

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! It has the potential to be a great one!

This year we will extend the theme we used last year of the 3Rs: Respect, Responsibility and Reverence.

The thrust of Respect will be Respect for Diversity. Diversity includes diversity at home. Who likes which foods, which television programs, which sports, etc. Diversity at school encompasses different learning styles, different gifts and talents and different approaches to achieving success. Diversity in the world includes different religious beliefs, different ethnic heritages and racial differences. Children will be using literature, poetry, song and various cultural approaches regarding respecting diversity. Respecting the diversity found among various people is rooted in our belief that God created all people and all people have dignity because they were made by God.

We will be working with the children on being responsible for the environment. Some of what is found here includes how we honor another's space; how we take care of what belongs to us and what belongs to others; how we are responsible for all God's creation; and how we are called to promote the sustainability of the earth. Our young people will be using art, scientific inquiry, religion and social studies to probe the meaning of what it means to be responsible for the environment.

The third "R" which we will be stressing this year is Reverence for the Spirit of Peace. Peace begins at home. It is based on both respect and responsibility. Honoring the Spirit of Peace and promoting peaceful relationships is what is needed to build a peaceful world. By beginning with peace in our homes, classrooms, gym and playground we are laying the foundation to help our young people be leaders in creating a more peaceful world.

The school tee shirts this year feature the logo beautifully designed by Susan Hornung, the mother of Peter, Amalia and Theo, who are all in Waukesha Catholic, and focus on Respect for Diversity, Responsibility for the Environment and Reverence for the Spirit of Peace!

We hope to have a successful year focusing various part of the curriculum on the Three Rs, which are one of the value-added features of Waukesha Catholic. Please feel free to share ideas about how we can be even more successful in this endeavor.

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Respect Diversity  
Reverence the Spirit of Peace  
Responsibility for the  
Environment

As we begin this year, we plan ways to make these promises real in the lives of the children. At St. William Campus, we have chosen a theme for our Post Office that reflects our concern for the environment. The Post Office City name for this year is "Good Earth, WI". This is the address our local cards and letters will be addressed to. Each room has a "street" name that relates to the Earth. In this way we hope to be consistently reminded of the beauty of our world and the importance of the efforts to care for it.

## **NEED TO KNOW**

### **Welcome to Waukesha Catholic**

- Mrs. Karen Wirkus joins Waukesha Catholic, St. Joseph Middle School Campus. Mrs. Wirkus has a MFA, (Masters of Fine Arts) from Mt. Mary College. She previously taught Art in New Berlin and Queen of Apostles.
- Another addition to the faculty at St. Joe's Campus of Waukesha Catholic is Mr. Chris Hanson. He also teaches Physical Education at Our Lady of Good Hope in Milwaukee. We are delighted to welcome both teachers as members of the St. Joe's family.
- St. Mary Elementary Campus welcomes Mrs. Katie Kelly, a St. Mary parent and educator. Mrs. Kelly has been hired for the Kindergarten position. She has previously taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and kindergarten.
- Mrs. Kelly Schmitt has accepted the Music position at St. Mary Elementary Campus. She previously taught music at St. Roman's in Milwaukee.
- Mrs. Sue Klawans has been hired as the Resource Teacher at St. Mary's. She is a certified elementary education teacher and is currently receiving her Master's Degree in Reading and Learning Disabilities.
- The Before and After Care Program at St. Mary welcomes Mrs. Vera Scherrer as director and Miss Misty Hadaway as teacher assistant.
- St. William Elementary Campus is pleased to introduce Mrs. Cindy Krauss, our "new" Kindergarten teacher.
- Welcome to Mrs. Carol Cage, the new Before and After Care Director at St. William Campus, and Trisha Briggs, Before and After Care Assistant.

### **Before and After School Care**

The Before and After School Care programs at St. William and St. Mary Campus have begun. We are pleased to offer this opportunity for care to our families who need this service. The Director at SWC is Mrs. Carol Cage. The Director at SMC is Mrs. Vera Scherrer. If you have any questions, please contact the Before and After Care Director or the Campus office.

### **St. Joseph Parent Night**

Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are reminded that Parent Night will be held on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to stop in the gym and pick up your student's schedule. Mrs. Rempe will conduct a brief presentation and then parents will follow their student's schedule and meet the core and specialty teachers.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents will have a separate parent night. It will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.. Parents will meet in the foyer of the Parish Activity Center (PAC) and meet with the core teachers that evening.

Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to attend the September 7<sup>th</sup> evening between 7:30 & 8:00 if they would like to meet Art, Computer, Guidance, Music, PE, and Spanish teachers.

### **All Schools Mass**

The Mass on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> begins at 9:15 a.m. at St. Mary Parish. The students in grades 1-8 will attend this "Back to School" and "Commissioning" Mass. The students should wear their "new" Waukesha Catholic RRR T-Shirts on this day. All are invited!

## **Home and School**

The Waukesha Catholic Home and School general meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Details and specific information will be published at a later date.

## **Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors**

The first Board of Directors meeting for Waukesha Catholic is Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. William Parish (Vercelli House).

## **SERVICE**

### **Directory**

In order to be listed in the family directory and the service guide located in the directory, you must return your form to the campus office by Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

### **Home & School**

Entertainment and Gold C books will be available in the school offices through September 15th. Entertainment books cost \$35 and Gold C cost \$12. If you have family and friends that live in other areas they can order online. Please refer to the handout in the packet for details. Thank you for your support.

### **Culver's Night**

Culver's night will be held at the Grandview Blvd location on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Home and School organization will earn a profit of 10% of all purchases made from 5 to 8 p.m. Please come out to support Waukesha Catholic and enjoy a meal or ice cream.

### **Magazine Sale**

The annual magazine drive begins Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **Help, Microsoft Word User Needed**

We are looking for someone to type the service guide. This work may be done at home. This will involve about 5-6 hours of work spread over a two week time period, call Mary McNulty 524-8531.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **Please Pray**

Please keep the family of Michael Doll in your prayers. Michael attended St. Mary's and St. Joseph Middle School of Waukesha Catholic. Michael graduated in 2003 and attended Waukesha South High School. Michael died on August 19th at the age of 17.

We ask you to pray for the family of Mrs. Sue Bernhardt, grade 3 teacher at St. William Campus, as they mourn the death of Sue's father, Mr. Clem Kubacki.

- NAZE family (Lauren Grade 3 and Michael grade 1) lost a grandmother this week.
- The DeQuardo family (6<sup>th</sup> grade Kirsten) buried their father/grandfather last week.
- The Jelacic Family (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Alex ) grandmother passed away last week.

### **Meghan Law Notification**

In 1997 a law was passed that allowed law enforcement agencies to share information with their community regarding sex offenders who are released from prison. The schools have received a notice from the Waukesha Police Department regarding a sex offender released into the community. If you are interested in the information available you may call the Waukesha Police Department at 524-3769, or stop by your campus office.

### **Waukesha Catholic Teachers begin '06-'07 with In-Service Day**

All teachers of Waukesha Catholic gathered at St. Mary's Community Room on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> for a stimulating day of "Opening the Door to the Differentiated Classroom". The In-Service was presented by Kiristin Anglea from Cardinal Stritch University. Our teachers were joined by faculty members from: St. Agnes - Butler, St. Leonard – Muskego, and St. Anthony - Menomonee Falls. The teachers learned that differentiated instruction is a philosophy of planning instruction based on the different learning styles of all children. It also involves addressing the multiple intelligences of learners. The teachers were taught techniques for incorporating differentiation into components of their overall instruction. The next day, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Waukesha Catholic teachers worked on planning their own units of instruction based on this philosophy. This is a curriculum goal for the 2006-'07 school year. Look for updates on our progress each quarter.

### **WE APPRECIATE YOU**

#### **Can You Hear Us Now!!!**

There are shouts of joy coming from the office and the library/media center at St. Joseph! We have a new look and it is great! We are so thankful to Mrs. Joli Krismer and all the volunteers from the *Parents in Action* group. They did a terrific job relocating, painting, repairing, and creating the new spaces. If you haven't seen us yet, stop in for a visit or be sure to check out the new spaces on Parent Night, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

We also want to thank Mr. Brett Kobiske for the refinishing of the floors in the new library/media center as well as 6-3; Mr. John Cox for the counters in the new office; and Mr. Mike Egan for meeting all the electrical needs the move required.

#### **Packet Turn-In Day Huge Success**

We would like to thank everyone that attended Packet Turn-in. We were delighted with the number of families present throughout the day. All three campuses of Waukesha Catholic received many positive comments regarding the new format which included a chance to visit the classrooms. Parents, students, and teachers enjoyed the opportunity to meet one another prior to the first day of school and ease into the new school year.

### **CAMPUS HI-LITES**

## **St. William Campus**

#### **K4 Classes**

The first K4 class for the Tuesday-Thursday-Friday session is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The first class for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday session is Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parent Night**

Parent Night at SWC is at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We begin in church at 7:00 p.m., and then visit with your child's teacher for a brief summary of classroom rules and expectations. This is a great opportunity to get to know your child's teacher. This is for parents of all students in grades K4 to 5.

### **Scouts**

We need all Scout leaders to contact the school office. We need a complete list of leaders and other important basic information. Please call soon. The secretaries have all the questions, and you supply the answers!!

### **Volunteers**

We wish to thank all those who have responded to our pleas for volunteers. Thank you! We will contact you as needed. We are still looking for help in the Accelerated Reader room and Post Office.



### **Hot Lunch**

Order forms are due Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please send forms in on time. The volunteers who organize the orders hope to meet only one time to complete the paperwork. Thank you!

### **Market Day**

The first Market Day pick-up is Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 until 4:30. Thank you for your support.

### **Penny drive**



We will collect pennies for a variety of charity causes during this year. I wish to thank Josh Marks for offering to chair this again. Dates for monthly pick-up will be published in future newsletters.

### **Box Top News**

At the start of the school year, many stores will be running bonus Box Tops on receipts. Please watch for these specials. Many General Mills/Pillsbury products have triple Box Tops or other incentives to purchase. If you buy these products, please watch and cut for our school.