosary and Benediction at 2:30 p.m.
10-16-07	Rosary and Benediction at 2:30 p.m.
10-18-07	Teacher Convention-No School
10-19-07	Teacher Convention-No School