



Campus Connection

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

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing...

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
His dominion is vast and forever peaceful!"

Isaiah 9:1-6



MERRY CHRISTMAS!
MAY YOUR CELEBRATIONS
BE
BLESSED AND JOYOUS!

THE STAFF, FACULTY AND
ADMINISTRATION OF
WAUKESHA CATHOLIC

Welcome

Beginning this week there will be five new exchange students from Korea attending 6th & 7th grade at Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph's Middle School. Our staff is excited to provide these students with a glimpse of St. Joe's and what our school offers, as well as what our exchange students experience in their own schools. It's a wonderful opportunity to share both cultures.

Please make welcome the following students:

Ji Woo Lee 6-1
Jeung Eun Lee 6-2
Ji Yeol Lee 7-3
Yeon Soo Jee 6-3
Soo Bin Kim 7-1



NEED TO KNOW

Christmas Break

Friday, December 21st is an early release day at 11:30 A.M. St. Joseph early release is at 11:25 A.M. We will see all the children back at school on Thursday, January 3.

RRR T-Shirts

Thursday, January 3rd (first day back to school after Christmas break) is an RRR T-shirt day.

FUNDRAISERS

Auction – Escape to the Hills

See separate flyer for the Auction Annex information.

OTHER EVENTS

Congratulation

Congratulations to Grandma Caruso! She is happy to announce the newest arrival to her family, grandson Henry.

RECOGNITION

Waukesha Catholic - St. Joe's Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students of the month for November! Keep up the great work!



Religion

6th - Charles M
Caitlin L
7th – Joey H
Courtney K
8th - Jonah S
Laura P

Spanish

6th – Jack D
Marilyn F
7th - Mark S
Maria N
8th – Joseph B
Morgan S

CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in This Week's Packet

Marquette Reading Program
Staff Christmas Greeting
January Calendar
Scrip

Third Week of Advent

Reflect on Isaiah 6 1:10: *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, while my whole being shall exult in my God*

Ideas for Week Three

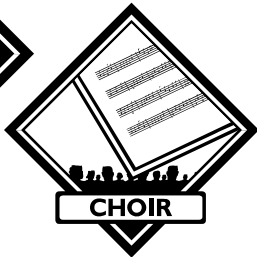
Contribute to a toy drive for needy youngsters
Watch a favorite Christmas movie. Afterward, think about Christian values.
Go caroling with family and friends
Make a Christmas ornament to give to a friend
Donate warm winter clothing to a local program for the homeless



Call someone you haven't spoken to recently
Share the excitement of the season with members of your faith community.
Help decorate your church, or offer to take care of other details.

Reminder

Bring your questions and concerns to the Talk N Treat with Mrs. Rempe scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2008 at 2:30 P.M. All are invited to attend.



Christmas Concert

The St. Joseph Christmas concert featuring our school band and chorus will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at Carroll College, Shattuck Auditorium at 7:00 PM. It's a great way to relax and enjoy the music of the season. Our students and music department have worked hard to provide the Sounds of the Season, we hope you come and enjoy!

Last Chance

Tomorrow, December 20th is the last day students may contribute to our student council service drive. Food items as well as a monetary donation are welcome! Thank you for your support!

Calling All Talented Students

All St. Joe's students are invited and encouraged to create a comedy, dance, musical, skit etc., (no longer than 5 minutes) for the 2008 St. Joseph Talent Show.

Auditions for the Talent Show begin on January 8th, more information to follow after Christmas break.

Students are encouraged to participate!

Score with Reading

All 6th-8th grade students are invited to participate in the MU Golden Eagles Reading Rewards Program. The rules for participation are as follows:

Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade must read two books that are appropriate to their individual level and grade.

Students record the title of the book on the bookmark included in today's packet and a parent or guardian must initial it. The title of the book is required to provide information about the types of books being read.

Each student who meets the requirements will receive one ticket which will admit the student to a Marquette Women's Basketball game on either Saturday, February 16, v Seton Hall or Saturday, February 23, v Pittsburgh at 7:00 PM. Check your preference on the bookmark.

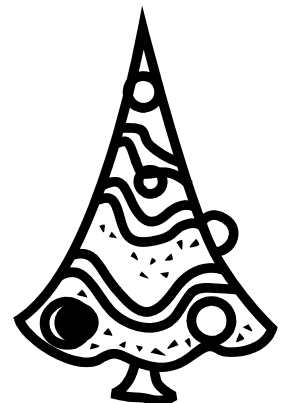
The redeemed tickets will be used for prize drawings throughout the game.

Also every student who participates and attends the basketball game will be awarded an incentive prize.

Additional tickets for family or friends are available at a special rate of \$2.00.

Erin Monfre, a Waukesha Catholic graduate plays for the MU team and how great it would be to have lots of Waukesha Catholic students in the stands cheering for her and her team.

Give it a try! Reading can begin today and bookmarks are due January 9th.



ST. MARY

Advent

This week is the Third week of Advent. Lord God, you promise to send us joy beyond all telling. Let your Peace come upon us as we wait in hope for the Christ child, who will be a light to dispel the darkness.

Secret Santa's Workshop @ St. Mary Campus

There is nothing that can compare to watching a child shop for gifts for the special people in their lives. Thank you so much to Julie Balicki and Debbie Buchert for coordinating Santa's Workshop, and to all of the parent volunteers (elves). It takes a lot of work, time, and patience. It was greatly appreciated by the children, faculty and staff.



St. Mary Campus Posada Procession & Prayer Service

On *Thursday, December 20th* you are invited to attend our Posada Procession and Prayer Service at *9:00 a.m.* The children, led by students representing Mary & Joseph, will process through the school knocking on classroom doors looking for a place to stay. The last stop will be in church where we will sing and celebrate. If you would like to join us, please meet in the church at *8:50 a.m.* Hope to see you there!

While you're out shopping...

Please keep the school in mind. We are running low on tissues (Puffs, Kleenex, whatever brand). Send them in with your child as soon as you are able. Thanks.

Looking Ahead

Friday, December 21st – Early release 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 3rd – Welcome Back

Tuesday, January 8th – Hot lunch forms will be sent home, they must be returned by Friday, January 11th

In Today's Packet

Scrip form

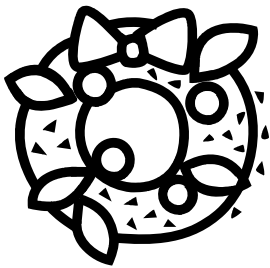
ST. WILLIAM

Advent

This week is the Third week of Advent. Lord God, you promise to send us joy beyond all telling. Let your Peace come upon us as we wait in hope for the Christ child, who will be a light to dispel the darkness.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert is tonight, **Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.** The doors will be opened at about **6:15** and seating will be first come, first serve. **Students must stay with their parents until called to classrooms at 6:30 p.m.** Staff of St. William Campus will be allowed to save seats for themselves and family, since they will be here taking care of the children in preparation for the concert. We ask the children to dress in clothing that is colorful (for the season) and/or "dress up" clothing. The Worden and Piacsek families were the high bidders on front row seats for the Christmas concert offered at the Waukesha Catholic auction last February.



The Box Top Big Dive Results

The three most advanced family divers are as follows: Schellhase (879), Zich (790) and Mathison (650). It was an impressive finish with many last minute "digs". These families win scrip gift certificates in corresponding amounts, \$25, 20 and 10. Also, the final raffle winner this week is the Ammerman family (\$5).

Thank you so much for your participation and keep saving Box Tops for the "prestigious" classroom contest that starts after Christmas break. Also, a big thank



you to Mrs. Stimac, Rooney, Hallett, Vaughan, McWilliams and Tapp for their Box Top tabulations! FYI – 9,004 Box Tops were uncovered. Let's break this record next year! Stacie Piacsek

I wish to thank Stacie Piacsek for coordinating this contest. I also thank all the parents who helped her make this a great success. Thank you!

Market Day

The next Market Day order is due on Thursday, January 3rd or online by noon on Saturday, January 5th.

Classroom Christmas Parties

Classroom Christmas parties will be held on Friday, December 21st from about 10:15 to 11:15. Dismissal is at 11:30 on Friday the 21st of December. Classes resume on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Accelerated Reader

Keep reading! Remember through December 20th, students who pass an independent reading AR test will be entered into a Christmas raffle, with prizes being drawn at the end of the day on December 20th. In addition, the class that accumulates the most tests with the highest passing percentage will be able to have their choice of a computer class activity in the month of January. Happy Reading!

In Today's Packet:

Learn Fair form

January calendar

Scrip order form

Looking Ahead:

12-21-07 K4-Grade 5 Christmas parties

12-21-07 Early dismissal @ 11:30am

01-03-07 Classes resume – RRR t-shirt day

01-09-07 Market Day Pick-up 3:30 to 4:30

01-29-07 Learn Fair / Ice Cream Social - 6:30-7:30pm

Bright Shining God, you are the Light that conquers all darkness. You sent us your Son, who is the Light of the World, so that we might never walk in darkness again. In this Christmas season, let there be no dark corners in our hearts.



The staff of St. William Campus wishes you a blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!