



Campus Connection

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

The Challenges of Parenting!

"Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late."
(Habakkuk 2:2-4)

"...stir into flame the gift of God that you have..."

"...bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."

(2 Timothy 1:6,8)

These two Scripture passages from Sunday's liturgical readings can give us courage when we, as caring and nurturing parents, try to help our children grow and mature.

The Vision

So often we get caught up in the day to day stuff of parenting. It becomes all consuming. We deal with unexpectedly hot October days and need to negotiate "wearing shorts." We have the bandages and ointments ready when one of our children does not make the "A" team. We prod to get homework done. We chauffeur to volleyball games. Some days we are exhausted with all the demands made on us by our loved ones, by the school and by those with whom we work. What's it all about? Where is the vision? ("Without a vision, the people perish.") How do we create the vision?

Starter Questions

What energizes us? What do we value most in life? What do we value most about ourselves? What is going well now? What have we contributed most to our children in the past? What is most meaningful about parenting? What is our dream, our vision for our family, for our children, for ourselves? On what values is that dream based? What is holistic about our vision? With whom do we share our vision? Create the vision with your spouse or a close friend. Re-read the passage from Habakkuk. Write the vision and keep it safe. Be patient. Pray and strive to help the vision be a reality.

Bear your Share of Hardship

There will be days when the vision seems eons away! Things are not going well. Illness, loss of employment, personal disappointments, death of a loved one, emerging teens, and tiredness all cloud the vision. Paul reminds us as he reminded Timothy to rekindle the gifts God has given us. Yes, there will be difficult days. Discouragements will present themselves as obstacles to achieving the dream, the vision. Impatience will say the vision will never happen. God's faithfulness and our own allegiance to the vision will hold us in good stead! Courage! We are in this together creating visions of a better world for our children, for ourselves!

Maureen Gallagher, Director

Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

Challenge questions for the Channel 6 News Team today at St. William Campus.

In a given set of numbers what is the mode?

What are the abiotic factors in an ecosystem?

What is the complete predicate in this sentence?
The fifth grade class studied the garden ecosystem.

What is the difference between latitude and longitude?

See the answers next week – we'll let you know how the news team did!



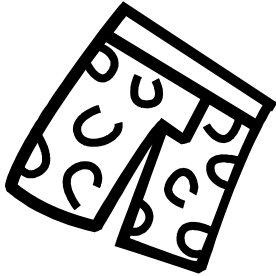
NEED TO KNOW

No School

St. Joseph Campus ONLY will have no school this Friday, October 12th because of a Middle School Teacher Conference. The entire system will have no school on Thursday, October 18th and Friday the 19th due to teacher convention.

Before & After Care

There will be no Before & After Care school care on October 18th & 19th due to lack of registrations.



Uniform Policy Amendment

Amended Policy regarding wearing shorts, given the extremely warm weather this October.

Dark navy walking shorts, only those purchased at the Uniform Place or those merchandised as “uniform” shorts may be worn in place of pants at the discretion of the parents during the months of August, September, October, April, May, and June. St. Joseph Campus ONLY, khaki shorts may also be worn.

Waukesha Catholic Directory

If you ordered a Waukesha Catholic Directory they should be here to distribute in next week’s packet, October 16th.

Athletic News

Volleyball season is well underway. Thanks to everyone who has been helping out in the gyms. The Seton Tournament is closing in fast. Remember there will be more help needed from volleyball families. Team parents will be or may have already been notified of their schedules. We appreciate all of your time and effort. Remember this is a fund raiser for the Waukesha Catholic volleyball program.

To kick off The Seton Tournament Week we will host the 8th grade boys and girls volleyball teams versus parents and coaches game on Tuesday, October 30th. The game will start at 2:30 P.M. in the St. Joe’s gym. If you are interested in playing please arrive in the gym by 2:15 P.M.

Parents should receive coach evaluations for volleyball from your team parent. If you did not get one or need another copy evaluations are available on the website, www.wcssonline.org athletics. Please return completed evaluations to your campus school office no later than Friday, October 26th

Basketball season is approaching fast. The split schedule is posted below. Please remember that Athletics requires all students to have a physical form on file in order to participate in splits.

Students should wear white tee shirts for their split session. The **Basketball Split schedule** is as follows:

5 th Gr. Boys – Monday, Nov. 5	5:30 - 7:00	St. Joe
6 th Gr. Boys – Monday, Nov. 5	5:30 - 7:00	St. William
7 th Gr. Boys – Tuesday, Nov. 6	5:30 - 7:00	St. Joe
8 th Gr. Boys – Tuesday, Nov. 6	7:15 - 9:00	St. Joe
5 th Gr. Girls – Monday, Nov. 5	5:30 - 7:00	St. Mary
6 th Gr. Girls – Tuesday, Nov. 6	5:30 - 7:00	St. Mary
7 th Gr. Girls – Monday, Nov. 5	7:15 - 9:00	St. Mary
8 th Gr. Girls- Monday, Nov.5	7:15 - 9:00	St. Joe



FUNDRAISERS

Milk Caps Plus

Kemps has further expanded the milk cap program. On specially marked containers of cottage cheese, sour cream etc. there is a label that can be cut out and sent in. Please save these and send them in to the campus office.

Fall Social – Packer Party



Home & School is sponsoring a Packer Tailgate 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).

Donations of individual cans of soda and large family bags of chips are also needed for this event. Please send the donations into the campus office. For more info:

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

Scrip

- ❖ Scrip orders for the week of October 8th were \$26,870 with \$1107.15 in profits.
- ❖ Consider having restaurant cards on hand for those “I don’t want to cook” days!
- ❖ Do you work with or for a company that gives employee gifts for Christmas or customer appreciate gifts? How about a gift of Scrip? We can place the order for your company. Call with any questions 262-896-2929, ext. 324
- ❖ For additional Scrip order forms:

<http://www.wcssonline.org/Documents/NewsLetters/SCRIP%20ORDER%20FORM.pdf>



OTHER EVENTS

Fish Fry



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

Divine Savior Holy Angels High School Open House

DSHA will hold their open house on Sunday, October 28, 2007 with a 9:00 A.M. Mass and guided tours at 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Girls in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades and their parents, are invited to attend this event, featuring guided tours of the school. Pre-registration not required.

Open House at Catholic Memorial

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. For more information www.catholicmemorial.net

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Directory

We send a thank you to Mary McNulty and her crew, Marie Furrer, Corey Grayson, Debbie Harnen, and others for their work and dedication in completing the directory this year. Thank You!

RECOGNITION

Keep in your Prayers

Please pray for Sister Kathleen Swain who served as principal of St. Mary’s School during the 1990’s. Sister Kathleen has had her cancer re-occur and is now entering hospice care. She asks for your prayers and gives thanks for the time she spent with the Waukesha Catholic School System.

Congratulations

We wish to offer congratulations to DeAnthony (Gr. 2 SWC) he has a new baby brother, and to his parents Beatrice & Jerome Kess on the birth of their son, born on 10-02-07.



CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in this Week's Packet

Box Top Newsletter
Catered Lunch **November** Order Form **Due October 17th**
Medicine Collection Day Postcard
Milwaukee Wave NIE Section 1 per student
November Teacher Conference Request **Due October 24th**
October Dance Reminder
Soup with Substance Flyer
Volleyball Flyer 8th Grade Only
Youth Night at the YMCA 6th Grade Only

PB&J Challenge 2007

Join Second Harvest and the Milwaukee Bucks for the PB&J Challenge 2007. This great "kids helping kids" program runs thru October 26. During this time, **WCMS Student Service Council** would like to encourage their classmates to donate peanut butter and jelly to the school. At the end of the month, the Council will deliver the school's collection to Second Harvest in Milwaukee.

"This is a great program to engage and educate students about hunger while raising essential food for hunger-relief efforts in southeastern Wisconsin." *Second Harvest/Milwaukee*

The Milwaukee Bucks are a program sponsor and every student participating in the program will receive a voucher good for a free ticket to a Milwaukee Bucks game on November 6 vs. the Toronto Raptors and the possible opportunity to shoot a free throw on the Bucks court after the game. In addition, there are great prizes for the schools that collect the most peanut butter and jelly per school and those with the highest average collected per student. Please direct questions to Student Service Council Advisor – Ms. Thachenkery @ 262-896-2930 x327.

~Please send PB or J in plastic jars only~

WCMS Student Service Council News

Welcome to two more new representatives to Student Service Council: 8-2 Rep. Derek N. and 8-3 Rep. Charlie W. We're glad to have you on board!



ST. MARY

High Interest Day @ St. Mary Campus

We need your help to gather an outstanding group of presenters for High Interest Day on April 25th, 2008 at St. Mary Campus. We welcome presenters from any and all campuses. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Foote at (262)524-2025 or mfoote1@wi.rr.com. Thanks!

Scrap Paper

Is the business you work for changing their letterhead? Do you work in an office that throws paper away that is printed on one side? We are in need of "poverty paper".....paper that could be used one more time instead of being tossed. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Market Day Reminder, from Joe Piatt

We are so close to our goal of 66 customers and \$4,600 in total sales! When we hit those numbers, we will earn \$400 in Scholastic books for our library (in addition to the cash profit)! You can order online at www.marketday.com. The St. Mary's school code is 4369. Just give it a try....even if it's only for one or two items. If you are having a hard time picking the items up on Saturday, contact the school office. I will take orders up until Wednesday, October 10th.

Recycle Your Inkjet, Laser Cartridges and Cell Phones

Just a reminder that St. Mary School is participating in a program which provides an opportunity for schools and their communities to save empty laser and inkjet cartridges and cell phones in exchange for cash or over 5000 free hardware and software technology products. Currently, we are collecting all empty inkjet and laser cartridges. Please be sure the laser ones are cartridges; we cannot recycle any film roller or ink tanks, only cartridges. Bag cell phones do not qualify, but most others do. Please place any empty inkjet or laser cartridges or cell phones in or next to the box by the front door at St. Mary School. This program is being handled by Mrs. Trebby in the Library, so please direct any questions to her, 896-2932, extension 337. Thank you!

Library Fines to Begin

As of October 15th, we will begin charging fines on overdue books. Anyone who has ever talked to Mrs. Trebby about over dues knows this is her least favorite part of her job. She dislikes sending overdue notices, but has found no other way to assure the books come back to the Library. Fine monies collected are used to buy replacement books. The fine will be 5 cents per school day the book is not returned. No fines will be charged for weekends or any day the school is closed. Also, every student is given a 3-day grace period before fines begin. Starting next week, a notice will be sent home if a book is overdue, stating when the book was due, its title, and the amount of the fine.



Books checked out of St. Mary's School Library have a two week loan period: they will be due 2 weeks from the date they are checked out of the library. They should have a blue Date Due card in the pocket of the book indicating when the book is due. If there is no blue Date Due card in the book, have the student check in the library to get one.

The only exceptions are for K4 and K5 students. Their books have a one week loan period and are due the same day of the week as Library day the following week.

As always, if you have any questions about this or any other library matter, please contact Janis Trebby, extension 337, at the school.



St. Mary's Music Notes, from Mrs. Schmitt

Part of your child's St. Mary's School experience, will be participating in a music class designed to foster lifelong appreciation of music through active music making. The sequenced music instruction will help your child develop musical skills and understanding, using music of various styles from the United States and around the world. In addition to developing specific musical skills, your child's studies in other areas will be enhanced by instruction that links concepts across the curriculum.

Your child will also have opportunities to participate in theme-based music making, particularly as we prepare for our Christmas Concert this year on December 10th. A number of our Christmas selections will include music in French, Spanish, Arabic and English. The fourth and fifth grades are learning Renaissance recorder music and dances.

You can also reinforce your child's music learning at home. Consider listening to music together and talking about it. Ask your child to share songs learned in music class. Encourage your recorder and band students to perform their music for the family. Attend local concerts to help foster appropriate audience behavior. These experiences will help make music meaningful at school, at home, and in the community.



Looking Ahead

Wednesday, October 10th : Non-uniform day
Friday, October 12th: 5th grade field trip, Children’s Health & Education Center
Monday, October 15th: Hot Lunch forms are due
1st grade field trip to “The Ranch”
Tuesday, October 16th: 1st grade field trip to the Pumpkin Farm
Friday, October 26th: Sock Hop, St. Mary Gym 6:30 p.m.

In Today’s Packet

Scrip order form
Catholic Herald Parenting paper
St. Mary Campus High Interest Day flyer

ST. WILLIAM

Hot Lunch

The November lunch order forms are due by Wednesday, October 10th.

After School Clubs

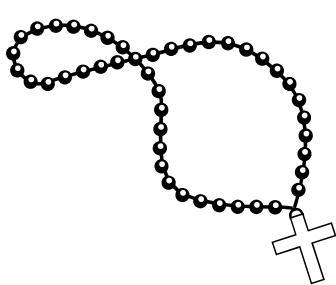
The After School clubs meet on Thursday’s—as a reminder, **October 18th** is not a club date as we have no school on that day due to teacher convention. Please mark your calendar.

Picture Day

School pictures were taken Friday, October 5th. ***Order forms for Memory books will be sent home separately, at a future date.***

Market Day

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.

Penny Drive No-Uniform Day

The amount collected from the September Penny Drive was superior. As a result, all classes will have a No-Uniform day on Thursday, October 11th.

Parent Conference Forms

Forms to sign up for Parent conferences in November are in this packet. Please fill out and return the forms so we can arrange the time table to try to get the best times for everyone. Forms are due back to school by Wednesday, October 24th.

Magazine Drive

The children of these families will have a No-Uniform day on Wednesday, October 17th:

Kostolni Neder Naze Stimac Weidman Tapp Noonan
Kotlowski Boland Ammerman Zirzow Vaughan Roubik Roger Watson Family

If any families were missed and should be listed, we apologize; just wear non-uniform clothes on the 17th.

The magazine sale has ended for this year. At SWC we did not make our school goal of 600 subscriptions, we had 497 orders. Some of this might be because families sent some orders to their children at St. Joseph Campus. I am not sure of our profit total compared to last year. However, we had many families turn in orders and I thank you for participating in this fund-raiser.

The prizes have been distributed. I wish to thank Mrs. Kim Vaughan for doing all of the work collecting and recording magazine orders. The Wieczorek family will be Principal for the morning, at a date to be arranged. The children of the Wieczorek, Chapman, and Neder families will be the guests of Mr. Radomski for lunch, also at a date to be arranged. Thank you!

Box Top Update

The Box Top Deep Sea Dig is well under way. The Schellhase family leads the excavation with 650 Box Tops (13 shovels/raffle tickets). Piacseks are in second with 510 (10 tickets), Ammermans 370 (7 tickets) and Zichs 320 (6 tickets) are close behind.

In the first two weeks, 2,630 Box Tops were "dug up" (\$263.00). Most of them were on bonus receipts coming from Pick N Save cash registers. There has been some discussion that some Pick N Save stores are still handing these out. So keep watch for this.

A complete family participation board will be posted in the school hallway. Until next time, thank you and keep digging for Box Tops! - Stacie Piacsek

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.

Birthday Wishes

We wish special greetings for a Happy Birthday to **Fr. Jason (October 12)** and **Fr. Leonard (October 15)**.

Happy Birthday!

In Today's Packet:

Looking Ahead:

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
10-23-07	Rosary and Benediction at 2:30 p.m.
10-30-07	Rosary and Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

