

Campus Connection

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Director's Message

As we enter into Holy Week, the most solemn time of our Catholic Christian tradition, it is my hope that everyone takes the time they truly need to experience God's love and mercy. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are particularly wonderful days for families to experience liturgies that make Easter morning more meaningful and a true celebration of Christ Resurrection.

If you are travelling to visit family or taking a family vacation have fun and stay safe – my prayers are with you and your loved ones.

On behalf of everyone at Waukesha Catholic, have a well deserved Spring Break!

Easter Blessings,
Carolyn Caruso

Easter Break

Easter break begins at the end of the school day on Thursday, April 1st. School will resume on Monday, April 12th.

Thursday, April 1st is an early dismissal day. St. Joseph is dismissed at 11:25 a.m. St. Mary and St. William Campus are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

3rd Quarter Ends

The last day of the 3rd quarter is April 1st. Report cards will be sent home on April 16th.

Athletics

Track practices will start on Tuesday, April 6th from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. at St. March Campus/Catholic Memorial Track. The practices will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

You're All Invited (Especially 5th Grade Students and Families)

On Tuesday evening April 13th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. there will be an Open House at St. Joseph Middle School Campus. We will be introducing our first STEMposium, an evening of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Fun. This event is not only for our current middle school students and their families but for anyone who is interested in learning more about our middle school programs. It will be a great opportunity for families of 5th graders to see what they have to look forward to!

Refer-A-Family Program

Don't forget the Refer-A-Family program that is in progress. If you refer a family and they register a child in our school system, your name will go into a drawing for \$500 cash. The April 13th Open House at St. Joseph Campus gives us another chance to extend an invitation to anyone who might be interested in attending Waukesha Catholic.



Café Create

What an enthusiastic response to a fun event! We say thank you to the Fine Arts Committee for their planning and execution of this project. We also appreciate the volunteers, parents and students who attended and made the event shine! This was a fabulous event to showcase Waukesha Catholic and another example of what makes our system great!

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Home & School

The Third Annual Walk-a-Thon will be Tuesday, May 11. Please see the enclosed packet for further information. (also on-line, see attachments)

Home and School News

Home and School is looking for new board members for the 2010/11 school year for the following positions:

- Secretary
- Co-Chairs for St. Joseph Campus
- Co-Chairs for St. Mary Campus

Serving on our Home and School is a great way to participate in your schools' functions and activities! If interested contact Deb Lammers at (262)896-6664 or plan to attend our next meeting on April 13th at 9:15 a.m. at the Administration Office at St. Mary Campus.

March is Youth Art Month

Many of our middle school students had works of art entered in the Milwaukee Regional Art Fair and Helen-Farnsworth Mears art contest this month.

The following students have created artwork that will continue on to the district competition for the Helen Farnsworth Mears art contest:

- Sarah Gorczany**- Honorable mention in 2-d category
- Sammi Seifert**- 1st place 3-d category
- Jacob Piette**- 2nd place 3-d category
- Marilyn Feldner**- 3rd place 3-d category
- Cameron Krausert**- Honorable mention in 3-d category



T.J. Durand will have his Wire Sculpture on display at UWM in April in the Milwaukee Regional Art Fair show.

Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph Middle School

Included in This Week's Packet

- Easter Greeting *Double Sided*
- Home & School Sponsored Social Flyer & Volunteer Form
- Camp Minikani Packet/Permission **Grade 6 Only**
- Photo Request **Grade 8 Only**
- Walk –A-Thon *Youngest in System*

Stations of the Cross

Waukesha Catholic 6th grade students will be performing the Living Stations of the Cross for the students and staff at St. Mary's at 9:00AM. The students will travel back to St. Joe's in time to perform for our students and staff at 10:45AM in the church.

All are welcome to come and experience this meaningful Holy Thursday service.



Track Begins

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H2O Funds Due

During the past two weeks students and staff have made water their drink of choice. When they did not choose water they were to put a certain amount of money in a pot representing what the non-water choice cost. The monies will provide a well for Janyo Mixed Secondary Catholic School in Kenya.



The funds collected during this two week period are due this Thursday, April 1st. If sending a check please make it out to St. Joseph Middle School.

Thank you for your participation in this Lenten activity.

ATTENTION BAND PARENTS AND STUDENTS

There has been a venue and date change for the Jazz Band/Jazz Ensemble/Cadet Band Concert scheduled for Monday, April 26. **The concert date has been changed to Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gym--St. Joe's Campus.** There were two parishes from our system having Confirmation ceremonies on the original night of the concert--we wanted to avoid that conflict. Also, since the Middle School choirs are no longer performing at this concert, we thought the gym would be a more appropriate site for the lesser number of groups involved. There will be more general information forthcoming in the Tuesday folder home after Spring Break. Members of the 5th Grade Band should also look for permission slips for the dress rehearsal. The dress rehearsal is scheduled for the morning of the concert. Please let Ms. Van Treeck know if you have any questions, 896-2930 X331.

State Forensics News

This past Saturday, 4 members of our Forensics Team traveled to Neenah to compete in the State Forensics Tournament. Congratulations to Brianna Ammerman, who received a 3rd place trophy with her Moments in History piece "How World War II Changed the Role of Women." Emily Esser and Kelsey Landry earned a Blue Ribbon for their Group Acting Piece "Hide and Go Sneak" and Jessic Pawlak earned a Red Ribbon for her Storytelling piece "The Three Pandas." Congratulations to these ladies for a job well done! We are very proud of you and the entire Forensics team!



Waukesha Catholic St. Mary Campus

Lenten Reflection

God of such unwavering love,
how do I "celebrate"
the passion and death of Jesus?
I often want to look the other way
and not watch,
not stay with Jesus in his suffering.
Give me the strength
to see his love with honesty and compassion
and to feel deeply
your own forgiveness and mercy for me.
Help me to understand
how to "celebrate" this week.
I want be able to bring
my weaknesses and imperfections with me
as I journey with Jesus this week,
so aware of his love.



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Lenten Box Reminder

Please be sure to have your child(ren) turn in their Lenten boxes no later than Thursday, April 1st.

Living Stations

Please join us as the 6th grade students from St. Joseph Campus Middle school presents the Living Stations of the Cross on Thursday, April 1st. The service will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

Sock Hop

Mark your calendar!!!! The Sock Hop is on Friday, April 23rd. This is our last dance of the year, so you are not going to want to miss it! Please watch for further information in the weeks to come about the night and volunteering! We will see you there!!



Attention Parents of K5 and or K4 Students

There will be no school for current K4 or K5 students on **Wednesday, May 5th** due to orientation for 2010-2011 kindergarteners. This is an early release day; therefore, your child will only be missing a half day of school. They will resume their regular school schedule on Thursday, May 6th.

New K4 Offering

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, St. Mary Campus will offer a K4 class that will meet in the morning, Monday through Friday. The existing K4 program that meets three days per week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) will remain as another option. The school will also offer wrap-around child care. If you know of anyone who is interested in five day pre-kindergarten (K4), please let them know of the options available at St. Mary's. If you have questions, please direct them to Lisa Kovaleski, principal.

Reminder to Parents

If your job has changed or you have a new cell phone number, please contact the school office with the new information. It is critical that we have the ability to reach you if your child would be sick or injured. Thanks.



New Addition!

Congratulations to Luis and Rochelle Monsivais-Ruiz who were blessed with a baby boy, Matthias, born this past weekend. His brother, Josiah and sister, Yasmine are excited to have a new baby brother! God Bless you all!

National Library Week

April 11th – 17th is National Library Week. Sponsored by the American Library Association, this week celebrates the pleasure and importance of reading and invites people to use and support their local libraries. The first National Library Week was held in 1958 as the result of studies showing that Americans spent more time watching television than reading. In honor of National Library Week, we will be having Stop, Drop, and Read once a day. This week is an excellent time to get a library card at your local public library or one for your child if he or she does not already have one. We are blessed with excellent public libraries in Waukesha County and a fine County Library System. Take advantage of this and visit your local library soon!

Library Fine Amnesty

To celebrate National Library Week, no fines will be charged on any overdue books returned during the week of April 12th. **Check around for that overdue book during the Easter break.** The fine will be wiped away. Students are encouraged to return their books as soon as they have finished with them. They do not have to wait until their class comes to the library. Most of the lower grades have a collection point for library books and they are returned each morning to the library. Please encourage your children to return their books promptly.





Tissue Needed

The next time you're at the store, please consider picking up an extra box or two of tissues for the school. With the recent cold/flu season, our stock is almost depleted. Please send it to the school office with your child Thanks so much!

Track

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In Today's Packet

April Calendar
Walk-A-Thon Packet
Catholic Herald Parenting Newspaper



Looking Ahead

Wednesday, March 31: Non-uniform day
Thursday, April 1: Hot lunch forms due
Living Stations, 9:00 a.m. St. Mary church
3rd quarter ends – Early dismissal 11:30 a.m.

Waukesha Catholic St. William Campus



Lent

We are about to experience the Triduum, the holiest days of the year. The Triduum begins on the evening of Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At that Mass we recall that Jesus offered His life for us. He also washed the feet of His disciples. The Triduum continues with Good Friday and the celebration of the Lord's Passion. On Saturday we celebrate the Easter Vigil, when Our Lord leaves the tomb. We celebrate the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus; the reason we know God loves us and wants us in heaven.

Lenten Raffle

We have been picking winners for all of our Lenten raffles. Lenten Banks may be turned in. All children who return a Lenten bank will receive a super student prize. The money will all be sent to the School Sisters of St. Francis to aid the orphans in Guatemala. Thank you for your generosity.

Clubs

I wish to thank Mrs. Hanish, Director of Clubs, and all of the club leaders and volunteers, for making clubs an enjoyable experience for 85 of our students. We are grateful for your organization, hard work, and enthusiasm!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Claire Prager. Over the weekend she participated in the statewide competition for the Knights of Columbus free throw contest, and took 3rd Place! Fantastic shooting, Claire!

Aftercare

April 1st is an early dismissal day (11:30 a.m.). Our aftercare will be offering childcare after school until 6:00 p.m. If you wish to have your child/ren stay on April 1st, contact Mrs. Cage or the school office.

Hot Lunch

The May lunch order forms are due to the office by **April 1st**. Orders after Easter break will be too late to submit.

Literary Magazine

The deadline for articles for the SWC Literary Magazine is Thursday, April 1st.



Market Day

The next pick-up is March 31st at 3:30 in the gym.

Volunteers

We wish to thank our many faithful playground and lunch supervisors. We appreciate you helping out our children week after week. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

Parents, we need coordinators for the 2010-2011 school year for Campbell's labels and for Market Day. Both of these programs bring additional cash or products to our campus. If a volunteer is not available, we will be forced to reconsider participation in these activities. If interested, please ask, and we will share the amount of work each job requires.



Included in this packet

Easter Wishes from the Archbishop
Literary Magazine Volunteer sign-up
Walk-a-thon Information Packet
Stemposium Flyer
Catholic Herald Parenting Magazine
Waukesha Catholic Athletic News-5th Grade

Mark Your Calendar

- April 1st – Early Dismissal/3rd Quarter Ends
- April 16th – 5th Grade Family Life Presentations
- April 16th – Report Cards go home
- April 17th/18th – 2nd Grade selling cards after Masses
- April 27th – Spring Concert 7 p.m. at St. Joe's (**Please note the date change from our April Calendar**)
- April 29th – Madison Trip-4th Grade

Happy
Easter
from the
Teachers and Staff
at
St. William Campus

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