

Campus Connection

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

VALENTINE'S DAY—A DAY TO REMEMBER HOW TO BE A COMPASSIONATE HEART!

Reflection

Sometimes we get caught up in the frivolity of “valentines,” but actually Valentine’s Day is a time to reflect on the “heart of the matter of our lives.” God gave us hearts which symbolize the core of who we are as human people. Our hearts are the place where we accept or reject the mystery of ourselves, human existence and God. Our hearts are sacred spaces. Within our hearts we find the virtue of compassion. The Hebrew word for compassion comes from the same word as “womb.” To be compassionate from the Biblical perspective means to offer a “womb-like” bonding experience where one feels safe and nurtured and can grow and develop, even if this is through adversity. Compassion is more than sympathy, more than empathy, it is a bonding with another, a standing the shoes of another, that leads to action for the other. Compassion implies sensitivity to what is weak or wounded in another and an openness to be affected by the suffering of another. Compassion is the work of the heart. St. Augustine talked about “seeing with the eyes of the heart.”

Prayer

God of compassion, you have embraced us as a mother holds her child with tenderness and love. You have nurtured us, provided us with security and confidence as we face the uncertainties of life. Empower us to be compassionate when we see the vulnerability of our children and the losses they experience as part of growing up; enable us to be compassionate with our spouses and friends, when they need an understanding heart; assist us to be compassionate with ourselves when we feel a sense of loss or failure or uncertainty. Continue to help us be compassionate and loving to those with whom we live and work. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, who showed us how to be compassionate. Amen.

Actions

- Find a time to tell each of your children how happy you are that he or she is part of your family. Proclaim at least one special gift each child has.
- Stand in the shoes of your child when he or she is experiencing loss or disappointment or apparent rejection. Bond with them so they feel your support, while at the same time, help them to grow through the experience.
- Find a way to express compassion to a spouse or friend—so that the person feels deep understanding and support—a “being with” in their lives and with their struggles.
- Be compassionate to yourselves—imagining that the God of compassion is surrounding you as the womb of your mothers surrounded you when you were vulnerable, and nurtured you with the bond of love.

Maureen Gallagher
Director



NEED TO KNOW



Lenten Opportunity

Waukesha Catholic will be hosting a Lenten Event for School Families and Parish Families. Please plan on joining us with your entire family. Send in your RSVP's today.

St Mary Parish on Thursday, February 15th from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.
St. William Parish on Sunday, February 18th from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Registration Forms

Registration forms for current families were due on Friday, February 9th. If you have not returned your forms yet, please send them as soon as possible. Thank you!

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

The students in Grades 3, 5 and 7 will take the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) from March 5 to 16.

New Family Referral

Recruitment – Referrals – FREE Registration!

Time is running out!

Continued growth of the Waukesha Catholic schools is crucial to the success of Waukesha Catholic. The PR&R Committee is asking YOU – our current families – to assist us in the recruiting process. You are our best resource in obtaining new families to join the Waukesha Catholic school community.

If a **new** family takes a tour of either the St. Mary's, St. William's or St. Joe's campus and provides the name of a **current** family as a **referral**, the **referring** families name will be entered into a raffle for **\$50 scrip**. There will be one winner per campus.

If a **new** family registers their child(ren) at any one of the campuses and provides the name of the **current** family as a **referral**, the **referring** families name will be entered into a raffle for **free family registration**. There will be two free registration winners.

New family tour and/or registration must happen on or before April 5th. Drawings will be held on Thursday, April 5th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Nancy Congdon, PR&R Committee Chair, 547-2641 or Annie Smith, 896-2932.

FUNDRAISER

Welcome Back 2007 Auction

Once again, the Welcome Back 2007 Auction was a huge success this year! As you know, this is the biggest fundraiser of the year for Waukesha Catholic. Once more, we beat our goals.

We had 400 people attend the auction this year and over 60 volunteers helping out. For those of you who attended, we hope you had a great time!

Our gratitude goes to our many sponsors and donors from the community whose generosity and support of Waukesha Catholic makes this event possible.

A sincere thank you goes to the many volunteers, Catholic Memorial students, principals, teachers, staff, parents and priests for their assistance and support.

Last but not least, thank you to the Auction Committee for your countless hours of planning and work to make this event a success for Waukesha Catholic.

Teresa Landry
Administrative Assistant
Waukesha Catholic

OTHER EVENTS

St. Mary Parish Fish Fry



Mark your calendars! Tell your friends! St. Mary's Famous Fish Fry is Friday, February 23, 2007 in the Community Room at 225 S. Hartwell Ave. (Enter thru the glass doors from St. Mary's Parking Lot) Dine-in or convenient carry-out service is available. Featuring delicious cod fried to perfection, golden french fries, crispy cole-slaw and applesauce. Beer, wine and soda are available separately. Home-baked pies whole or by the slice are also available. They will be serving from 4:30-7:30 P.M.

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 two notices from the Waukesha Police department regarding sex offenders released into the community. If you are interested in the information available you may call the Waukesha Police Department at 524-3769 or 524-3785, or stop by your campus office.

Condolences

Nicholas and Zachary Scharrer's great grandmother, Natalia Stoffel passed away on February 4th. Please keep the Scharrer family in your prayers.

Gabriel Martinez a 2002 graduate of Waukesha Catholic died Saturday, February 3rd. Please keep the Martinez family in your prayers.

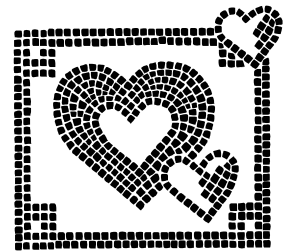
Kalahari Reduced Rate

Looking for something fun to do when the kids are off on Friday, February 23rd? Reduced rates are available at the Kalahari resort in the Dells. Room rates (depending on how many people in a family) for the night are either \$169 or \$199. Call the resort at 608-254-5466 BY FRIDAY, February 16th and book your room(s). You must mention "Waukesha Families" in order to get that rate. Any questions may be directed to Paul & Maria Cook at paulmariacook@gmail.com or call 262-547-7986.

CAMPUS HI-LITES ST. JOSEPH

Included in this weeks packet

Conference Confirmation
Curriculum Questionnaire
Fish Fry Volunteer Form
Scrip Order Form



Welcome Mrs. Smilanich!

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to the St. Joseph Campus Community of Waukesha Catholic, Mrs. Martha Smilanich. Mrs. Smilanich began teaching Spanish classes at St. Joe's this week. Mrs. Smilanich was a teacher and principal in Mexico before coming to Wisconsin. Previously she has taught in the bilingual program of the Waukesha Public Schools. We are pleased to have her with us and she looks forward to meeting the parents.

Forensics News!

February 2nd was a busy night for Waukesha Catholic. In addition to the Great Waukesha Catholic Auction, the second forensics meet was hosted by Kettle Moraine Middle School. Congratulations to all forensics participants for their great performances!

In the Categories of Solo-Serious, Solo-Humorous, Prose and Demonstration, Blue Ribbon Winners were: April B., Kelsey R., Laura S., Louisa W. & Henry W..

In the Categories of Moments in History, Solo-Humorous, Prose, Poetry and Infomercial, Red Ribbon Winners were: Molly B., Alison B., Tommy H., Eduardo M., Rebekah M., Chrissy P., Katie P. and Analise S.

Of course we could not participate without the help of our drivers, chaperones and judges. Thank you to Julie Richter, Laura Starck, Rene Jaynes, George Herrmann, Mary Parlow, Kate Malloy and Mary Jo Wickus.

Our third forensics meet this season, was hosted by Cedarburg Webster M.S. on Saturday, February, 3rd.

In the Category of Poetry, Blue Ribbon Winner was Katie P., and Category of Solo-Humorous, Red Ribbon Winner was Eduardo M. Congratulations!

Thank you to Francisco Martinez for chaperoning and Mary Parlow for judging.

4 P's in a Pod, LLC -Your School Lunch Caterers

We at "The Pod" believe that teaching children to eat healthy is a process. We commit to partnering with your school and you, as parents, to introduce your children to a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy meats and dairy.



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The Wisconsin Environmental Health Department recently awarded us a **perfect score** for sanitation and procedures in our **state licensed** kitchen.

Because we care for the health of your child, we daily provide fruit and vegetables in our hot lunch. Fruits and veggies are child friendly and full of vitamins, minerals, enzymes and fiber that your child needs. Watch for 'Pearls from the Pod' monthly in your school newsletter. For more information about us, visit our website at www.4psinapod.com.

Info Available

If you are interested in any of the following information please contact the school office, 896-2930.

2007 Waukesha West Baseball Camp Boys and Girls 3-8 grade
Brookfield Academy Chess Tournament Saturday, March 3, 2007

Marquette High School will be running various summer sport camps including Basketball for 4-9th graders. Football, soccer and volleyball for 7th & 8th grade students. If you are interested in any of these forms visit the website; www.muhs.edu or contact Karen Ainsworth at 414-933-7220x3027.

ST. MARY

Book Fair Success

Thank you to the many volunteers who made our Book Fair possible and successful this year: Amy Braun, David Else, Jaime Sconce, Kimberly Tillison, Pauline Rosecky, Liz Lingo, Maureen Drescher, Cynthia Kramer, Laurie Burns, Amanda Standarski, Marna Berg, Debbie Buchert, Mary Kassens, Marcia Koenig, Amy Gogin, Julie Bluma, Melanie Sikma, Joli Krismer, Marie Furrer, Kris Owens, Dawn Vasquez, Theresa Chrisien, Matt Trebby, Anne Primasing, Jennifer Komp, Mary Norgord, Cindy Doyle, Barb Pittz, Nancy Wolfe, Cathy Seidenglanz, Susanne Krasovich, Mary Morris, Vicki Schmer, Michelle Foote, Ann Langemak, Liz Wilson, Michele Nord, Susie Matson, Pauline Rosecky, and Cheryl Berens.



The Book Fair profits make up our entire Library budget, so your generous participation has once again made it possible to buy new books for our Library. Thank you!

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Looking Ahead
In Today's Packet

ST. WILLIAM

Auction Bids

The Wieczorek family has "won" the right to be "first in line" starting immediately. They have the right to go to the front of the car line and pull into the 1st position. They have children in K4 and Grade 2, so the prize is good for each pick-up line. Congratulations!

Cold Weather

During winter we generally go outside at each recess. We go out unless the wind chill is minus 10 degrees. So, please make sure your child/ren have hats, gloves, boots and snow pants. If your child is too sick to go out to play at recess, he/she is probably too sick to be in school.

Market day

Orders are due Wednesday, February 28th or online by Saturday, March 3rd.

Conference Forms

Parents who have conferences on Thursday, February 22nd, will have conference time verification forms in their packets.

Hot Lunch

We will be offering hot lunch on a daily basis through "4 P's IN A Pod LLC", beginning April 1, 2007, (they have serviced St. Mary Campus since October 2006). We will provide more information and menus as we get closer to the start date. The cost will be \$2.70 for lunch. We will not offer lunch on the dates that we have already scheduled a lunch, from our original "Hot Lunch" service food vendors (which has already been paid for). As information becomes available and you have questions, simply call the school office and we will try to answer them. Thank you!

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Father's Day

We celebrate Father's Day on **Friday, March 16th**. Fathers, we hope to honor you for your special role in raising the children of SWC. We begin with 9:00 A.M. Mass and conclude about 10:30 A.M., with a snack and coffee in the Parish Hall.

Fun Fair

Parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend Fun Fair (Tuesday, February 20th) from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. Also, **the students of K-4 are welcome to attend Fun Fair with their parents.**

Fun Fair lunch orders, for students Kindergarten-Grade 5, were included with the hot lunch order at the beginning of the school year. The students will receive a hot dog lunch on Tuesday, February 20th.

Volunteers are still needed to work at Fun Fair. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Info Available

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2007 Waukesha West Baseball Camp Boys and Girls 3-8 grade

600 Minutes Program

The reading forms for Great America tickets through 600 minutes program is ending on Thursday, February 22nd. Make sure all forms are completed and returned by that date.

Cookie Contest

The grade 5 students will have a cookies and milk party as the winning class during our recent cookie contest. The grade 5 students had a total of 11 tubs of cookies donated. Thank you to all who participated.

Looking Ahead:

2-15-07	Family Lenten Event at St. Mary Parish
2-15-07	Penny Drive pick-up
2-18-07	Family Lenten Event at St. William Parish
2-20-07	Fun Fair 11:00am – 1:00pm
2-21-07	Ash Wednesday—Lent begins
2-22-07	Early Dismissal 11:30/Optional Conference Day
2-23-07	No School

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