



Campus Connection

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

"Minds" for the Future

Howard Gardner, a Harvard University professor, wrote an interesting book on the kinds of minds which need to be developed for the future. He identified five different types:

- A Disciplined Mind
- A Synthesizing Mind
- A Creating Mind
- A Respectful Mind
- An Ethical Mind

The **disciplined mind** is employed in all the scholarly disciplines and major professions and trades: history, math, science, law, medicine, management, finance, crafts and trades. The person with a disciplined mind is one who applies knowledge diligently, improves steadily and is a lifelong learner. This kind of mind development begins before adolescence and continues over a lifetime.

The environment that fosters a disciplined mind includes the following:

- Basic organization of materials
- A space conducive to study
- Resources that foster inquiry (encyclopedias, internet access, library sources, etc.)
- Time management skills

Gardner describes four steps to developing a disciplined mind:

1. Identify the important topics within the discipline as well as the methodologies needed to explore it. For instance, knowing how to do an experiment, analyze a short story, visualize room measurements, etc.
2. Spend significant amount of time on the topic.
3. Approach the topic from various entry points: story, humor, graphic depictions, video, etc.
4. Be able to "perform" the understanding. In other words demonstrate knowledge by applying it.

Part of our mission at Waukesha Catholic is to help our young people live Christ-centered lives, to be faith-filled disciples of the Lord. Discipline is related to discipleship. To be a disciple one needs to be a self-disciplined learner and needs to be able to "perform" in a way that reflects the core beliefs of Jesus Christ. We want our children to develop "disciplined minds" so that they can have the skills and knowledge necessary to create a better world, one that reflects the reign of God. Parents and teachers can partner in this great endeavor!

Next week we will look at the **Synthesizing Mind** and see what we can do to help our young people develop that kind of thinking.

Maureen Gallagher, Director

Grandparents

Grandparents are really special. They help us on our way to adulthood. They help us know we are loved. They care for us.

Grandparents are some of the kindest, most important people in our lives.

They're someone you can always go to for comfort.

Grandparents know great stories that can teach us life lessons.

These are excerpts from paragraphs written by our 8th graders in Religion class.



NEED TO KNOW

Magazines, Magazines, Magazines

The race is on. Get your orders into the campus office this week. Our system makes up to 40% on orders received. The magazine drive runs through this Wednesday, September 26th.

Campus Connection On-Line

Did you misplace your Campus Connection? The Campus Connection is posted on our web site each week. (www.wcssonline.org) It is under the tab "newsletter". Please be aware there may be changes or additions in the campus section that are not included on-line.

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken Friday, October 5th.

Coffee Connection

The next Director's Coffee will be held Tuesday, October 9 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Campus in the Media Room/Library. Questions concerning the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the roles of central administration, explanation of budget, etc. are the kind of issues that might be brought up and discussed. Creative ideas for the good of the system are certainly welcome. Bring your questions and join Maureen Gallagher.



RRR T-Shirts

The first Thursday of the month is RRR T-Shirt day. We encourage the children to wear their RRR T-Shirts on Thursday, October 4th.

FUNDRAISERS



Culver's night

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

Scrip

- ❖ Scrip orders for the week of September 24 were \$26,105 with \$1,125 in profits.
- ❖ Keep Scrip gift cards on hand to give for birthday or thank you gifts!
- ❖ Scrip on line is up and running. Before you can use the on line order you must sign up. (www.wcssonline.org/sitetools) Contact the school office for on line forms.



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.

Thank you Target shoppers!

Each September and March, Waukesha Catholic receives a check on behalf of Target and the Take Charge of Education program. This month we received \$1,104! Target donates up to 1% of purchases made using the Target REDcard to eligible schools designated by the customer. If you are not currently participating in this program and you are a Target shopper, please consider enrolling. The program does not cost you anything and you can designate one of our schools by:

- Visiting Target.com/tcoe
- Stopping by the kiosk in your favorite Target store
- Calling 1-800-316-6142

To those of you who are using this program, Thank you very much!

OTHER EVENTS

Prayers Requested

Please keep the Vaichinger family (SJC & SWC) in your prayers. Mrs. Vaichinger's mother died on Thursday, September 20th.

CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in this Week's Packet

SJ October Calendar
Grandparents Day Info/Directions-Map
Milwaukee Wave Permission Slip All School
Social Volunteer Form & Permission Slip – Pay at the Door!
Scrip to Youngest in system



Invitation to Grandparents

Grandparents are cordially invited to join Dr. Maureen Gallagher, Waukesha Catholic's Director and Carolyn Caruso, Advancement Director to see and hear about all of our great educational initiatives and Waukesha Catholic's hopes and dreams for the future.

They have a 5 minute video and would love for you to see it. They look forward to sharing the Waukesha Catholic Story with you.

Mile Marker Update

The first mile marker trade in at the Toll Plaza will take place September 28th during Open Gym. The Student Service Council will operate the Toll Plaza. Students will need to bring their mile markers with them if they are interested in trading.

Students have earned mile markers for a variety of reasons: All received one after our kick off assembly, some have received them for doing a good deed for a fellow student; others by volunteering to read or serve at Mass. These are just some examples of ways miles can be earned.

Some items available for trade: Snacks for 2 miles, Small Gatorade for 3 miles, Vitamin Water for 5 miles, Non-Uniform Pass for 10 miles, Marcus movie passes for 50 miles. Various donated items will also be available. Points have not yet been assigned to everything but it will be ready to go on Friday.

Thank you to all parents who have sent in items. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Magazine Final Turn In

The final day to turn in magazine sales is tomorrow, Wednesday, September 26th. Our school goal is 800 sales. Top ten sales will receive gift certificates. Top selling homeroom will celebrate with a pizza party. Students who have sold 10 or more subscriptions will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Wii!

If we make our goal there will be an all school Wii Party.

Thank You, Thank You

A great big thank you goes out to the Roberts Group and Mrs. Chris Calhoun for their donation of a copier. It was placed in our Media Center and our teachers in the 6th grade building have had to make far less trips to the other building for a couple of copies! We greatly appreciate the donation!

Patience Please!

Beginning tomorrow Mrs. Dunk will be out of the office until next Tuesday! Our very own Mrs. Mills will be holding down the fort with Mrs. Rempe!

Knitting Club

If any St. Joseph Student would like to join the knitting club at St. William Campus please call Teresa Landry at 262-896-2929, ext. 324. This club will meet after school starting this Thursday, September 27 for 6 weeks from 3:40- 4:45. Have fun and learn the basics of knitting.

ST. MARY

Grandparents' Day

This Friday, September 28th is Grandparent's Day. Special Guests, please arrive by 8:45 A.M. for timely seating alphabetically by student's last name. Thank you to all who have volunteered to bake! **Please drop off baked goods in the Community Room kitchen located near the gym by 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 27th.**

Mentoring Dinner Thanks

A huge thank you goes to Kimberely Tillison who led the team of Mentoring Families and organized a wonderful dinner last week for our new families. Thanks to the many families who provided the salads, desserts, etc. for the event which was well attended.

After School Learning Activities – ADULTS WANTED

St. Mary Campus is hoping to create some after school learning activities (a.k.a. "Clubs") for our students. We are looking for adults that have hobbies or talents you would be willing to share with our students.

Where:

- St. Mary Campus

When:

- After School from 3:45-4:30
- Once a week for six – eight weeks
- Days of the week and frequency of the activity is flexible



Some ideas of After School Learning Activities include: Chess, Checkers, Astronomy, knitting, crafts, cooking, book club, drama, The Stock Market Game, stamp/coin collecting, or any other hobby/talent you'd be willing to share.

Please contact Lisa Kovaleski, Principal, at 262-896-2932 if you would be willing to share your time and talent with our students.

Welcome Back to Market Day 2007-08!

First off, many thanks to all who supported the Market Day program last year, both "customers" and volunteers. The program made a profit of \$4,399 in 2006-07. For those of you not familiar with Market Day, 10% of total sales go directly back to the school to be spent at the discretion of the principal. In September we made a profit of \$493.94 – way to go! We especially urge you to give Market Day a try in October 2007! If we can top 66 customers and \$4,600 in total sales, we will earn \$400 in Scholastic books for our library (in addition to the cash profit)! You should be receiving an order form with your children's packets. If not, pick one up at the school. You can also order online at www.marketday.com. The St. Mary's school code is 4369.

Last year the proceeds were used for bussing to all system Masses, replacement of carpets/rugs in several classrooms, providing new playground toys/equipment for students to use, purchasing Enchanted Learning Software, and providing treats for all system Masses and the end of year picnic. It is anticipated that this year's proceeds will be used for purchasing new woodchips for the playground, some science resources/supplies, enrichment software (especially in Math), and teacher resources to support Differentiated Instruction.

Finally, we express a great deal of gratitude to "Chet" (Cathy Coxey) and the entire Coxey family for their many years of service as Market Day "chair-family." In addition, thanks to all the returning volunteers! We are also in need of new volunteers to serve one Saturday morning per month from about 7-8:30 A.M. don't be shy – it's a fun group! The upcoming dates for Market Day pickups are October 13, November 10, December 15, January 26, February 23, March 29, April 26, May 17, and June 7. If you have any questions about Market

Day please contact the new chair, Joe Piatt, at 548-9991 or jpiatt@cc.edu. Thanks in advance for your support of this program!

Looking Ahead

In Today's Packet



ST. WILLIAM

Market Day

The next Market Day pick-up is Wednesday, September 26th at 3:30 until 4:30.

Magazine Drive

Please send in your orders/renewals by Wednesday, September 26th. We need your support for this important fund-raiser. Thank you!

Penny Drive

The September Penny Drive collected ----- for the National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin. The winning class was _____. They will have a no-uniform day on ----- (unless K4 wins)

We thank you for your generous support of this charity. The Radomski family.

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 A.M. in the Parish Hall, after the students return to their classrooms. All grandparents are invited to see this video.

Blessing of Animals

On Thursday, October 4th Fr. Leonard or Fr. Jason will bless animals. This is a Franciscan tradition with a long history at St. William Campus. The blessing takes place before the children come into the building, at about 8:45 A.M. The animals stay with their owners until the blessing, and then they have to go home. Children may bring stuffed animals or pictures of their pets if they can not bring their own pet to be blessed.

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken Friday, October 5th. The children may dress in no-uniform clothing for the pictures. Order forms will be in this packet.

After School Clubs

Parents who signed up will get a permission form in this packet. **These forms must be signed and returned before the children can attend the clubs.** The leaders of Knitting and Journalism clubs (or the office) will contact parents about whether the clubs will still be held. We are asking parents to send snacks (one time) for the members of the club their child attends. If your child has any food allergies please send a separate snack.

The clubs are:

Book Club, led by Mrs. Bucci and Mr. Radomski – 9 signed up

Art & Craft Club, led by Mrs. Collins - 14 signed up

Knitting club, led by Mrs. Landry – 1 signed up

Journalism club, led by Mrs. Kennedy -3 signed up



If any parents wish to help with the clubs, especially Arts and Crafts, please contact the leader or the school office.

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.

Post Office

In today's packet, you will find a Post Office job application for children in grades 2 to 5. Along with this application is a page describing each job that is being listed. If your child is interested in being a Post Office worker, have him/her fill out the application and return it to school. Please encourage your child to participate in the Good Earth Post Office.

In Today's Packet:

- ◆ October Calendar & 4 P's menu
- ◆ Post Office Job Application
- ◆ After School Club Permission Slip

Looking Ahead:

9-26-07	Magazine Drive ends
9-28-07	Grandparent Day-Mass at 9:00 –social to follow
10-02-07	Rosary and Benediction at 2:30 p.m.
10-04-06	Blessing of the Animals 8:45 a.m.
10-04-07	RRR T-Shirt day
10-05-07	School Pictures
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

