

# Campus Connection

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## **Climate Survey Follow Up**

A copy of the school climate survey results is available for your review in the administrative office and at each campus office. The Board of Directors and the Administration will be using these results as a tool for implementing improvements during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and for planning the 2010-11 school year.



## **Christmas Shop Now**

Order gift cards on line before Monday at 8:00 a.m. and they will be delivered on Thursday. It is that easy to do your Christmas shopping with Scrip. Place your order on line at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) Waukesha Catholic's # 8AL3CL451142.

## **Scrip**

The last opportunity to order Scrip in time for Christmas will be Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. No Scrip order will be placed the week of December 21<sup>st</sup> or December 28<sup>th</sup>.



## **Pancake Breakfast**

Calling all musicians to perform on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009! The Pancake Breakfast Coordinating Team would like to show case Waukesha Catholic talent. We are looking for children in grades K5-8 who play (solo or duet) flute, piano, sax, etc. The children need to be able to perform for 5-10 minutes on a stage with prepared Christmas music. Younger children might have a few short pieces while older children may have a longer piece or two to play.

This is not a formal concert and there will not be any tryouts. This is an occasion for students to give back to the community by providing background music during the breakfast. This event is an excellent opportunity for children to gain musical confidence in audience performance.

If you have any questions or an interested child in grades K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade, contact Mrs. Stacie Piacsek @ 262-544-6775 and for children in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, contact Ms. Becky Van Treeck @ 262-896-2930 mailbox 331.

## **National Catholic Youth Conference**

Jose Palacios and Axel Navarrete, class of 2009, and current 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Waukesha Catholic St Joseph Middle School, Priscila Gonzalez, are part of a group of ten teens who were choose to participate in the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri on November 19<sup>th</sup> - November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The conference will bring together 25,000 Catholic Youth from across our country. Congratulations Jose, Alex and Priscila!

## **Alumni News**

Waukesha Catholic's alumni LeAnn Vance ('07) and Christopher Vance ('09) will Perform in Dominican's "Two from Galilee". Shows will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Call the box office at 414-332-1170, ext. 485 for tickets and information.



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### **Catholic Memorial High School**

- The CMH Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a Christmas experience filled with amazing gifts, food, music and the true Catholic Memorial community spirit! All proceeds will go toward student enrichment programs at CMH, admission \$3.00.
- The CMH Drama Department invites grade school students to audition for the Winter Musical—White Christmas. Auditions are Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. in the CMH Auditorium. Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings from 8-noon (no rehearsals over Christmas break), and performances are in February. All are welcome, no experience necessary. For more information email [madnil323@gmail.com](mailto:madnil323@gmail.com) or call Marie Furrer at CMH 542-7101.
- CMH's Music Department presents a weekend of Christmas Concerts on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. At 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the CMH Jazz Ensemble will perform in the CMH Auditorium, playing a variety of selections from the Blues, Swing, Bebop, Rock and Funk traditions. At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Shattuck Auditorium at Carroll University, CMH's Chamber Orchestra, Concert Choir, and Concert Band will perform a program of classics drawing from Sacred, Concert, Advent and Christmas repertoires. All performances are free and open to the public. If you have any questions please call CMH at 262.542.7101.

## Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph Middle School Campus

### **Included in this Week's Packet**

Permission Slips:

Christmas Concert *Band and Chorus Students*

Catholic Study Club *Band Students*

Christmas Movie *Grades 6,7 & 8*

Kids to Kids Flyer

4 P's Confirmation **January**



### **Thank You Home & School**

The St. Joe's Home & School sponsored two dinners for the staff on conference nights. Both meals were relaxing as well as delicious. A huge thanks to the parents who contributed to these dinners and to Mrs. Laura Spence who coordinated the meals. It was appreciated by all. The leftovers weren't bad either!

### **The Big Christmas Read**

During the month of December, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be reading the Christmas classic, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Our study of this work of literature will conclude on December 22 with our all school field trip to see the movie. We welcome parents to read the book along with their student!



### **Ski Packets Now Available**

The 2009/2010 ski season packets are now available from Mrs. Greil or in the School Office during school hours. This packet contains information and permission slips for the entire ski season.

### **Pea Pod Reminder**

Orders for January are due in the school office no later than this Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>!

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## **October Student of the Month**

Congratulations to the following students of the month in Social Studies and Phy Ed! Keep up the great work and effort!

### **Social Studies**

6<sup>th</sup> – Alicia Montez  
Mitchell Piacsek  
7<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Franceschi  
Samuel Schellhase  
8<sup>th</sup> – Harper Foote  
Jacob Piette

### **Phy Ed**

6<sup>th</sup> – Rose Syversen  
Jason Kools  
7<sup>th</sup> – Bethanie Krause  
Daniel Brozynski  
8<sup>th</sup> – Peyton Uhl  
Patrick Koenig

## **Student in the News**

Congratulations to Waukesha Catholic alum Christopher Vance who now attends Dominican High School. Christopher was the recipient of Renaissance Award for the month of October in English. Well done!

# Waukesha Catholic St. Mary Campus

## **Christmas Concert Information**

In today's packet is a map of Carroll University and helpful hints for the concert on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Children are expected to wear their "Sunday Best"! Also included is an order form for DVD's that are being sold by Roger Quinn of Photobank. The form and payment must be returned to the school office no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>.



## **Thank You**

Grateful thanks to the volunteers who took the time to contribute a dish for the teachers' dinner during conferences. Not only was it a success, it was delicious and appreciated by all! Thanks to Maria Cook (and her mother!), Ann Goonan, Deb Lemke, Tammy surface, Mary Garrity, Catherine Beres, Nicole Holland, Connie Bielinski, Heidi Hickock, Traci Piatt, Rosemary Reilly, Meghan Burke, Tracy Lewis, Melanie Sikma, and Lisa Weisbrod.

## **DRIVE Graduation**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students celebrated their Drug Resistance Instruction and Violence Education (DRIVE) graduation on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. DRIVE is a replacement for the DARE program, giving the students an opportunity to learn how to say NO to drugs. Congratulations 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

## **Staff Christmas Scrip**

TOMORROW, Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the **final turn-in day** for the Staff Christmas Scrip orders.



## **Looking Ahead**

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Non-uniform day  
6:00 p.m., multi-purpose room, Web-grader meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. School Mass  
Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Market Day pick-up

## **In Today's Packet**

Advent Service Project form  
Christmas Concert Information and DVD order form

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# Waukesha Catholic St. William Campus

## Advent

Last Sunday, was the first Sunday of Advent. We call the days and nights before Christmas Advent, which means “coming”. The church reads and sings about God’s promises. We tell the stories of many holy people. We look for signs of God’s love visible to everyone, and we wait. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ. The Son of God born in the city of David, this is what we celebrate at Christmas. In Advent, we make our minds and hearts ready for His coming.



The four candles of an Advent wreath represent: the 4 Sunday’s of Advent, the 4 points on a compass, the 4 branches of the cross, the 4 Gospels, and more. When you light a candle for each week of Advent, it is a sign that the arrival of the light of the world, Christ, is getting nearer. The book of Isaiah helps us with an image “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light” (Isaiah 9:2)

We are called to witness to the Light, to share the light of Christ in this world.

## Mother’s Day

Our annual Mother’s Day Mass is next week. Moms may come to school with the students and join them in their rooms until it is time to go to church for Mass at 9:00. The Grade 5 moms will be called to go to church first (grade 5 planned the mass), then largest families to smallest families. All moms and students are invited to the parish hall after Mass for coffee, juice, and treats.

There are a handful of moms who have not responded as of yet. Please let us know if you can join us or not.

Thank you to our dads who have volunteered to help serve. A couple more dad volunteers to serve the moms at the social would be appreciated.

## “Friends of Jesus” Gifts

The annual collection of gifts for the “Friends of Jesus” continues. All gifts must be sent to the school office by December 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Market Day

Orders are due by internet at noon on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Pick-up is Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Hot Lunch

January orders are due to the office by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. No late orders will be accepted.

## Food Drive

The collection of food items before Thanksgiving was a generous display of support for those in need. The donated food filled 12 boxes and 14 bags for the St. William food pantry. Thank You!

## Box Tops

Our Thanksgiving Box Top Contest has ended. The Boys’ Turkey ended up with the most feathers, although the Girls’ Turkey didn’t look too bad. The boys have earned a no-uniform day on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who turned in the turkey sheets. We made over \$100 in just three short weeks.

The December contest will be a “Staff vs. Students” contest. The team who has the most ornaments on their tree will earn a **dessert treat!**

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### Penny Drive

St. William Campus sent a check for \$125 to St. William Parish for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Grade 4** students collected the highest amount- \$30.56. The prize for collecting the most pennies will be announced shortly.

### Home and School

We wish to thank the Home and School for their support of DRIVE (Drug Resistance Instruction and Violence Education). This is a wonderful addition to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. The students and staff are grateful for your interest and support.

The staff of St. William Campus thanks you for the delicious meal during conferences. We also thank the people who made or donated items to make the meal a special treat, as well as those who set up/cleaned up. Thank you!



### Post Office

The post office coordinators encourage you to send your child/ren a Christmas card by way of the school post office or perhaps to send an Advent greeting. What a great way to let them know you are thinking of them during the school day!

### K5 for 2010-2011

Mrs. Caruso and I have discussed the options for K5 for 2010-2011, and it has been decided that St. William Campus will offer full day and extended day (70%) sessions. Therefore, parents may choose to send their child for five full days or three mornings and two full days. Please feel free to share this information with family or friends who may wish to know. We feel that this will give options to our parents who may need or want a full day program for their child.

### SW Children's Christmas Choir

Students signed up to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass are reminded to bring notes to the office specifying the arrangements made for the half hour (3:30-4:00) before practice begins. The dates for practice are: Dec. 3, 10, 17, and 21 from 4:00-5:00.

### Flyers Available

Pioneers K-6 grade basketball program



### Mark Your Calendar

December 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day at SWC— Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 9:00

**Christmas Concert-(SWC) will be at 7:00 p.m. in the church on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

December 16<sup>th</sup> – no uniform day

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas vacation begins after 3:30 dismissal

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Classes resume

January 29<sup>th</sup> – Frosty Stomp (St. William Campus dance)