



Campus Connection

The weekly newsletter for St. Joseph, St. Mary, & St. William Campus

Dear Parents,

Waukesha Catholic has a mission and vision that is amazing and exciting. It comes with an invitation to everyone, to invest in ourselves through the resources God has given us - our energy, our prayers and our money – in the work of elementary Catholic education.

Later this month the Annual Fund Campaign for Waukesha Catholic will begin. Appeal letters will be sent to all Waukesha Catholic parents, past parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and parishioners. The purpose of the Annual Fund Campaign is to gather additional annual operating support. Please keep in mind that 100% of the dollars raised positively impacts the quality of the education our students - your children - receive in school.

Please help by telling your friends in the parish, your relatives and any alumni and friends you know, that their financial support is important for the future of Catholic Education in Waukesha. Let them know about the impact of their gift, and the value of the great educational experience your children are receiving. As parents you are Waukesha Catholic's best ambassadors and are so vital in keeping Waukesha Catholic's vision and mission alive.

I know you realize how important Catholic education is, especially in a child's formative years when Jesus' message takes root and becomes the foundation for the future of our Catholic Church. Thank you for your support of Waukesha Catholic.

God's blessings,

Carolyn Caruso

Advancement Director



Crossings Debut

Watch for the first issue of "Crossings" to arrive in the mail. "Crossings" is a semi annual newsletter sent to parents, alumni, and friends of Waukesha Catholic. The fall issue highlights St. Joseph Middle School's new look and tells about all of the wonderful volunteers who made a difference in the makeover.

If you are an alumnus or know other alumni, please encourage them to fill out the information form found in the newsletter and return it ASAP. The spring issue of "Crossings" will be dedicated to our many alumni.

Auction 2007

Mark your calendar for the 2007 Waukesha Catholic Auction on Friday, February 2, 2007.

"Welcome Back" is the theme for this event. Our hope is to welcome back as many alumni and friends as possible to this great party. Last year we raised over \$80,000 for our kids and this year we are anticipating to raise even more. Our sponsorship is growing and Waukesha Catholic is very proud of the many people that support our efforts.

Campus Connection will let you know how you too can support this important event.

NEED TO KNOW

Report Cards

The last day of the first quarter is Thursday, November 2nd. The teachers have a work day on Friday, November 3rd with NO SCHOOL for all students. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 10th.

Seton Championship Tournament Begins

Join the fun. It's volleyball time at Waynz World. Come and support your Waukesha Catholic 8th grade players. The boys play at 5:30 p.m., Monday, October 30th, on Court 2. The girls play at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 1st, on Court 7.

Parish Fall Event



Please join Waukesha Catholic for the Fall Parish Gathering "A Time of Thanksgiving".

- This will be held at St. Joseph gym on Tuesday, November 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- At St. William Parish Hall on Sunday, November 12 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- At St. Mary Community Room on Wednesday, November 15 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Families are welcome to any of the events. Please send in your reservation so we can plan the refreshments.

SERVICE

David Prothero, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has asked us to publish this message. The School Sisters of Notre Dame are hoping to recruit some child-minded adults to tutor school children who are falling behind in reading or math. "Help a kid become a Rising Star!" Volunteer to tutor a grade school child in reading or math only one hour a week between 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. This is a program of the School Sisters of Notre Dame at Notre Dame Middle School. Orientation provided. Call Sr. Mary Catherine Dundon, SSND, 414-358-2156.

FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

- Scrip orders for the week of October 30 were \$37,227 with \$1,929 in profit.
- No Cash & Carry this week because there is no school.
- Wendy's is changing from the paper certificate to cards. Until this change is complete this vendor is not available.
- Other changes that have recently taken place: Jewel is only available in a \$25 card. Applebee's is a \$25 card, not \$20.
- For a limited time, while supplies last, we have \$25 Starbuck cards available. If you would like to purchase a card, mark it on your order form in the "notes" area.
- We have already received a revised shipping schedule for Scrip during the holiday season. Due to the increase in Scrip orders they anticipate delayed shipping starting in December. November is around the corner so start to order early for Christmas.
- We will again be offering families the opportunity to order Scrip for teacher gifts. This is an option available for your participation. The information will be sent out in November.



OTHER EVENTS

Catholic Memorial High School

- CMH's nationally recognized drama department presents "One Acts", featuring the production of "A Young Lady of Property". Also performing are two other exciting student productions, "Sticky Rhinoceros," a comedy improv and a "Jazzin it Up" vocal and instrumental selections from the music department on November 9, 10 and 11th at 7 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on November 13 on the Grash Family Stage in the CMH auditorium. Ticket prices: Adult - \$8; student/senior - \$5; available at the door. The Drama Department is generously donating one-half of all profits from the weekends performances to the CMH Darfur Relief Project. Catholic Memorial High School is located at 601 E College Ave in Waukesha.
- CMH invites all current 8th grade students to take our Placement Test on November 3rd or November 11th from 8:00-11:30 a.m. All students must submit an Application for Admission along with the \$25

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testing/application fee. The application process is outlined on our website, www.catholicmemorial.net under Admissions. There is also an application available for download. To have an application mailed to you or for more information please contact the Office of Admissions at 262.542.7101: Julie Lindahl, ext. 242 or jlindahl@catholicmemorial.net

- James B. Stenson will be at Catholic Memorial on Wed., Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. He will talk about "Parent Leadership: Raising Children Successfully". Mr. Stenson's presentation to all interested adults will be open to the public and free of charge. We encourage you to invite friends, family members, and anyone who would benefit from hearing his positive and practical message!

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Band News

Thank you to Larry Morton and family for a donation of nearly \$1000.00 in sheet music to the Waukesha Catholic Band Library. Current and future middle school bands will greatly benefit from their generous donation. Much of the music will be performed in upcoming concerts this school year. Ms. VanTreeck, Mrs. Rempe and all the middle school band students are very grateful for the Morton's support of the band program.



Ms. VanTreeck has a new look and a new sound to her band office this year. Many thanks go out to the parents and people who made this possible. Joli Krismer and Chris Jurik contacted Tim and Brenda O'Neill who donated the sound proof panels and helped with the initial set up. Chris Jurik, Bob Schmidt, Pat and Joli Krismer were instrumental in completing the job-they broke open boxes, hung the panels and cleaned up Ms. VanTreeck's room after the job was done. The faculty, staff and band students of Waukesha Catholic are all very grateful for this school improvement.

RECOGNITION

Nutcracker Ballet

Evelyn Kraklow, 2nd grader at St. Mary Campus will be performing in the Nutcracker with the Milwaukee Ballet in December. She will be an angel in cast group B. What a wonderful experience! Great Job!

ATHLETICS

Basketball

Basketball splits are going on next week at the Waukesha Catholic gyms. Check the web site for more details at www.wcssonline.org.

Open Gym For 6th Grade Basketball Players

There will be open gym basketball for Waukesha Catholic 6th grade boys and girls on Sundays 3:00-5:00 p.m. at St. William Gym on November 12th, November 19th & November 26th.

Volleyball

- Congratulations to Coach Calhoun and the 5th grade girls "white" team. They took 2nd place in the St. Leonard's tournament last weekend. Way to go girls!
- Congratulations to the 5th grade girls "red" team, headed by Coach Hernandez. The team took 3rd place in the St. Mary's Menomonee Falls tournament this past weekend. Way to go Knights!

CAMPUS HI-LITES **ST. JOSEPH**

Included in this packet:

Book Fair Flyer and Volunteer Request

Calendar – St. Joe's

Folk Fair Permission Slip – 7th Grade Only

Scrip Form

The Uniform Place - flyer

You're Invited

All Saints Day Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to celebrate this holy day with us. Students are reminded to wear their uniforms even though it's also a hot lunch day.

Who broke their leg either in a fall or during battle?

King Tut, that's who! On Wednesday, October 25, 59 students and 11 chaperones traveled in style via Coach Bus to the Chicago Field Museum to visit the King Tut exhibit as well as many other exhibits in the museum. The day was beautiful, everyone learned a lot and had a great time! Thank you to the following parent chaperones for their time and energy: *Mrs. Haberstroh, Mrs. Huntemann-Piatt, Mrs. Kapusniak, Mrs. Nierzwicki, Mr. Palacios, Mrs. Radi, Mrs. Reichertz, Mrs. Julie DeYoung –Spencer, Mrs. Zagorski.*

General Mills Box Top Report

St. Joe's did an outstanding job collecting box tops! We earned \$308 which is almost what we earned last year for the entire school year. Thank you for trimming your box tops and please don't throw out any that have expired. We only have 4 more months to collect during this school year. Please continue to send in your box tops and help us reach our goal of \$500.00.

Our gratitude to Mrs. Bina for coordinating our program, we appreciate all of her efforts.

ST. MARY

Día De Los Muertos Prayer Service



The collaborative efforts of Rose Lange (Art), Ms. Young (5th grade Spanish), Sr. Regina, (K4 – 4th grade Spanish) and the work they have done with the students will be set into motion as the children celebrate *Día De Los Muertos*. The prayer service will take place on Thursday, November 2nd in St. Mary's church at 2:45 p.m. and last approximately 15 – 20 minutes. All are welcome!

An Addition to Hot Lunch

Starting in December, we will offer a "Hungry" version of the entrée of the day. The cost is \$3.25. Please be careful when making your selections for each day. If you have any questions, please contact Annie Smith in the school office

Boxtops Progress Report – from Hope Bina

Wow! St. Mary's is really amazing. All of the box tops are counted and this year we have doubled what we collected last year at this time. We will receive a check in December for about \$1,449, which is more than half way to our goal of \$2,000. A big thank you to those of you who trimmed your box tops and to those who received the Bonus Certificates at the register at Pick 'n Save. Those certificates were worth \$307. Please do not throw away any Boxtops that have expired. We only have four more months to collect for this school year, so please continue to send in the Boxtops and help us reach our goal.

Head Lice Thanks!

Thank you Karie Kobiske and her crew of student nurses who took the time last week to do a head lice check on all of our students. It's good to report that the school was "all clear".

We Need Playground Supervisors

Could you spare an hour or two a week? How about making \$7.00/hour while you watch children play?! The school is in need of a few more playground supervisors, especially on Tuesday. Please contact the school office if you are able to help. Thank you.

In Today's Packet

- ◆ The Uniform Place Sale Flyer

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, November 1st. All Saints Day Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 2nd: First quarter ends

Friday, November 3rd: NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-service

Wednesday, November 8th: Non-uniform day

Friday, November 10th: Report cards sent home

Looking (a little further) Ahead

Thursday, December 7th: Christmas concert, 6:30 p.m. Shattuck Auditorium, Carroll College

ST. WILLIAM

Scrip Offering

We will begin selling Scrip at the school office on Friday's from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.. This is a way to pick up Scrip by cash and carry and still earn tuition credit. The first sale will be on Friday, November 10th. The following Scrip options will be available: Pick N Save, Sentry, Kohl's Department Store, Macy's (Marshall Fields), Kwik Trip, Super America, Casa del Rio, Chancery, Culver's, Denny's, Thunder Bay, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body, Best Wood Judge, Cost Cutters, Home Depot, Klinke Cleaners, Marcus, Piala's Nursery, Waukesha Floral, and Waukesha Catholic Gift Certificates. Thank you Sally Jarmuskiewicz!

Post Office

The "Good Earth Post Office" is now in service. Thanks to Beth Szolyga, our post office coordinator, for all her time and work involved in getting the post office ready: naming streets, typing and printing the directory, job interviews, and job training. The post office directory is included in today's family packet. Remember to write letters to your children; they love to receive mail.

Thanksgiving Project

In honor of Thanksgiving, we asked you to consider giving to those in need. We received orders for 51 pies to be donated to the Waukesha Food Pantry. Thank you for helping those in need!

Market Day

Pick-up will be Wednesday, November 1st from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Halloween Costumes

As you plan for Halloween costumes, please keep in mind that the children should wear their school uniforms to school, and change into their costumes and/or masks before their Halloween party. If make-up for faces or hair is required, the students should apply it during lunch recess. Costumes should avoid violence and blood. Thank you. Parties will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31 for grades K5 – 5.

Head Lice Check

We will have a head lice check on Wednesday, November 1st.

Box Tops

The bus is getting crowded – awesome! Many more families "hopped" on board and donated BoxTop gas. Our BoxTops total is 4,183 to date. Four lucky riders were pulled from the bus and won prizes: Johnny Z. - Grade 4 (football and stand), Jack B. - Grade 4 (sports question card set), Abby L. - K4 (Halloween gift bucket) and Matthew M. – K5 (Dino the dinosaur). The top 3 families are Piacsek (450), Zich (430), and Marks (414). Keep on sending them in! Our goal is lofty and our journey is far.....20,000 BoxTops or \$2,000 for our school. Thanks again to our bus chaperones Pam McWilliams, Kim Vaughan, Carol Mathison, Rebecca Boehlke and Carol Tapp. - Stacie Piacsek

Conference Times

The times for teacher conferences will be sent home in the packet on Tuesday, November 7th. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 10th.

Halloween (October 31) , All Saints Day (November 1)

The idea of holding one feast to celebrate all holy women and men seems to have been born in the early centuries of Christianity. In 844 Pope Gregory IV set November 1st as the date for a festival in honor of all the saints. Historians tell us that there were pre-Christian feasts on this day: a pagan Roman festival for the fruit harvest, and the Celtic New Year (a celebration of the harvest and the dead).

As we draw toward the end of the agricultural year, we celebrate God's great harvest of all people throughout history who have shown love, joy, and service to others. All Saints and its holy eve, Halloween, are made bright with autumn fruits, vegetables, and flowers. It's customary to celebrate with apple-bobbing and pumpkin carving and other harvest games, and why All Saints' Day is begun with a night of trick-or-treating. People give and receive hospitality, the hallmark virtue of the saints.

In the early years of the church, saints were proclaimed by the members of their villages and towns. In about the tenth century the first canonizations took place. These were official statements by the pope that someone was clearly a saint.

Today we rejoice in the communion of saints. We're part of this communion. All creation is united in the Spirit. We link arms with all the people of every time and place. We look forward to the day of resurrection, the final day, when creation will be transformed.

All Souls Day (November 2)

This is the day we set aside to pray for all the dead who have gone before us. Christians dead and living are all one body. Our love and work on earth can be a blessing to those who have died, just as their love is a blessing for the living. Many families remember the dead each year by giving alms to the poor or by planting a tree or donating to a hospital. In Latin America, the Day of the Dead is not gloomy or sad. It is filled with life. Vendors sell candies in the shapes of skulls, skeletons and coffins.

A long time ago in England, people went from door to door on this day and begged for "soul cakes". The people sang a carol, "Soul, soul, soul cake! Please, good people, a soul cake! One for Peter, two for Paul, three for God who made us all." This is how the custom of trick-or-treat probably started.

All Souls Day reminds us that it's good to speak about the dead, and to remember and to pray. The church continues the remembrance throughout this month of November and into Advent.

Looking Ahead:

- 10-31-06 Halloween Parties (K5-5th)
- 11-01-06 All Saints day – A Holy Day of Obligation – 9:00 Mass**
- 11-02-06 Last day of Quarter 1
- 11-03-06 **No school**-Teacher In-Service Day
- 11-06 to 11-17 Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam testing for Grade 4
- 11-14-06 Hot Lunch-Chicken
- 11-20 & 11-21 Conferences 2:00 to 8:00 – **No school** for students
- 11-22 to 11-25 Thanksgiving break **No school** for students

