

Campus Connection

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Directors Message

Waukesha Catholic Schools Auction

An Evening of Heart and Soul, Waukesha Catholic's Auction, which took place this past Saturday lived up to its title because it truly was an evening filled with a lot of heart and a great deal of soul.

Special thanks to Pam McWilliams and Joey Didion our Volunteer Co-chairs of the entire event. Their efforts along with the team of wonderful volunteers who chaired the various committees made this a most memorable evening.

Thank you too, to all of our sponsors, donors, parents, parishioners, administrators, teachers and staff for your continued support of this event. It is too soon to tell everyone how much the auction made but I can tell you that the money raised will continue to help us provide a quality education, one that is grounded in our Catholic faith and traditions. That is what is truly important.

God blessings on all of those involved!

Lent – A good start is very important....

It's time to make plans as a family on how these 40 days of Lent will be observed in your homes. It's time to build into your life the three traditional Lenten practices:

Fasting – Praying – Almsgiving

Yes, it is time to stop and really think about what is going to make a difference as we approach the most sacred three days of the year, the Triduum. I hope you take time to give it thought and that your family will have a journey that leads them to a meaningful Easter morning.

You all will be in my prayers as we take our Lenten journey together.

Carolyn Caruso

Registration

Families that have not registered for next year, we hope you will be returning and we want to assist you with the needed paperwork to complete this process.

A yellow registration sheet is included in today's packet for families who need to register for next year. Please change any information that needs to be corrected on the yellow sheet, sign and date it and return the sheet along with your registration fee.

We begin accepting new families to our system starting on Monday, February 15th, based on availability. Please complete your paper work as soon as possible.

Teacher In-Service Day

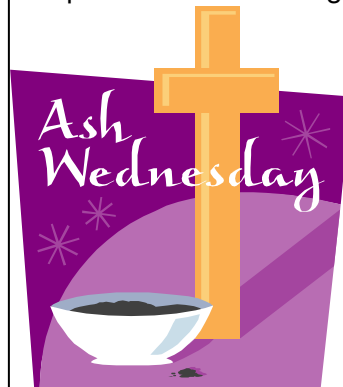
There will be no school on Friday, February 26th because of a teacher in-service day.

Waukesha Catholic Alumni News

Andrea Klohn, class of 2009, will be performing with the Waukesha South Blackshirt Players in the musical production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Andrea will be singing, dancing, and tapping with the ensemble in this entertaining depiction of the "roaring twenties." The shows

will be Feb. 18th – 20th at 7:00 p.m. and Feb. 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at Waukesha South High School, by calling 970-3719, or at the door.



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Come Join Us!
Waukesha Catholic Home & School
would like to invite you to



Friday, February 26, 2010
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

(Purchase a buffet for \$5.99/each and
receive a game card worth \$5.00)

coupons for additional game cards are in the Gold C and Entertainment Book
10% of all sales go back to Home and School

Athletics

Track season begins soon. Coaches are needed for 6th and 8th grade girls. Please contact Tom McElmeel at 262-501-6722 or Jim Mathie at 262-521-1567 if you are willing to help. The need is great. Coaches at any level are still welcome. Check our website www.wcssonline.org- Athletics tab for track information and the upcoming schedule. Students may still sign up for the track season by contacting Tom McElmeel.

Mark your calendar-sports sign up for the 2010-11 school year will be Tues., May 25th.

Optimist Club Swim Meet

Do you like to swim? Do you like trying something new and different? Sign up to participate in the Optimist Club Swim meet. Come join the fun!

- What is the objective of the meet? To give all swimmers, especially novice swimmers, a chance to participate in a swim meet. (Participants may not regularly compete in swimming contests, meets or events.)
- When is the meet? On Saturday, March 27th - 3rd and 4th graders compete in the morning, 5th and 6th graders compete in the afternoon.
- What does it cost? It is a free event. There will be a nominal cost for life guard staffing during practices, coaches' gifts and post swim meet pizza party.
- When are practices? There will be a total of 5 practices prior to the meet for an hour each. The days and times will vary. I hope to have a practice schedule within the next week or two.
- Where are the practices held? South High School
- What are the requirements? The ability to swim 25 yards, the desire to participate in a really great event against other Waukesha schools and most of all, the desire to have fun!

We are also looking for parents to help coach the swimmers. We do have several parents already signed up who will be able to show you the ropes. Experience with lap swimming and/or track would be helpful. If you have questions about any of the above please contact Mary Miskulin-Sjogren at tsjogren@wi.rr.com.

"What is She Thinking?"

Comprehending & Connecting with the Teenage Female Brain

The Divine Savior Holy Angels High School Parent Association invites you to attend this informative session where you'll discover what makes girls tick in: academics and learning; behavior and emotion; and communication & relationships. Dr. Heather Moran Mansfield, DSHA Academic Dean will present. The one-hour program will be held at DSHA - 4257 N. 100th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222 on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. RSVP's are not necessary.

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Catholic Memorial High School

- **Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*** runs for three weekends through February 28. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. Come support student actors from Waukesha Catholic. Tickets are available at the door forty-five minutes before the show or can be purchased at CMH during school hours. For more questions, call Mrs. Marie Furrer, 262-542-7101.
- **5th, 6th and 7th Graders are Invited to Catholic Memorial High School for a "Fun Friday"**
All 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students are invited to attend "Fun Friday" on February 19th from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It is a Friday night set aside for middle school students to come to CMH and participate in fun and interactive activities. After the activities they will all gather for pizza. All students that attend also receive a FREE ticket to the CMH Varsity Boys' Basketball game vs. Arrowhead that starts at 7:30 p.m. or a FREE ticket to the CMH musical *White Christmas*. The cost of Fun Friday is \$3.00. To register, or for more information please contact the Office of Admissions: Mary Hutchens at 262-542-7101, ext. 204 or mhutchens@catholicmemorial.net.
- **Jr. Crusader Baseball**
The Jr. Crusader Baseball U9, U10 and U11 baseball teams are looking for a few more players for the 2010 baseball season. Contact Ken Lewicki at 414-491-8538 or e-mail at: jrcrusaderbaseball@yahoo.com for questions or to arrange a tryout. You can also visit our web site: <http://www.ballcharts.com/jrcrusaders> for information about the Jr. Crusader baseball program.

Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph Middle School

Included in this Week's Packet

Field Trip to Panos Food Store **7th Grade Only**

Share A Pair Flyer

Letter to Parents –Camp Minikani – **6th Grade Only**

Soles4Souls/Share-a-Pair

Waukesha Catholic Middle School will once again be participating in the Soles4Souls program sponsored by Stan's Fit For Your Feet. It is a shoe drive to gather either **new or gently worn shoes** which will be distributed throughout the United States and to third world countries. See the enclosed half sheet flyer.

Soles 4Souls is a national not for profit group who provide free footwear to people all over the world who have experienced disasters such as the hurricanes, tornadoes, and tsunamis of recent years. Haiti being a prime example of a very recent and devastating disaster.

We will start the Lenten Season with this shoe drive. If you have any new or gently worn shoes that you would be willing to part with, please send them in beginning Monday, February 22. If they have laces, please tie the shoes together. Other shoes can be put together with a rubber band. Simply send them in with your student from Feb 22-March 5th. Last year 750,000 pairs were collected by this organization.

Let's see what we can do to help!



H2O For Life

Our other focus for Lent will be the H2O For Life program. This program asks individuals to give up their drink of choice (soda, juice, malts, milk shakes, etc.) and instead drink water for a two week period.

When water is chosen, we are then asked to put the cost of the other beverage into a pot which will be collected at the end of the two weeks and the monies donated to H2O For Life. That organization will use the money to help a school that we are partnered with dig a well to provide water for the school.

We are partnered with Jonyo Mixed Secondary Catholic School in Kenya.



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We will not ask those of our students who have ordered milk or juice for the lunch hour here at school to give that up. However, if the students bring juice from home, we do ask that they bring water instead. We ask that this be done mostly at home and, of course, on weekends when they are out and about at a movie, sporting event, party, etc. We also encourage any parents who would like to participate to do so. Our teachers will be participating.

Our two week period will begin March 18 to April 1st. Each student will receive a bracelet to wear reminding them of the sacrifice they are making to help others. We also have a card for keeping track of the times we've chosen water over another liquid and what their suggested monetary amount would cost to drink this other than water. If you would like a bracelet or card, please contact the office. If any families or students would like to do the whole of Lent, please call the office and we will provide you with the bracelets and tally card.

Final Countdown

Please be sure to send in your General Mills Box Tops for Education to the St. Joe's school office. The final turn in for the school year is fast approaching. Each box top is worth 10 cents for our school. Funds from this program allow our school to get the little extras for the students.



A huge thank you to Mr. Kramer, who coordinated this program for the past three years. We appreciate your time and dedication!



Attention Music Students

All music students at the Middle School received a participation letter for Cafe' Create. Students wanting to be involved should complete the form and return it to school by Friday, March 5. Please ask your students about it. Any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Van Treeck at school, X331.

Illness and School

Parents, please be aware that we still have a number of students with flu like symptoms. Please do not send your child to "try it" and "see how you do". If your child appears to be sick with fever, sore throat, cough, stomach problems etc., it is better for everyone to stay home and treat the symptoms.

We are encouraging proper hand washing and have hand sanitizer available in all areas. Proper sneezing and cough techniques should also be employed to discourage the spread of germs.

When you call your student in sick for the day please report the **symptoms** the student is experiencing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

All Day Ski Trip


Forms are now available online for the All Day Ski trip to Cascade Mountain on Friday, February 26th.



Please go to www.wcssonline.org/NewsLetter.aspx tab and scroll until you find the **All Day Ski Trip**. Forms are due no later than **Friday, February 19th at Noon**. No exceptions.

Waukesha Catholic St. Mary Campus

Lenten Service Project



The Lenten Service Project this year will be to aid the children of the House of Refuge, an orphanage in the Philippines from which three of the four Else children were adopted from. On September 26, 2009 while the Else's were in the Philippines to adopt Nica, Typhoon Ondoy came ashore and destroyed the House of Refuge.

Details as to the specific items we will be collecting, etc. will be coming home later this week.

A Message from Fr. Jim Volkert

Dear Waukesha Catholic Family,

Thank you very much for your best wishes, your prayers and your generous gift you gave as I left Waukesha. I will always fondly remember you, especially our Friday morning Masses which were very uplifting and prayerful for me. God bless all of you.

A Request from Ms. Kovaleski

Prior to 8:40 a.m., parents must drop off their children in the car line. The school policy states that children must be dropped off behind the school in car line, NOT at the front entrance of school. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.



A Message from the World Mission Ministries

Your generous contribution will help the people of Haiti to address their immediate and long term needs. Please keep the people in your prayers. They have a long road of recovery ahead of them. Churches, orphanages and other organizations that provided ongoing support to people in poverty will need to be replaced. Thank you for being a presence of solidarity and compassion to our sisters and brothers in Haiti, who in Creole would say "Mesi ampil".

Six Flags Reading Minutes

The reading promotion offered by Six Flags ends this Friday, February 19th. This is an excellent chance to win a FREE Six Flags admission for reading. Reading sheets will not be accepted on Monday.



In Today's Packet

Family Bingo Form
Lenten Schedule



Looking Ahead

Wednesday, February 17th: Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Children must wear their school uniform

Saturday, February 20th: Market Day pick-up 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 25th: Super Student jean day

Friday, February 26th: No School, Teacher in service

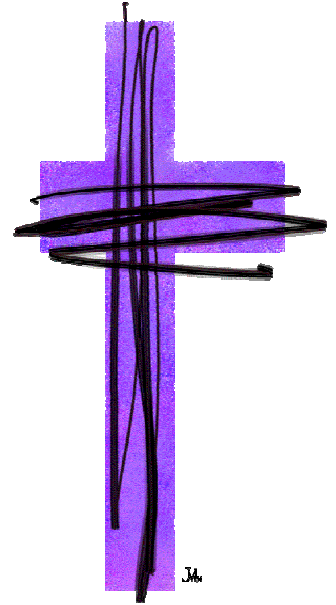
Home & School's event at Stonefire Pizza 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If we were knives, Lent would be a time to sharpen our cutting edges.
If we were cars, Lent would be a time for an oil change and a tune-up.
If we were gardens, Lent would be a time to fertilize our soil and dig out our weeds.
If we were carpets, Lent would be a time to get power-cleaned.
If we were computers, Lent would be a time to overhaul our disk drive.
If we were highways, Lent would be a time to repair our cracks and fill our potholes.
If we were silverware, Lent would be a time to clean away our tarnish.
If we were batteries, Lent would be a time to get recharged.
If we were seeds, Lent would be a time to germinate and reach for the sun.

Be we are none of those things.

We are people who sometimes do wrong things; we need to atone for them.
We are people who sometimes get spiritually lazy; we need to get back into shape.
We are people who sometimes become selfish; we need to stretch out our narrowness and begin giving again.
We are people who sometimes lose sight of our purpose on earth and the immense promise within us; we need to regain our vision.
And because we are also people who sometime tend to put things off, we need a special sort of official time to concentrate on doing them.

So we have Lent.



Waukesha Catholic St. William Campus



Lent

The first and greatest commandment is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind”. The second is to “Love your neighbor as yourself”. During Lent, people set aside time to pray, we donate money, and we “give up” things- sacrifice. However, God only wants us to do those things if we do them with love in our hearts. The attitude of love in our hearts will make our love for God overflow into actions for the good of others.

In today's packet, students will receive a “Watch & Wait” Lenten Window Calendar to help them count down the days until Easter Sunday. There are riddles on the back of the calendar, and a Bible passage to look up and read each day. Also in the packet are Lenten boxes for the children to place their Lenten offerings in. The money will be added to the total of our other activities raising money for the orphans in Guatemala.

As Lenten sacrifice, the children will be asked not to talk in the school hallways. We will be practicing this throughout the season of Lent. The sacrifice we offer during Lent leads us to Easter, when we join in the celebration of the Risen Christ!

Ash Wednesday

We will attend Mass on Wednesday, the 17th of February at 9:00 a.m. This is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. This is a day in which Christians all over the world wear ashes on their forehead as a sign of their repentance (turning away) from sin. All are invited to join us at the 9:00 Mass.

Fun Fair

All of the profits from Fun Fair are sent to the School Sisters of St. Francis for their missionary work with the orphans in Guatemala. Thanks to all of our parent helpers for making it a fun event! We especially thank John Zich for his time spent organizing and working at this celebration!

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Lenten Raffle

During Lent we offer students a chance to purchase raffle tickets for the annual SWC Lenten Raffle. Please send to the office donations of new and gently used stuffed animals or other toys as prizes for this raffle. The students are allowed to buy tickets during lunch recess on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning this Friday, February 19th. Tickets cost ten cents each or 12 for one dollar. All proceeds are sent to the orphan fund.

The St. Joseph Parish Quilters, at the request of Mrs. Dominguez, have donated a quilt for us to raffle as a part of our Lenten raffle program. Quilt raffle tickets will be \$1 or 6 for \$5. Tickets will be offered starting Monday, March 2nd. The quilt is available in the school office for you to see.



Stations of the Cross

All are invited to celebrate the Stations of the Cross with the school children on March 5th, 12th and 26th at 2:30 in church.

Market Day

Orders are due Wednesday the 24th of February or online by Saturday the 27th by noon.

Clubs

There is still room for students to join the Journalism Club or Manners Club. Forms are due this Friday, February 19th! Confirmations will go out in next week's packet. We are excited to be able to offer these activities to you. Thank you to everyone who has responded!



First Grade Service Project

The Grade 1 students and their families collected 3 boxes of mittens and hats for the children at Sienna House. The students walked to Sienna House on February 11th to personally deliver these items. This is an excellent reminder that we are all called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Thanks First Grade!

Haiti

The families and staff of St. William Campus sent \$425 to St. William Parish for Haiti relief. Thank you!

Congratulations

Trevor Piacsek took third place at the Elks Club annual "Hoop Shoot". Great job Trevor!



Movin' N Munchin'

The *Movin' N Munchin'* store is open for business on Wednesdays. The students in K4 and K5 can purchase simple food and/or toy treats during first recess, sold by the 2nd Grade students. The students in grades 1 to 5 can buy treats during lunch recess, sold by the 4th Grade students.

Father's DayDADS--RESERVE THIS DATE-

Friday, March 19th. We honor our fathers at Mass (9:00) followed by a social in the Parish Hall.

SIX Flags Reading Logs—Last Call

The Reading Logs for student are due February 17th. If you are participating, all logs need to be in Wednesday so that they can be sent in and exchanged for tickets!

Included in the Packet

- Lenten Activity
- Lenten Offering Box
- Waukesha Parishes Lenten Schedules
- Soup with Substance flyer
- Circus Ticket
- Pack 122 Flyer

Jr. Crusader Football flyers are available in the school office.

Looking Ahead

- February 17th - Ash Wednesday 9:00 Mass
- February 26th - No School—In-Service Day for teacher

