

Campus Connection

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Home & School

- Don't forget to join us today—Tuesday, April 20th, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.—for a Home & School fundraiser at Noodles & Company on Sunset. When you stop by for dinner (eat in or carry out) and either show a copy of the flyer or mention Waukesha Catholic, 25% of all sales will come back to us. Copies of the flyer are available in the campus offices or online as an attachment to the Campus Connection.
- Do you ever wonder if these restaurant fundraisers are effective? Do they raise much money for our school system? The answer is yes! Last month Home & School received more than \$500 from Culver's. But this type of success is only possible when YOU participate. So use this opportunity to take a break away from the kitchen, enjoy some tasty food and raise funds for Waukesha Catholic. See you there.
- The Third Annual Walk-a-Thon will be Tuesday, May 11th. Pledges may be turned in at any time.



System Meeting

All are invited to the Town Hall - State of the System meeting on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Community Room.

You're Invited!

Waukesha Catholic's annual **Now & Forever** event will take place on Thursday, May 6th, 2010 from noon until 1:00 p.m. at Country Springs Hotel. Our guest of honor will be Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI. This one hour fundraising event celebrates Catholic Elementary Education in Waukesha. For more information or to R.S.V.P. please call Nancy Nadolny at 262-896-2929, ext. 325.

Complimentary lunch provided by Catholic Knights and Catholic Family

52 Club Raffle Reminder

Have you purchased your 52 Club Raffle tickets yet? This raffle supports our Tuition Assistance Program! This is the last week to turn in your ticket stubs. The deadline is April 25th.

Early Dismissal Day

A teacher in-service day will be Wednesday, May 5th. This will be an early dismissal day – St. Joseph will dismiss at 11:25 a.m. St. Mary and St. William will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

Scrip

Scrip can be ordered at anytime on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com. Mother's Day, Graduation, First Communion and Confirmation are all opportunities to give gift cards from Scrip. Do you need help with Scrip? Call the Scrip desk Monday mornings from 8:45 – 10:45 a.m. for assistance.



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Athletic Reminders

- Please launder your basketball uniform and turn it into your student's campus office. We are still missing quite a few uniforms.
- Track season is underway. Check out the meet schedule on the web site at www.wcsonline.org/athletics and cheer on your Waukesha Catholic track team.
- 8th Grade Athletic banquet will be held on Monday, May 24th. Invitations will be sent soon.



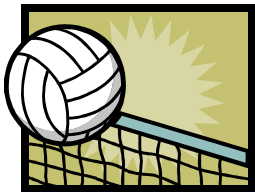
Sports Sign Up 2010-2011

Sports sign up for the next school year will be **Tuesday, May 25th**. An informational meeting will be held in the gym at St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m. Sign up will from 6-7 p.m. in the multi- purpose room.

Elections for the Athletic Board will take place during sports sign up. Several current members will be up for re-election and there are two vacancies to fill.

If you are interested in being on the Athletic Board please notify Tom McElmeel 262-501-6722 or Kevin Lang 262-650-8229. The deadline for inclusion on the spring ballot will be **Friday, April 30th**. Please notify Kevin or Tom prior to April 30th of your interest.

Athletics - Help Needed



The Seton volleyball tournament committee is seeking someone interested in heading up the efforts for our advertising and sponsorship drive. The job entails contacting companies about becoming advertisers or sponsors for the tournament. There are people to help with calling, but we are looking for a person to head up the committee. Proceeds from your work would go towards the athletic association and Catholic education scholarships. Please contact Tom McElmeel or Kevin Lang if you are interested.

Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph Middle School

Included in This Week's Packet

Six Flags Packet *Grade 8 Only*
Jazz Band Info – *Jazz Band Only*
Music Selection for 2010-2011 *6th & 7th Grade Only*
Athletic Banquet *Grade 8 Only*

Vote Daily!

Please vote* each day from now until May 5th. We are listed on the site as Waukesha Catholic Middle School St. Joseph Campus. You may only vote once per day. The rules do state that a purchase is not necessary and will not help in regard to the contest.



*Visit: www.landsend.com/thehub

8th Grade Reminder

Have you turned in your media pictures for the 8th grade power point now being prepared for the 8th graders for graduation? If not the deadline is this Friday, April 23rd. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Gorczany at 262-798-1869.

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Congratulations to all Solo/Ensemble Participants!

On Saturday, March 20, Solo/Ensemble Festival was held at Waukesha Catholic Middle School—St. Joseph Campus. All band students were required to perform a solo in front of a judge. Students received written and oral comments from the judge and earned a rating of I(Excellent), II(Good) or III(Fair). Many students also participated in ensembles(duets, trios, etc.) as well. All participants will receive band medals in May. **Band students dedicated many weeks in preparation for this event and are to be congratulated on a job well done!**

Please come hear and see these wonderful musicians at their two upcoming Spring Concerts:
Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gym
Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. Shattuck Auditorium, Carroll University Campus



Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you

Much time was spent in organizing and preparing the day's events. Without the help of the following parent volunteers, solo/ensemble festival would not have been a successful, smooth running affair:

Marie Furrer, Renee Charbonneau, Mary Grau, Linda Martin, Barbara Ruggeri, Karen Winegar, Julie Schindler, Susan Hornung, Michelle Krauska, Rose Lange, Carol Mathison, Cindi Matt, Beth Polacheck, Sandra Fehrenbach, and Carol Reske. Thanks especially to Carol Reske, Angelica Aldred and Robert Krawczyk who were part of the band parent organizing committee in planning the event. Thanks also to those parents

who provided the refreshments and snacks throughout the day.

The adult and student piano accompanists need to be recognized as well. They gave of their time and talent to help better prepare the student soloists and provided accompaniment on the festival day. The accompanists were: Kelly Schmitt, Mrs. Esther Demerdash, Karen Dewey, Patricia Mathie, Liam Brown, Laurel Kascht, Breanna Aldred, and Emily Matt.

Finally, a big thank you goes out to Mr. Pete Lange, parent and music director at Catholic Memorial. He was particularly helpful in preparing many of the ensemble groups that performed for the festival.

STEMposium Success

Kudos to Ms. DiTulio, Mrs. Egan and Ms. Oehldrich and all of our students!

What a terrific display of Science, Math, Technology & Engineering efforts by our students. The 6th graders raced dragsters in the gym., Rube Goldberg created by 7th graders were demonstrated in the first floor of the PAC. The 8th grader had two challenges for people to try –crane end effects. The 6-8th graders were on the computers doing Inventor. 8th grade also used Fischertechnik to build gears.

We appreciate two of our alum Matthew Mirsberger and Jonathan Armstrong for coming back to demonstrate and talk about continuing education in Project Lead the Way, (PLTW) at Catholic Memorial.

Prayer Group Invitation

You are invited to join a group of parents who gather after Thursday school Masses to say the Rosary with special intentions for the St. Joseph School Community including faculty, staff, supporters and families. Prior knowledge of how to say the rosary is not necessary; it is a leader/response prayer and you will catch on quickly. Mass begins at 8:30 and the rosary is often finished by 9:30. Join us as often as you are able.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you, Wendy Brown, 446-9123

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Waukesha Catholic St. Mary Campus

A Note from Ms. Kovaleski

With the warm weather approaching and more and more people beginning to venture outside to enjoy these beautiful days, this is a good time to review with your child/ren the concept of “stranger danger.” Even though I know the students have heard this message from home and school on numerous occasions we need to continually remind our children not to talk to/approach someone they do not know. Unfortunately, sometimes our children don’t always recognize certain people as strangers – we had an example of this recently.

Last week, during lunch recess, the “ice cream man” was pushing his cart down Hartwell Avenue, ringing his bell, yelling “ice cream for sale.” Several of our students, that were playing on the lower basketball courts, got excited when they saw/heard him and approached the “ice cream man” asking if they could have some ice cream. Fortunately, no harm came from this situation, but when I talked with the students regarding why they felt it was ok to talk with this man they did not know, they indicated very naively, “Because it was the ice-cream man.”

This serves as a reminder to all of us at school, and hopefully you at home, that we must continue to talk with our students regarding the importance of being safe, not talking to strangers, and always reporting if a stranger has approached him/her. I know we will continue to have those talks here at school and I hope you will reiterate it at home, as well. It takes all of us working together to continue to keep our most precious gifts – the children – safe.

Playground Supervisors Needed – A Request from Ms. Kovaleski

With the safety of our children as a priority – playground supervision is of utmost importance. We continue to be in need of lunchroom and playground supervisors. If you have a flexible schedule and would be able to periodically volunteer your time (one day/week, one day/month, etc. from 11:50 a.m. – 12:50 a.m.) we would be very grateful. Please call the school office at 262-896-2932 and we will make sure to get you on our schedule. Please remember that all school volunteers must have received Safeguarding All God’s Family training.



Hot Lunch Question

Did you order your child a hot lunch for May? If so, an order for two hungry meals (cheese pizza on May 19th and cheese pizza on May 26th) along with \$7.00 cash was turned in with no name on the form. Please contact Annie Smith in the school office as soon as possible if this is your order. Thanks.

Sock Hop Reminder

It is time to put on your dancing shoes!!! The Sock Hop is this Friday, April 23rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is our last dance of the year, so you are not going to want to miss it! We will see you there!!

Band Reminder

On Tuesday, April 27th ALL band students (Jazz and Cadet) will participate in a dress rehearsal at St. Joe’s gym from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Please be sure your student brings his/her instrument to school that day. The Concert will be held that evening in the same location beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Van Treeck asks that the students wear their “Sunday best” for this special occasion – no jeans. Thank you.



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Student Placement Requests ~ Principal's Policy

The school principal in consultation with the present classroom teacher(s) will determine student placement in the fall of the next school year. The following will be carefully considered: the academic, personal, social-emotional and any other related learning need of the individual student, along with the teaching style and personality of the teachers in the next grade. Decisions will be made with the students best interests in mind. If there is any significant need that the parent feels must be addressed, it must be made known to the principal in writing. The decision of the principal is final.

Please note that I feel the teachers at St. Mary's are dedicated individuals who have the best interest of each and every child in mind. Their judgment is important in student placement. Placement requests will only be considered if the rationale is justified. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

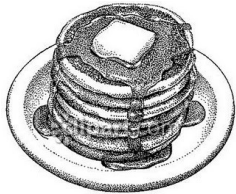
Attention 2nd Grade Parents

Please be sure to send in your volunteer form and donation for the 1st Eucharist Recognition Mass as soon as possible. If you need another form or have any questions, please contact the school office.



Keep in Your Prayers

- Gabby Baures mom, Jennifer Baures, was recently hospitalized. Please keep Gabby, Jennifer and their families in your prayers.
- Keep the Holland family in your prayers. They are going through a tough time, and extra prayers are needed most!



St. Mary's Parish Pancake Breakfast

The Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction event will take place on Sunday May 9th in the Community Room. The Pancake Breakfast is sponsored by St. Mary's Holy Name Society. Please join us!

Don't Forget About Market Day

I would like to thank the new customers and all who continue to support the Market Day program! If you would like to volunteer for the Saturday morning pickups, we get going at about 7:00 a.m. and finish up by 8:15 a.m. You don't have to show up every month – just as you have time. The next sale date is Saturday, April 24, which means the forms are due Monday, April 19 at school. Or, you can **order online until Wednesday, April 21 by 11:00 p.m.** (www.marketday.com; St. Mary's school code is #4369). The on-line ordering is easy, has clearance items, and gives you the option to pay on-line.

As usual, the pickup location will be the St. Mary's multi-purpose room. If you have any questions about Market Day or need an order form please contact Joe Piatt at 548-9991 or jpiatt@carrollu.edu. Thanks in advance for your support of this program!

In Today's Packet

June Hot Lunch order form
"Table Talk" flyer



Looking Ahead

- Tuesday, April 20: Home & School Fund Raiser at Noodles & Co.
- Friday, April 23: Sock Hop in the gym, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 24: Market Day pick up, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. multi-purpose room
- Monday, April 26: Mrs. Byers class field trip to Petco
- Tuesday, April 27: Jazz/Cadet Band Practice (9:15 –m 10:15 a.m.)
Jazz/Cadet Band Concert 7:00 p.m. @ St. Joe's gym

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Waukesha Catholic St. William Campus

Breaking News-Hot Off The Press!



Our Librarian, Mrs. Janel Bucci has written a book which will soon be published. The book, "A Treasure Waits", is about children living in Wisconsin in the recent past. We are excited for Janel, and proud of this accomplishment as a Wisconsin Author! Congratulations Janel!

2nd Grade Service Project

Our second grade class collected over \$240 to support their service project to play bingo at Linden Heights, by making and selling greeting cards! Way to go second grade!

Parent Night for 2010-2011 K4 & K5

The parents of children in K4 and K5 for 2010-2011 will have an evening meeting with the teachers on Wednesday, May 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This meeting is for parents only. The students will have a morning visit on Friday, May 21st with the K5 students of 2010-11 meeting from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and the K4 students of 2010-11 meeting from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. The students of the current K5 class have no school on Friday, May 21st.

Volunteers Needed

We need two people (one for each session) who have attended the "Safeguarding All God's Family" training, to help at the vision screening for the children in K4 and K5. The K4 screening is on May 14th at 9:00 to 10:30 and the K5 screening is on May 17th from 9:00 to 10:30. This only involves a short amount of time, with the benefit of your children having their vision checked. If you are willing to help, call the school office. Thank you!

Hot Lunch

The last hot lunch order form for the school year is in this packet. Please fill it out and return it with payment by May 4th.

Lost and Found



Now that the winter season is over, please come in to look through the lost and found for any of your student's items that may have been left behind at one time or another. There are numerous winter items that need to find their way back to their owners. Please take a look if your children have been missing items.

Summer School

The School District of Waukesha Summer School Information is available in the school office.

Included In The Packets

June Hot Lunch Forms
Market Day Order Forms
Music Selection Form- 5th grade only

Looking Ahead

April 21st No-Uniform day for the students of SWC –in honor of Secretary's Day
April 27th—Jordan Grob is principal for the morning—No-uniform for Grade 2, from Miss Grob.
April 27th – Waukesha Catholic Concert 7:00 at St. Joseph Campus Gym (Cadet Band, St. Joseph Middle School Jazz Bands and Choirs) DRESS REHEARSAL morning of the 27th.

