

Campus Connection

Your weekly connection to the Waukesha Catholic School System

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Catholic Schools Week

Director's Message Catholic Schools Week

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We are celebrating at Waukesha Catholic the very special character of our existence – being Catholic. We not only teach about our faith but form all members of the school community – students, teachers, staff, administration and parents in the ways of our Catholic tradition and faith.

A very special thanks to all of you who have chosen Waukesha Catholic. I believe you would agree that we are all blessed to be a part of this very special community.

Thanks to all who came to the Town Hall meeting last week. You numbered over 150 and it was truly energizing to see all of you there. A summary can be found under the Newsletter tab at www.wcssonline.org.

God's Blessing
Carolyn Caruso

REMINDER - Registration for the 2012-13 School Year

The online registration for all returning students will be open until Wednesday, February 8th. Open enrollment for new families will begin on February 10th. Please call if you have a question – 262-896-2929, ext. 324.

Go online at www.wcssonline.org, select FAMILY ACCESS and login your account.

- Select REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13
- Look over all your student and family **information online**, submitting any needed changes.
- Complete the pink sheet included in your packet last week, or print from online.

Return the pink sheet with your check to the campus office.

Online Only Information - Skateland Flyer

Thank you to all the students, parents, alumni, Home & School Association, principals and PARISHES for promoting Waukesha Catholic at ALL the Masses this past weekend!

Catholic Schools Week is January 29th through February 4th. Each campus will have individual activities. The following is a list of our system activities:

- The students will come together for an all-system Mass on Thursday, February 2nd at St. Mary Campus at 9:15 a.m.
- Thursday, February 2nd will be an early dismissal day to allow for conferences in the afternoon.
- There will be no school on Friday, February 3rd.
- Home & School will be sponsoring a social at Skateland on February 2nd (early release day) from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (see the flyer online)

Remember Only 500 Tickets will be sold

Hurry and purchase your cash/tuition raffle tickets now.

Don't miss out on your chance to win one year's tuition or \$2,000 cash. The winning ticket will be pulled at our auction on Feb. 11 and you do not need to be present to win. Raffle ticket order forms are in the Auction section of our website – send it in today!

Attention Auction Attendees

Be on the lookout for your auction book. The books will be sent home with your youngest child either this Wednesday or Thursday. Check your child's backpack so that you have a chance to preview all of the great items before we set sail!



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Waukesha Catholic Alumni on Catholic Memorial First Semester Honor Roll

Agnew	Tyler	Mathison	Charles	Walden	Claire
Aldred	Breanna	McCaffery	Hannah	Walters	Caleb
Aldred	Alexander	McNulty	Patrick	Walz	Elginia
Bernhagen	Evan	Mendoza	Larissa	Wichser	Gabriel
Betthausser	Haely	Mendoza	Oscar		
Bower	Molly	Mirsberger	Michael		
Bowes	Joseph	Mirsberger	Matthew		
Braun	Connor	Morris	Matthew		
Brozynski	Daniel	Nierzwicki	Colin		
Cage	Mark	Norgal	Jared		
Calhoun	Rebecca	Norgord	Rebecca		
Campbell	Jeremy	Novak	Joseph		
Curtis	Emily	Novak	Maria		
Davis	Greta	Ostroski	Clare		
Dougherty	Mary Kate	Papenthien	Vanessa		
Fischer	Julie	Pawlak	Jessica		
Fredericks	Bridget	Piatt	Kelli		
Furrer	Samantha	Piette	Jacob		
Furrer	Jessica	Plechaty	Laura		
Gorczyan	Sarah	Plier	Michelle		
Herrmann	Rebecca	Polacheck	Claire		
Hornung	Peter	Prager	Daniel		
Houk	Carson	Previte	Kara		
Howe	Therese	Radi	Katrina		
Jackson	Brandon	Radke	Will		
Klement	Kate	Rosecky	Thomas		
Klubertanz	Lauren	Rozmenoski	Michael		
Koenig	Patrick	Rupel	Christopher		
Kramer	Shawn	Schneider	Quinn		
Krause	Bethanie	Schneider	Morgan		
Krause	Caleb	Seidenglanz	Patricia		
Krausert	Cameron	Seifert	Samantha		
Krausert	Carina	Smith	Antoinette		
Krismer	Mitchell	Stagl	Matthew		
Landry	Kelsey	Stagl	Nickolaus		
Landry	Lauren	Stedman	Clara		
Lang	Samuel	Stuart	Alec		
Lange	Charles	Sutherland	Jonah		
Langhenry	Molly	Terasa	Julia		
Loppnow	Peyton	Tillison	Cynthia		
MacGregor	Sarah	Uhl	Peyton		
Martinez-Banda	Victoria	Vaichinger	Anthony		

Catholic Memorial Drama "State Fair"

This year's CMH play will again include students from Waukesha Catholic. The play will run February 10-12, 17-19 and 23-26. Tickets for adults are \$12 and students/seniors are \$8. Contact CMH for more information and tickets at 542-7101. Plan to attend and support our students and alumni.

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WAUKESHA CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL St. Joseph Campus

Included in Today's Packet

SJ February Calendar
8th Grade Chaperone Request

Catholic Schools Week Hospitality Weekend

Home and School would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Mary Miskulin-Sjogren for coordinating the hospitality after the Masses at St. Joe's Parish this past weekend. Mary coordinated the volunteers, set-up, served and cleaned-up after all the Masses. Thanks for all your hard work, Mary!



Special thanks also go to all of the families who provided baked goods for our hospitality weekend and to the families and staff who helped serve at the event.

Your generous donations of time and talent are appreciated!

Catholic Schools Week Celebrations



Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating National Catholic School Week which began Sunday, January 29. The one week celebration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country play in providing values-added education for America's children. Three things that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions are: **Faith**, children are taught their faith and how to have a relationship with God; **Academics**, Catholic schools are held to very high standards and help each child reach his or her potential; and **Service**, the giving of one's time to help others, both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

At St. Joe's we are in the midst of our celebration. Yesterday was Super Fan Day—students wore clothing of their favorite team and we were entertained by a number of our students willing to share their talent with us. We thank Mrs. D'Amico for all her efforts put into the Talent Show, and kudos to the performers and our emcees Veronica Reske and Jenny Wildes.

Today we are celebrating previous decades and we had teachers switch classes during first period to "walk in another's shoes". All seemed to be anxious and happy to return to their regular roles.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, we are attending *A Wrinkle in Time* at First Stage in Milwaukee. The students have a chance to dress up for this outing.

Thursday, February 2nd is All School Mass at St. Mary's at 9:15 AM and an early dismissal for a long weekend. Teachers have scheduled conferences.

Enjoy the weekend!!!

Spelling Bee

District 4 Spelling Bee was held Wednesday, January 25th at CMH. Our three representatives: Sam Kramer, Michael McNulty and Mitchell Piacsek acquitted themselves very well. Each spelled against their grade level and then a finalist from each level moved on to the final round. Mitchell Piacsek was the 8th grade level winner and came in second overall for the Spelling Bee. Congratulations Mitchell and well done Sam and Michael.



Oops!

In last week's campus connection a very important person was omitted from the list of volunteers. Mrs. Roubik works many hours preparing for the actual social and always arrives early prior to the social to organize and make sure the night goes smoothly for everyone involved. A huge THANK YOU for all of her efforts as our SJ Home & School rep. She is always there for us, ready and willing to help.

A Wrinkle in Time



The students will be attending a performance at First Stage, Milwaukee tomorrow, February 1st. Students are asked to dress up for the day. **NO JEANS PLEASE.** Each student should plan to bring a bag lunch. There is no Pea Pod lunch scheduled.

Reminder – 8th Grade

Please be sure to contact the school office 262-896-2930x101 if your student plans to visit West HS tomorrow, Wednesday, February 1st. The orientation begins at 8:30AM in the Guidance office. It is important that we know because the entire school will be attending the performance of a *Wrinkle in Time* at First Stage in Milwaukee. The buses will be leaving SJ at 11:00AM. West HS assured us the program will not be lengthy and students should be able to make the 11:00AM deadline.

KidsWrites

St. Joseph, along with Catholic Memorial High School, is proud to announce a cooperative Fine Arts program that will expand both the writing and theater experiences of students from both of these schools. The program has two components. First, a CMH teacher will present a creative writing workshop to a small group of our 7th graders. Second, the best of these writings will be selected and transformed into a musical theater production performed by CMH students on April 26 through the 29th. This shared community exposes both the middle school students and high school students to a new format the creative thinking and theatrical expression of those ideas. The 7th graders will attend the performance on April 26th and be able to view their writing.

Success at Future Cities Competition

The Future Cities Competition is a national project-based learning experience where students in 6th-8th grade imagine, design, and build cities of the future. Students work as a team with an educator and engineer mentor to plan cities using SimCity4 Deluxe software; research and write solutions to an engineering problem; build tabletop scale models with recycled materials; and present their ideas before judges at Regional Competitions in January. Regional winners represent their region at the National Finals in Washington, DC in February.

MSOE hosted the Future Cities competition on Saturday, January 21st. Waukesha Catholic Middle School had two teams entered in the competition, a 6th grade team and a 7th/8th grade team.

The 6th grade team took the Best Transportation System Award for their model city and the 7th/8th grade team took the Exemplary Model award. Mr. Dave Kabara, 7th teacher, was the



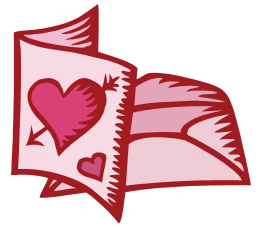
educator working with the teams and Mr. Ken Nelton was the engineering mentor. The 6th grade team was composed of Sam Kramer, Mia Cornale, Jake Hallett, Stefan Klohn, Matthew Hallett, Michael Ginn, Lance Berg, Jacob Holt and Ben Chrisien. The 7th and 8th grade team was composed of Ben Roubik, Laura Furrer, Miranda Fritz, Matthew Wilson, Evan Cook, Alycia Hutchins, Matthew Cornale, Ryan Knuese, Alex Nelton, and Eleanore Usher.

The students worked very hard giving up open gym periods and many nights after school. Congratulations students! Job well done!



Waukesha Catholic—St. Joseph Middle School

February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All School Field Trip <i>A Wrinkle In Time</i> 11:00-2:15PM Bag Lunch Today	2 Mass 9:15 SM All Are Welcome Early Dismissal 11:25SJ Skateland 1-3PM Conferences SJ 3-7 Appt Only	3 No School	4
5	6 WC Athletic Board Mtg. SJ @ 6:30PM	7 SW 5th Gr. visits SJ Today	8 Fun Lunch Hamburger Day-Non-Uniform Current Family Registration. Due Today	9 SJ Mass 8:30AM	10 Ski Club to Alpine 	11 Waukesha Catholic Auction
12  Happy B-Day Ms. Van-Treec	13 Non-Uniform Feb. B-Day Pea Pod Deadline Tomorrow	14 Parent Vs. 8th Gr. Basketball 2:30 SJ Gym 	15 Non-Uniform Day for students who received passes during CSW Masses Bring your pass	16 All School Field Trip to Happy Days the play 9:15-11:30AM	17 SJ Mass 8:30AM	18
19	20	21 SM 5-1 visits SJ Today Culvers Night Grandview 5-8PM <u>Non-Uniform</u>	22  Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30AM Fun Lunch Pizza Uniform Day	23 8th Gr. Retreat 8:45-2:15 Bag Lunch Gr. 8 Only	24 No School Teacher In Service All Day Ski to Cascade 	25
26 1st Sunday of Lent Basketball Finals at CMH	27	28 SM 5-2 visits SJ Today	29 Leap Day! 	7 & 8 Grade Waukesha Basketball Tournament February 13-26		

Grade 8 only

8th Grade Retreat
Thursday, February 23

Dear Parents,

We are still in need of 5 more chaperones for the 8th grade retreat. If you are able to help us on that date, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

** All chaperones must have Safe Guarding training.

Mrs. Egan

Ms. Foley

Mrs. O'Brien

Yes, I am able to chaperone on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Waukesha Catholic Home and School Presents:

Skating at Skateland!



Come join your friends at Skateland during
Catholic School Week!

Where: Skateland, Waukesha

When: February 2nd (early release day)
1pm to 3pm

Price: \$3.00 per person
Includes admission and skate rental
(Home and School will cover the remaining \$2 per person)

This is a family fun event, all children must be
accompanied by an adult.

No need to RSVP, just join us for a lot of fun!

PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

*To Love Like God Loves us:
The Spirituality of Parenting*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:30—7:45 PM
AT ST. MARY PARISH - COMMUNITY ROOM

NO CHARGE

PRESENTED BY JENNIFER CHRIST

SPONSORED BY ST. MARY'S CF

The love of a parent for a child is a human manifestation of love that closely parallels God's love for us. Welcoming a child, through birth or adoption, is an act of faith as well as an act of love. Being open to new life signals trust in the God who ultimately creates and sustains all life. Parenting is truly a Christian call and responsibility. It is the experience of acting as God's instruments in giving life to your children, but equally, it is an experience of being formed by God through them.

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