



Campus Connection

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

THANKSGIVING

Being thankful is humanity's first response to the gifts of God. The first thing we know from the Bible is that God is very gracious, extremely generous. God gives us superabundant gifts. God's gifts transform us and bring meaning to our lives. God's gifts give us significance and purpose.

To say "thank you" means we are able to transcend the preoccupation we may have with ourselves, our own self-interest and acknowledge our dependence on God to sustain us to live lives of purpose and worth. Saying "thank you" points to our interdependence on one another to continue to build the reign of God on earth.

The Psalms remind us to thank God: "...I will thank you in the great assembly: I will praise you before the mighty throng. Ps. 35:18; "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High" Ps. 92:2; "Give thanks to the Lord, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds! Sing praise, pay music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds" Ps. 105:1-2.

The word eucharist is rooted in Greek word for thanksgiving. When we do Eucharist, we thank God for God's many gifts—the gifts of all creation and most especially the gift of Jesus Christ who showed us how to live meaningful lives that reflect the many gifts of God and to further God's reign on earth.

One of the first words we teach children is to say "thank you." We instill the words of gratitude in them at a very early age. As they mature the challenge is for them not only to say "thank you" but to have hearts full of gratitude—to really become aware of all the gifts and opportunities that they have.

With "giftedness" comes responsibility. There is always the temptation to want more, to be greedy, to have the best, the designer clothes, the latest technology, DVDs, etc. and to ignore the accountability we have to live the values of the Gospel--to share, to empower, to eliminate the causes of poverty and violence in the world. To whom much is given, much is expected!

How can we challenge ourselves and our children to not only be grateful and realize the many gifts we and they have been given, but also to motivate ourselves and them to build a better world? The season of Thanksgiving provides us an opportunity not only to reflect on our abundant assets—human, material, social and spiritual—and express gratitude for them, but also to find ways to change the world into a happier and more just and peaceful place to dwell. These challenges are ones which we need to work on together as a learning community!

Maureen Gallagher
Director—Waukesha Catholic

Happy Thanksgiving to all !!



NEED TO KNOW



Coffee Connection

The next Director's Coffee will be held Tuesday, November 27th at 2:30 P.M. at St. Mary Community Room.

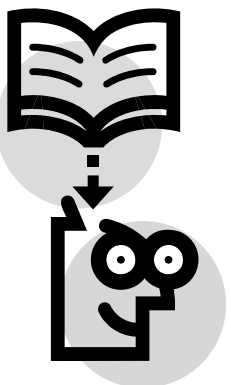
WKCE Testing

The students of grades 4 and 8 at all three Waukesha Catholic schools will be taking the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) during the weeks of November 5th to 16th.

Conferences

There will be no school the week of November 19th. The elementary Campus conferences will be held on Monday, Nov. 19th and Tuesday, Nov. 20th.

Study Buddies



Free homework help is offered by the School District of Waukesha and the Waukesha Public Library for all students in grades K-6. You can come each day or just when you need to and receive help with math, reading, or spelling from National Honor Society High School students and other approved volunteers.

WHO: It's for every student whether you need just someone to look things over, provide a little extra help, or need a lot of help with your homework. We're here for reading practice as well.

WHEN: Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday starting November 6, 2007.

TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Just drop in! No appointment needed.

WHERE: Waukesha Public Library. Questions: Call the Library (262) 524-3692.

Before and After Care Teaching Assistants Needed

St. Mary Campus is seeking part-time Teaching Assistants for our Before and After Care Program. The positions would begin after Christmas Break. We are seeking people for the morning hours 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 (sometimes 9:00 a.m.) as well as afternoons from 3:15-6:00. Candidates with child care experience preferred but experience is not necessary. Please contact Lisa Kovalski, Principal at 262-896-2932 or stmprin@wcsonline.org if you are interested or know someone that might be interested.

FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

- ❖ Scrip orders for the week of November 12th were \$ 45,369 with \$ 2,096 in profits.
- ❖ Start planning for Christmas shopping by ordering Scrip now!
- ❖ There will be no Scrip the week of November 19th because the children are out of school. Any orders received this week, after the Monday order, will be ordered on Monday, November 26th.

- ❖ For additional Scrip order forms:

<http://www.wcsonline.org/Documents/NewsLetters/SCRIP%20ORDER%20FORM%2011-12-2007.pdf>

Auction Annex

Calling All Businesses – Is your business involved with the Waukesha Catholic Auction? If not, it should be. Businesses can receive great advertising by reaching over 10,000 parents, parishioners, alumni and customers through the Auction. More importantly, their support impacts the outstanding education available through Waukesha Catholic by providing textbooks, technology updates and tuition assistance. Remember, the auction is the single largest fundraiser for our schools each year. All levels of support are encouraged including financial donations to run the event. Contact Chris Beres (brownbear@wi.rr.com) for information on becoming a sponsor, advertiser or donor to the event. Please patronize and thank those businesses that have already made a commitment to our schools through the 2008 Auction including:

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| Waukesha State Bank | Don Belman Homes | Davies Orthodontics |
| Spancrete Industries | R & R Insurance Services | Merrill Hills |

OTHER EVENTS

Volleyball Uniform Reminder

Our volleyball season has come to an end. Please wash your volleyball uniform and turn it into your campus office in a bag clearly marked with student's name. Thanks.

Christmas Choir for St. William's Parish Children in Grades 2-6

St. William's Parish children are welcome to join us in singing at our Christmas Eve 3:30 Mass. Rehearsals begin Thursday, November 29 at 4 P.M. Please call or e-mail Kay Hokans if interested. 262-547-2763 x206 or khokans.cf@tds.net

Catholic Memorial

"Principal Matters" (formerly known as Coffee n' Talk) will be held on Thursday, November 15th from 8:15 to 9:45 A.M. Enter through the main doors.

Catholic Memorial Principal Dr. Mark Schmitt continues the tradition of the principal-parent information exchange held monthly in the school meeting room. Get to know the new principal and catch up on all the CMH "family" news. This casual forum is an excellent source of information for parents to learn the daily "happenings" at Catholic Memorial. Conversation often covers topics not included in the monthly newsletter. Parents considering CMH for the future have a chance to feel the spirit of Catholic Memorial in a small and comfortable setting. Principal Matters is convenient for parents on the go: feel free to arrive late or leave early to fit your schedule. A light breakfast will be served. Everyone is welcome!

RECOGNITION

Congratulations

Congratulations to St. Joe's 6th grader Eli W. Eli will perform in the Milwaukee Ballet's *Nutcracker* for the third year in a row! If you attend this season's *Nutcracker* look for the cutest small mouse!

Congratulations to St. Joe's 8th grader Sarah E. Sarah placed 3rd in the Veterans Day Parade Essay Contest and will receive a \$50.00 savings bond and a certificate of honor. Each winner was also invited to be in the Milwaukee Veterans Day parade with their Veteran and ride in a military vehicle.



Thank You Catholic Memorial

Tuesday, November 6th three CMH juniors from the varsity soccer team ran a Tool Time soccer drill for 7th & 8th grade boys. We appreciate their volunteering to do this and of course it's great to see our alums. Thank you Dan Walden, Mitch Nyffeler & Shaun Knapp.

In December there will be a Pom Clinic during Tool Time. Thank you to Pat Walden for arranging these activities.

CMH Pizza Party Results

Congratulations to homeroom 8-3. They won the pizza party from the CMH Open House, The Open House was attended by 23 out of 28 students. Way to go 8-3!

Latest Addition

Cameron, Nani, Zoe, and Hunter welcome their new baby sister Skylar who was born on Friday, November 9th. Congratulations and best wishes to the entire Lewis family.

Student Service Council Update

Thanks to all the representatives from 1st Quarter. You all did an outstanding job with your service to the school! Welcome to our new representatives for 2nd Quarter...we're very glad to have you joining us.

6-1 Lauren K
6-2 Marilyn F
6-3 Breanna A

7-1 Mark S
7-2 Julia T
7-3 Carly R

8-2 Cynthia T
8-3 Joey O
Tori T

CAMPUS HI-LITES

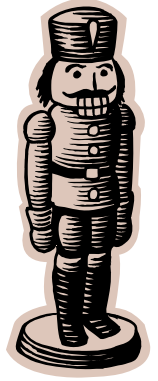
ST. JOSEPH

Included in this week's packet

All School Field Trip to *The Nutcracker*
4P's Catered Lunch Confirmation
SJ Christmas Scrip
Scrip to Youngest

St. Joe's Conferences

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences begin this evening in the gym. Be sure to be on time and respectful of the next family waiting. Appointments can be made if you need more time with a specific teacher. Our next conference evening is Thursday, November 15th and Monday, November 19th in the morning.



St. Joe's Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in progress throughout conferences in the Library/Media Center in the PAC/6th grade building. Don't forget to shop for those stocking stuffers and holiday gifts before or after conferences!

St. Joe's Ski Club

Snow showers are predicted, winter gear is emerging from storage and it's time for Ski Club. Mark your calendar. The Ski Club will still ski at Alpine Valley on the following Friday nights:
Friday, December 14
Friday, January 11 and 25
Friday, February 22

Announcements will be made in the morning and afternoon when the packets for the entire ski season become available.

To qualify for the all day trip skiers must have participated in one trip to Alpine Valley with our Ski Club.

Forgotten Lunch Request

Students who forget their lunch greatly appreciate your generous lunch donations. Our supply tub is empty. Please keep us in mind while shopping. Items such as pudding, crackers with cheese or peanut butter, fruit snacks & granola bars hit the spot!

ST. MARY

Pick 'n Save We Care Program

Help raise money for St. Mary Campus while you grocery shop. All you have to do is fill out the form and return it to any Pick 'n Save store to get your Advantage Plus Card. If you already have a Pick 'n Save card, please consider adding or changing your selection to St. Mary Campus. All you'll have to do is complete an Advantage Saver's Club "change" form which is available at the service counter of any Pick 'n Save store. The St. Mary Campus organization number is 788575. Thank you.

In Today's Packet

Teachers & Staff Christmas Scrip order form
Scrip form
Market Day form



ST. WILLIAM

Market Day

Orders are due to school by Monday, November 19th or online by noon on Saturday, November 24th. Pick-up will be in the gym on Wednesday, November 28th. Thank you for your continued support!

December Hot Lunch

Confirmation of your order will be in this packet. We are in need of a few additional volunteers to help from about 11:30 to 12:30 to assist serving hot lunch. If you can volunteer once or twice a month please contact the school office. Thank you!

Notes to Teachers

When your child/ren are absent or tardy we ask you to contact the school office (this is so the school can verify that all children are accounted for). However, we also ask you to send a note regarding the reason for the excuse. This is required so we can ensure better communication with all involved with the care of your child/ren. Thank you!

Birth Certificates

We are required by law to have a copy of each child's birth certificate in their cumulative folder. If you have been asked to provide this for school, please take care of the matter as soon as possible. We will make a copy of the certificate and return the original immediately. Thank you!

Penny Drive

The November penny drive collection will be sent to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Food Drive

Our annual food pantry collection will be held the week of November 12th. Please send non-perishable food items to school; the students will bring the food to Mass (planned by Grade 4) on Friday, November 16th. The food collected will be donated to the St. William Parish food pantry. The small acts of kindness we participate in daily make a lasting impression on the children at SWC. They realize we are called to share!



Home and School Christmas Scrip for staff information

If you are planning on showing your child/ren's teacher, teaching assistant or other staff member how much you appreciate them this Christmas, we have the perfect gift, SCRIPT gift certificates. It's easy, it's practical and a portion of it comes back to Waukesha Catholic. Please consider the Scrip gift certificate program for convenient holiday gift giving. The forms are included in this packet.

In Today's Packet:

Friends of Jesus Christmas gift collection
Mother's Day Invitation

Looking Ahead:

- 11-13-07 Advent Activity Event at St. William 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 11-15-07 Penny Drive – Children’s Hospital will receive our donation
- 11-15-07 No-Uniform day**
- 11-16-07 9:00 Mass and Thanksgiving food collection
- 11-16-07 Waukesha Catholic Now visit at SWC 9:45 a.m.
- 11-19-07 Conferences 2 to 5 and 5:30 to 8 - No School
- 11-20-07 Conferences 2 to 5 and 5:30 to 8 - No School
- 11-22-07 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11-26-07 Classes resume
- 11-27-07 Cinderella play at SWC 11 a.m.—in the gym
- “Windy City Players” - All welcome
- 11-28-07 Market Day pick-up 3:30 to 4:30 in the gym
- 11-28-07 Anti Smoking speaker grades 5 & 6 at SJC
- 12-07-07 Mother’s Day 9:00 Mass
- 12-11-07 SWC Christmas Concert 7pm—Mark your calendar**

