



Campus Connection

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

MOVING FROM GOOD TO GREAT AS A LEARNING COMMUNITY

Learning communities are formed when schools operate out of a culture of a shared mission, values and vision. They become highly productive because they share talents and vision and develop a group synergy that is based on shared intelligence, convictions and values. We at Waukesha Catholic are beginning to see ourselves as part of a learning community where students, parents, staff, pastors and our friends and benefactors all share their talents, their hopes and dreams for their children and families,

Some of the Characteristics shared by Learning Communities

Live by a Shared Vision

Our common vision gets us started in the right direction. It includes: "we are a spirited learning community which unleashes passion and creativity in our children, families and community. Inspired teachers lead eager students to grow in faith, experience the joy of learning, strive for academic excellence and discover their individual talents and abilities. We are reaching out to the greater Catholic faith community, learning from the broader academic community, partnering with the business community and addressing the challenges of life in a global community. With our holistic approach to learning, Waukesha Catholic empowers all to build a more just and peaceful world." Strategic Plan 2005

Engage in Positive Imaging

Seeing things in a positive light energizes learning communities. Reframing the way we look at our schools in a new light so the affirming aspects can influence our thinking is a distinguishing mark of a learning community. This is not "pie in the sky" thinking. Rather it is a focus on what is positive in any situation. Sometimes it means looking at the situation from the 1000 feet perspective, rather than the 50 feet perspective. If an organization can imagine a constructive positive change, it can accomplish it. We are imagining moving from very good to GREAT as a learning community.

Encourage Creative Participation

As part of participation in the Waukesha Catholic Learning Community please consider offering your talents one or two afternoons (3:30-5:00) a week for 6-8 weeks teaching a small group of students a skill you have. Some parents have come forward to teach knitting, CADD (Computer Assisted Design Development), journalism, sports and arts and crafts. Many teachers are also volunteering to do special teaching after school—all part of the effort to move Waukesha Catholic from Very Good to Great!

Maureen Gallagher Ph.D, Director Waukesha Catholic

Welcome to all our returning families. We look forward to a Great School year. A warm welcome is extended to all the new families at Waukesha Catholic:

Abts, Acker, Albrecht, Angel, Beckman, Benitez, Boling, Bomberg, Brown, Cesar, Cesarz, Cruz, Danner, Dooley, Durand, Dutter, Elston, Foss, Flaherty, Floryance, Fox, Furrer, Garczynski, Gardella, Gehl, Gleisner, Hernandez, Higbee, Hill, House, Hull, Johnson, Kabitzke, Kennedy, Klem, Kocovsky, Kramer, Krauska, Lai, Lemke, Rodriguez, Marquez, Siao, Medrano, Miller, Navarrette, Noonan, Paredes, Perugini, Peterson, Ramlow, Ray, Monsivais-Ruiz, Schaefer, Schilling, Schindler, Schmitt, Schraufnagel, Schrubbe, Schutz, Schwaab, Sereno, Sheahan, Kang, Snowden, Spalla, Stillmank, Sutherland, Tilley, Toole, VanValin, Vosters, Walsh, Weisbrod, Weyker, Wilson, Woida



NEED TO KNOW

Magazine Drive

Today, September 11th is the start of the Magazine Drive. New and renewal subscriptions are accepted. Check your child's campus information for more detail regarding turn-in dates. The magazine drive ends on September 26th.



Teacher In-Service

There will be no school on Friday September 21st due to a teacher in-service day.

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day will be celebrated at Waukesha Catholic in September. St. Joseph will host Grandparents on Thursday, September 27th. St. Mary and St. William will host Grandparents on Friday, September 28th.

Waukesha Catholic Sportswear

If any parents/students are interested in ordering sportswear, orders are being taken by Chris Calhoun. Waukesha Catholic Sportswear is a fundraiser for Home & School and all proceeds from sales go directly back to benefit your kids and their schools. Sportswear is fun clothing to wear in addition to the sports uniform, such as personalized hooded sweatshirts, windshirts, nylon pants, t-shirts, shorts & more. Please note: These clothing items are not part of the uniform code. Sizes are available for both kids and adults, and all clothing is embroidered with the Knights logo with the Waukesha Catholic name. If you would like an order form, please email Chris at ccalhoun2@wi.rr.com or call her at 262-521-2236. Orders are placed 4 times throughout the school year. For the upcoming order, please return your form to your school by Monday, September 17. Thank you!



Appointment Reminders

We ask parents to schedule appointments around the school calendar. While we know that emergencies arise and some appointments are necessary during the school day we would like to keep appointments to a minimum. If your student needs to be released during the school day or will be picked up earlier than dismissal time please follow this procedure:

- Write a note that states the specific time and date your student should be released.
- Please tell your student to meet their parent/person who will pick them up in the school office.
- Students should be made aware of appointments and be ready to go at the agreed upon time in the school office.
- Notes should also be written for transportation changes and bus change requests.

The office staff will try their utmost to notify students of last minute changes.

Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors

The next Board of Directors meeting for Waukesha Catholic is Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at St. William Parish (Vercelli House).

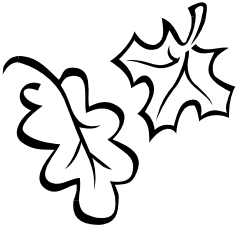
FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

Scrip on line is up and running. Before you can use the on-line order you must sign up. The only payment available for ordering on line is auto banking. Contact the school office for on-line order forms.

Culver's Night

Home and School will have their first fundraiser for the school year on Tuesday, September 25th. Come right after school for dinner from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Two locations are participating - Grandview and Highway 164.



It's not to Late!

Home & School is still selling 2008 Entertainment Books (\$35) and Gold C (\$15) now until October 1st. Please send a check with a note indicating how many you would like to order to: Attn: Laura Spence - St. Mary's Campus. Please email with any questions - laspence67@yahoo.com.

OTHER EVENTS

Service Guide for the Waukesha Catholic Directory

Waukesha Catholic Service Guide - If you submitted a form for your business to either remain in or be deleted from this year's directory, please send a confirmation Email to debbieharnen@wi.rr.com stating your business name and family name.

Whether you submitted a Service Guide Form or not, please send this Email no later than Wednesday, 9/12, at 10:00 P.M. We had several forms come in with NO NAME on them, but checking that they wanted their business included, and we do not want to leave any businesses out of the directory who wish to be listed.

Should you not have access to Email, you may call Debbie at 262.408.5610 before 10:00 P.M. this Wednesday.

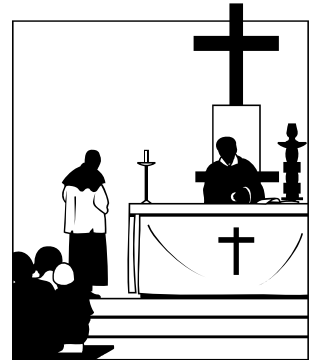
Goldmann's is Going out of Business

September 30th is the last day that Goldmann's in Milwaukee will be open. They have informed the office that there are girl's jumpers and skirts in Belair plaid. They also have sweaters, and navy and red long sleeved polo shirts. All school uniform clothing is 70% off!

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Commissioning Mass Thanks

Thanks so much to Tammy Surface, Maureen Drescher and the many parents who helped make the Commissioning Mass a memorable event. Seeing the entire system celebrate their faith was a beautiful sight!



CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Please Pray

George K grandpa of Lindsay and Lauren Kuehl 8th Graders at St. Joe's passed away last week. Please keep these families in your prayers

Included in this Weeks Packet:

Grandparents/Special Person Info

Magazine Drive Packet

Magazine Drive Flyer

Last year's magazine orders

Scrip Order Form (youngest)

October Pea Pod Order Form **Due: Wednesday, September 19 No Late Orders will be accepted**

Field Trip – Retreat - **7th Grade Only**

We Are On the Road

Sample words for a school song to the *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* melody:



Team St. Joe's has the spirit!
Sportsmanship is our way!
We have the teachers to help us out.
Learning together is what we're about.
For its ROOT, ROOT, ROOT for team St. Joe's
We're ALLSTARS day after day!
With the Lord, to, guide us in life
We Will WIN the St. Joe's way!



On Thursday, September 6th the following students and teachers participated in Family Feud:

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	Staff
Marilyn F	Emma K	Patrick M	Mrs. Greil
Jared N	Jacob T	Jon C	Mr. Kabara
Erin K	Therese H	Lauren K	Mrs. O'Brien
Cameron K	Trenton V	Lauren L	Mrs. Wirkus
			Ms. VanTreeck

Students and staff were polled the first week of school.

What makes Waukesha Catholic - St. Joe's good?

What makes Waukesha Catholic - St. Joe's great?

The following are the top five results of the staff poll:

Good - Caring Staff, Bright Students, Supportive Parents, Sense of Community,
Three R's, Respect, Responsibility, Reverence

Great – Better Communication, Working Together, (Students, Staff and Parents),
All feel Welcome in the School, Better Facilities, Increased School Spirit

The following are the top five results of the student poll:

Good - Good Teachers, friendships, Positive atmosphere, Catholic identity,
Tool Time

Great – Air Conditioning, Longer time between classes, incentive days at the
end of the quarter, more field trips, other language offerings



The Knight was the overwhelming choice for school mascot.

The First mile trade in at the toll plaza will be Friday, September 28 during Open Gym.
More about this in next week's Connection.

Meet Christine

Since the 2000 school year St. Joe's has sponsored Christine Adhaimbo Odhiambo from the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, Neema Project. Christine is 30 years old and resides in Kisumu, Kenya. She has completed primary school which is equivalent to our 8th grade and she has been accepted into the tailoring program at St. Angela's. St. Angela's is a school for the deaf. Christine faces physical challenges which include deafness and she is also mute.

She writes our school periodically during the school year telling us about her many family members, what she is studying in school, and what she has accomplished. Our sponsorship offers hope and a chance for Christine to reach her God-given potential.

Our challenge here at school is continuing a relationship via airmail. Writing continues to be the easy part. Christine may also receive small items that fit into a flat envelope and weigh less than one pound and less than one inch thick. Packages, boxes, or money orders, cash, check etc. are often lost or stolen. If any creative person has any ideas please call the school office, 896-2930 we are always looking for ideas!

Magazine Drive

Our yearly Waukesha Catholic Magazine Drive fundraiser begins today. In your packet are copies of purchases sold last year. You may use these as reminders and get repeat customers! Good Luck!

Turn In Dates for St. Joe's: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Kick Off Assembly for students will be held on Friday, September 14 at 3:00 P.M. Prizes and special drawing information included in today's packet

ST. MARY

Room Captain Update

We are still looking for at least one more Room Captain for Mrs. Bucher's 5-2 class. If you're interested, please contact Susie Matson at 513-9493.

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered for being Room Captains for this school year: Kirsten Rose, Laura Spence, Mara Perugini, Chrissy Ray, Mary Lai, Eileen Rupel, Sheila Mroz, Michelle Foote, Maria Cook, Jennifer Bunzel, Nichole Spuhler, Gina Hartlieb, Mary Regar, Patrice Piette, Cindy VanValin, Maureen Drescher, Marcia Koenig, Susie Matson, Catherine Beres, Amy Braun, Joanna Adamicki, Mary Mrochinski, Mary Morris, Nancy Stucker, Pauline Rosecky, Jill Radi, Karen Winegar, Gerette Martin-Kennedy, and Quincy Lehmann.

Available in the School Office

- ✦ Safe & Sound Youth Basketball Camp Information
- ✦ Waukesha County Youth Hockey Development Program information

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, September 12th: Non-uniform day

Beginning Band appointments begin at 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18th : October Hot lunch forms due

Wednesday, September 19th : Mentoring dinner, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Thursday, September 20th : 6th grade Parent Night at St. Joe's

Friday, September 21st : NO SCHOOL

In Today's Packet

- ◆ Magazine Drive Information
- ◆ Home & School Non-uniform Day information

ST. WILLIAM

Welcome New Families

We welcome 28 new families to the community of St. William Campus (SWC).

Hector Angel and Alejandra Angel

Fred and Sally Bomberg

Marcel and Laura Cesar

Jerome and Erin Cesarz

Joseph and Barbara Danner

Vincent and Erin Dutter

James and Mireya Floryance

Brian and Kristin Gardella

Hector and Veronica Hernandez

Jose Lazcano and Breanna Higbee

Robert and Alma Johnson

John and Marjorie Kennedy

Wilfredo and Esmeralda Marquez

Welcome

Perry and Heather Miller
James and Shannon Noonan
Ismael and Liliana Paredes
Eric and Sara Schilling
Jeffrey and Julie Schindler
John and Kim Schraufnagel
James and Jodi Schwaab
Kevin and Leilani Mazzone
Shawn and Helena Snowden
Joseph and Brenda Stillmark
Christopher and Melinda Tilley
Michael and Marie Toole
Matthew and Amy Vosters
Tony and Jennifer Waschow
Scott and Gina Woida

Congratulations

We offer congratulations to Scott and Laura Fraley (Kelsey SWC) on the birth of their son Caden. Caden was born Thursday, September 6, 2007.

Parent Night

I would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to be at school to visit their child's teacher on Parent Night. The evening was a perfect opportunity to hear about the new school year, meet with the other parents, and get to know the teacher and hear of her expectations for the year. I am pleased that so many parents attended. Thank you!

Magazine Sale

The annual magazine drive begins today, Tuesday, September 11th. We will offer a number of incentives, without pushing the children to make sales in order to win trinkets. Please support this sale by purchase or renewal of magazines you plan to order anyway. We budget for a profit of about \$18,000 for all three campuses for this fund-raiser. Thank you for your help!

Birthday—No Uniform Days

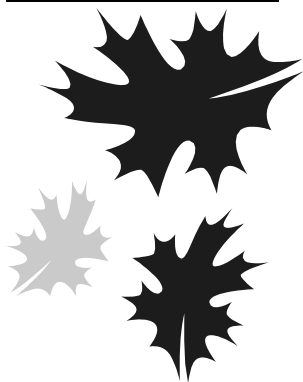
It is a tradition that the children of St. William Campus are allowed to wear no-uniform clothing on their birthday. If the birthday takes place on a weekend, the child may dress in no-uniform on a day before or after their special day. For children who celebrate birthdays during vacation times, they may celebrate their day just before or after the vacation or on their half birthday.



Hot Lunch

The October order forms for hot lunch through 4 P's in a Pod are due Wednesday, September 12th.

Event Coordinators



We collect many items during the school year. We regularly collect: Sentry receipts, Box Top labels, and Campbell's UPC's. We wish to thank Peggy Tom, Stacie Piacsek, and Mary Ann Prager for coordinating these collections. Thank you!

We also receive support from Pick and Save. In order to make qualifying purchases you must get a customer card and register it for St. William Campus. Then, all you need to do is shop at Pick and Save and use your card; all of your purchases will qualify toward SWC.

Market Day

The next Market Day pick-up is Wednesday, September 26th at 3:30 until 4:30. Orders are due to school by Wednesday, September 19th and by internet by Saturday (noon), September 22nd. The next Market Day goal is: \$3,000 in sales and 61 families who order. If we meet this goal we will get \$400 in books for our library. Please consider Market Day products. We can meet our goal if you simply try one product or order as you have in the past. Our Market Day team will help make life simple by holding your order at school if you prepay online or send a check before pick-up. That way you could pick-up your order on a different day when it is convenient for you. Try Market Day this month. Thank you for your support.

We wish to thank Donna Friess for coordinating our Market Day sales, and her primary support volunteer Lois Karnuth.

Penny drive



We will collect pennies for a variety of charity causes during this year. The money collected in the first penny drive will be sent to the National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin. The Kidney Foundation is sponsoring a walk on Sunday, September 23rd. This charity is special to the Radomski family; their youngest son Joseph has End Stage Renal Disease. (Joseph had a kidney transplant which failed; he is currently on dialysis and on a list for another kidney transplant.) Our first penny drive collection will be on Thursday, September 20th.

Heather Miller, a “new” parent (K4) will be coordinator of this program. Thank you Heather!

Grandparents Day

Grandparent day will be held on Friday, September 28th at SWC (St. Mary Campus too). Grandparents and special adults are invited to come to school with the children at 8:30 a.m.; they may start the day in the classrooms and go to Mass with their grandchildren. If they wish, grandparents may start the morning by coming directly to church and meeting their grandchildren there. This may cause some difficulty in finding the children, but we will make every effort to make the connection. After Mass the grandparents and students are invited to the Parish Hall for a brunch and to the classrooms to visit the school. We are pleased to announce that a video of the accomplishments of Waukesha Catholic will be shown at 11:00 in the Parish Hall, after the students return to work. All grandparents are invited to see this video.

Uniform Resale

The uniform resale is over for Fall of 2007. We do have a large collection of unsold items. We need you to pick up unsold clothing by Friday, September 14th. If you do not pick up your unsold clothing, the items will be donated to a needy school. The items are in boxes and bags in the storage room outside the office; you will be required to sort through the containers.

Thank You

Thank you for the donations of saltine crackers, Clorox disinfecting wipes, and cans of white soda for the health room. They are greatly appreciated!

Available in the School Office

Safe and Sound Youth Basketball Camp Information

Waukesha County Youth Hockey Association – Hockey skills development program for K5 or older

Looking Ahead:

9-11-07 Magazine Sale begins

9-18-07 Board of Directors meeting 7:00 p.m. at Vercelli House

9-21-07 **No School**-Teacher In-Service on Differentiated Instruction

9-26-07 Magazine Sale ends

9-28-07 Grandparent Day-Mass at 9:00 –social to follow

10-4-06 Blessing of the Animals 8:45 a.m.

10-5-07 School Pictures

