

Campus Connection

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Director's Message

I would like to send a very big thank you to Waukesha Catholic's Home and School for organizing and sponsoring "Breakfast with Santa" this past Sunday morning. A large crowd of eager children came to see Santa and a much larger crowd came to eat the delicious sausage and pancakes. Thank you to our host St. William Parish along with John Usher of the Marriott Hotel who not only supplied the pancakes and sausage but was in the kitchen flipping them, making sure no one left hungry. I would also like to thank the Catholic Knights Fraternal Organization of Waukesha who sponsored the event and volunteered their time to make sure the children had fun. Last but not least hats off to all of the parents, teachers, student musicians and scouts who participated. Because of everyone's efforts it was a tremendous success that put all who attended in the Christmas spirit.

As we continue our Advent journey let us all keep this a time of anticipation and hope, and as St. Paul's letter to the Philippians says a time when "Your kindness should be known to all!" On behalf of everyone at Waukesha Catholic I wish you a very blessed Christmastime.

You are in my thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Christ's wonderful presence amongst us.

Carolyn Caruso

Scrip

No Scrip order will be placed the week of December 21st or December 28th.

Christmas Break

Christmas break begins at dismissal on Tuesday, December 22nd. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4th, 2010.

Home & School Cousin's Night Location Change

There is a change in one of the locations for the December 15th Cousin's Night! The 2 restaurants that will be participating are the Grandview location and the restaurant on the corner of Pearl St. and Hwy 59/164 (this is just north of Broadway). Remember to use the coupons in the Entertainment Book. Hope to see you tonight Tuesday, December 15th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cousin's donates a portion of the sales, during this time, to Waukesha Catholic Home & School.

Family Access

- Please log onto your family access and review your family information. Make sure we have an accurate email address. Go to our Waukesha Catholic website at www.wcssonline.org and select the Family Access tab on the left side of the page. Your login and password were sent to you last month in the weekly packet.
- This family access email address was recently used to alert families of the cancellation of school for the snow day last Wednesday. The emails will go to the primary contact in the family (usually the male, head of household). We cannot change this procedure. It is a default of the software.



Auction Item Request

The auction committee is hard at work to make **An Evening of Heart and Soul** a night to remember! They can use your help in securing some more auction items. A wish list is included in today's packet. Please take a minute to consider what you or someone you know might be able to donate. Thank You!

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Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph Middle School Campus



Included in this Week's Packet

Conference Survey
Marquette Reading Rewards Info
Saturday School Invite
Social Donation, Volunteer and Info Flyers

Advent Happenings

Our Advent adventure has taken us in two very different directions. The first, learning about Ugandan women and the beads that they make to support themselves and their families. The Social Studies and Religion teachers have presented lessons and shown a video about these women. Recycled paper is used to create their jewelry. During Tool Time, all of the students in our school as well as all our faculty and staff made beads and we will be turning them into necklaces and bracelets like the Ugandan women do. We have much to learn about this craft but we're in the process! The fact that this activity is associated with Uganda is so relevant to another outreach that we do here at St. Joe's.

For the past nine years, we have supported a young Ugandan woman, Christine Adhaimbo Odhiambo, who is mute and deaf. Recently, her family moved to an area of Uganda that is no longer served by the agency we work with.

We are now the sponsors of a young 10 year old girl, Goreth Namazzi, who is unable to speak due to a hole in her mouth. She and her family farm a small plot of land. Her job is to dig. There are fifteen people who live in her home which is made of adobe bricks, corrugated metal roof and an earthen floor. There is no electricity and water is available from a local well. Support of Goreth is not an Advent activity. It is year round and we look forward to writing to her in the same way that we did Christine, our former sponsored friend.

Our other Advent adventure was closer to home. Over the past three weeks, students have been bringing in unwrapped toys which will be given to children in southeastern Wisconsin at Christmas time. We did this in conjunction with **Kapco**, who sponsors the program, **Kids 2 Kids** and it's supporters: **620 WTMJ, Salvation Army and Blum & Colombe.**

The **Kapco** sleigh with Jonathan Green and Rudolph stopped at school on Friday, December 11th to pick up the toys we had collected. The Student Service Council helped fill the bags and boxes needed for all the gifts. We give many thanks to Ms Thachenkery and the Student Service Council for their efforts in promoting this collection. We can be very proud of the many gifts that were donated to help make Christmas special for the children of southeastern Wisconsin.



Christmas Concert Re-Schedule

Mark those calendars one more time! The sounds of the season will be held on January 6th at Carroll University at 7:00 PM in the Shattuck Auditorium. Students will rehearse that day and will walk to the university. Parent drivers will be contacted by Ms. VanTreeck about transportation the morning of the 6th!

Christmas Activity

Students will be attending the movie, *A Christmas Carol* on Tuesday, December 22nd. The movie **WILL NOT** be presented in 3D. **FYI** - The price of the ticket did not include popcorn or a beverage. A trip to the snack bar is not an option before or during the movie. Upon the students return to school lunch will be served!

Please review the no candy, gum, etc. policy with your student prior to the movie. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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Have You Noticed?

A thank you hardly begins to say how appreciative we are of Bill & Genie Davis efforts to repair and paint the wall on Martin Street. The Davis's worked throughout the fall on the repairs and painting to make it more aesthetically pleasing as well as safer! The wall looks wonderful!

Christmas Project

Middle school elves have been busy in their Religion classes decorating bags with Christmas trees and holiday greetings. These bags will be filled by the 8th grade Service/Outreach classes with treats: cookies, juice, fruit, candy, etc. On Wednesday, December 16th they will be delivered to Ethan Allen School for Boys to be distributed to the residents there.

The middle school has been involved in this project for a number of years. At first it was in conjunction with St. William's outreach ministry. They supplied the treats and the middle school did the bags and filled them. Later the middle school took on the whole project of decorating and filling the bags and delivering them. It is one more way of giving during the season of Advent.

Decorating for the Zoo

Each year the Milwaukee County Zoo invites schools to decorate a tree in their entry building. They offer themes and each school chooses three of the suggested themes. The zoo then assigns the theme. This year's theme was a colorful one and our color was orange. We were to make ornaments associated with zoo animals who are orange—for instance-tiger, orangutan, clown fish, goldfish, monarch butterflies, etc. The 8th grade Service/ Outreach classes made the various ornaments and Mrs. Gygax was kind enough to go to the zoo and decorate our tree. Thank you, Mrs. Gygax and all who contributed to the decorations. If you're in the neighborhood, stop in at the zoo's main building and see the trees.



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.

Winter is Here!

Please be sure to send your child with the appropriate and necessary winter gear (hats, glove/mittens, boots, snow pants, etc.). If the children do not have boots, they will not be allowed in the valley to play.

In Today's Packet

- Santa's Workshop, shopping schedule and list
- Safeguarding Newsletter
- An Evening of Heart & Soul Dinner/Auction Wish List

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, December 16th: Non-uniform Day

St. Mary Campus Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m. Shattuck Auditorium, Carroll University

Thursday, December 17th: Super Student Jean Day

1st & 4th grade field trip to Oak Hill Village

Tuesday, December 22nd: 9:00 a.m., Advent Prayer Service

Wednesday, December 23rd – January 3rd: NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break

January 4th: Back to School!



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Waukesha Catholic St. William Campus



Advent

Last Sunday was the Third Sunday of Advent. It was Gaudete Sunday. We light the rose colored candle and rejoice. We rejoice because the birth of the Christ child is getting near. John the Baptist told his followers to collect no more than they were authorized to tax. He told soldiers not to extort money or make false accusations. He told them that "one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thongs of his sandals."

Christmas Concert

The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in church. The children will perform on the main altar area this year. This will enable better viewing for more people. Please note that front row seats were an auction item at last year's fundraiser. Staff members will be reserving seats for themselves and their family as they help prepare the students for the concert.

Church doors will be opened at 6:00. The students must stay in church with their parents on Tuesday night until 6:40 when Mr. Radomski will call them from church to gather in their classroom. The children should leave their coats and hats with their parents; they should not bring anything to class unless it is needed for the concert. Thank you!

Hot Lunch

Because of the Christmas break, February Hot Lunch orders are being sent now, for return by Jan. 7.

Starting in January, we will need a **Tuesday** lunch volunteer two times per month. The position requires you to be at school from about 11:40 to 12:20. To volunteer, or for more information, call the school office. Thank you!



Friends of Jesus Gifts

We thank all of the families who donated gifts to be given to children of the "Friends of Jesus" program. About 60 gifts were donated to provide for children in need. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Read to Succeed

This program begins on December 15th. Students that participate may earn a ticket for free admission to Great America! Find out how to qualify. Information is included in this packet.

Christmas Parties

The student parties will take place on Monday the 21st for K4 at 10:15 and on Tuesday the 22nd for students in K5 to Grade 5 starting at about 2:00. The teachers will share details about party times for their students.

Learn Fair

The annual Learn Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd. It is not too early to start thinking about ideas for projects.



Looking Ahead

Christmas Concert-(SWC) 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15th

December 16th -- *No Uniform Day concert bonus*

December 22nd -- Christmas vacation begins at the end of school

January 4th -- Classes resume on Monday



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