

Campus Connection

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

LENT AND GOOD COMMUNICATION

Lent is a good time to take "time out" and recall what is really important in our lives. It is a good time to reflect on our communication style and some good principles of how we relate to one another. Susan Vogt in her book, *Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference* offers seven good principles for communication which I'd like to share with you.

1. If a verbal and nonverbal message conflict, the nonverbal will prevail. It is more powerful. If kids see us telling them one thing and doing another, what we do counts more than what we say. Asking children to listen to us, but not listening to them, because we know what they will probably say, diminishes our own credibility.
2. If a positive and negative message conflict, the negative message is more powerful. If a person hears, I like the way you helped your brother, but you certainly did poorly on your spelling test, the child will focus on the poor performance.
3. Listening is not the same as being quiet. "Standing in another's shoes" is potent listening. Saying "I know what you are telling me..." and really holding the person's feelings as if they were your own, is a bonding experience which helps negotiate compromises and builds relationships.
4. Separate morality from feelings. Feelings are neither right nor wrong. They simply are. Things are morally right or wrong depending on how one acts on his or her feelings. A child may be angry because you asked him or her to clean up the mess in the family room. But if the child does what you ask, he or she is making a good moral decision. (Yes, you might have to work on "attitude" after the room is cleaned!)
5. Use "I" statements rather than "you" statements. "I am disappointed when you...because..." is better than "you are a bad girl for doing that." "You upset me when..." is less effective than "I am worried that when ..." "I" statements are more effective for positive feedback also. "You are a good boy," is less effective than "I am pleased that you cleaned up your room without being asked because it shows me you are getting to be very responsible." Or "I appreciate it when you share 'computer time' with your sister, because it shows that you care for others."
6. Affirmation and appreciation keep relationships healthy. Some psychologists refer to emotional bank accounts, in which positive input is considered a deposit and negative input a debit. Children, and all of us, can handle negative feedback, if it is situated amidst regular positive feedback.
7. Never say "never" or "always." Stay away from "blanket" statements as there are often exceptions to "absolutes." Some of the most devastating comments are those which sound like this, "You never get it." "You never listen." Such expressions convey that a person is not a good person, deserving of respect. The unspoken response is, "If I never get it, then I guess I'll never get it!"



All of us, not just children, can benefit from respectful, honest and loving communication. In fact we can be transformed by it!

Maureen Gallagher
Director

NEED TO KNOW

Registration Forms for Next Year

Please finalize your child's enrollment for the next school year as soon as possible. The completed forms may be sent to the school office.



Summer Camps

Plans for the summer fun are moving forward. Send your forms to the school office to get in on the action!

Waukesha Catholic Fish Fry

Friday, March 16 at St. William Gym from 3:30 – 7:00

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.



SERVICE

The Lorax Project

Weekly environmental advice from 5th graders at St. William Campus:

"Save your old clothes for a garage sale or give it to charity."

Thanks from the Else's

Dave, Kim and Christopher Else (SM grade 3) would like to thank everyone who provided donations to the orphanages in the Philippines. During their stay, they participated in a number of activities with the children. The children's ages range from 8-16 and they desire a loving home to call their own. The children are available for immediate placement. Interested families may contact Dave or Kim at 262-650-2092 to learn more.

FUNDRAISERS

Fish Fry

This Year's Waukesha Catholic Fish Fry will offer baked fish in limited amount. Baked fish will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Also, on last week's flyer the wrong date was listed for soda donations. The correct date should be Wednesday March 14th. Sorry for the confusion.

Scrip



- ❖ Scrip orders for Monday, March 5th were \$ 42,950 with \$ 1,853 in profit.
- ❖ A new Scrip promotion is being offered by Casa del Rio. For every 5 certificates you purchase, they will give you one free. This is a great offer! For every \$50 you purchase you receive \$10 more. To take advantage of the free certificate you must order and pay for five Casa del Rio certificates. To order your free certificate please mark in the "NOTE" area of the order form "1 free Casa del Rio". No tuition credit will be given on the free certificate.

- ❖ The Scrip form has been updated with new Vendors.
- ❖ We have been advised Jewel/Osco is closing 10 stores. The Jewel Store on Highway 164 is on the close list. Pick N Save has purchased 5 other Jewel's in Milwaukee. Please use any certificates because we cannot return any unused certificates.
- ❖ Just a reminder that many cards start to deduct a service charge one year after the issue date. Please use your cards on a timely basis to use the entire amount.
- ❖ The JoAnn card is on back order until further notice. If you have ordered this card in the last few weeks we have issued a credit. You may use the credit for other Scrip or for a refund.

RECOGNITION

Forensics News!

Twenty-six schools were invited to the 5th forensics tournament of the season hosted at Brown Deer High School on Saturday, February 24th. This tournament included a power round for the top third of the performers. Please congratulate the power round finalists, Alison B., April B. and Rebekah M.

- Blue ribbon winners: April B., Molly B. and Chrissy P.
- Purple ribbon winners: Alison B. and Laura S.
- Red ribbon winners: Rebekah M. and Analise S.



Thank you to Tina Starck, Cathy Brisk and Geri Kiltinen for judging and chaperoning! Congratulations to all forensics participants for their great performances and proudly representing Waukesha Catholic - St. Joseph Middle School!

Our Forensic coordinators for the 2006-2007 school year also deserve a big THANK YOU!! Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Parlow spent many hours practicing, planning and traveling so our students could shine!

Waukesha Catholic Alumni

Please share the good news! Thank you for providing these students with the skills and knowledge necessary for them to achieve this excellence. The following Catholic Memorial High School students who previously attended Waukesha Catholic have achieved a 3.5 G.P.A. or better for the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year.

Waukesha Catholic - St. Joseph Middle School Graduates

Amelia Andacht	2009	Eileen Molzberger	2007
Mitchell Armstrong	2008	Sarah Murawski	2007
Jennifer Baumann	2007	Alexandrea Newell	2007
Claire Beiermeister	2007	Thomas Novak	2009
Laura Beiermeister	2009	Richard Novak	2010
Therese Bowes	2007	Alison O'Brien	2007
Taylor Braun	2008	Ann Penlesky	2007
Teresa Cage	2008	Daniel Plechaty	2007
Kristin Cahill	2007	Gregory Plechaty	2009
Gregory Calhoun	2007	Elizabeth Polacheck	2008
Matthew Calhoun	2009	Cailyn Reilly	2007
Lindsay Croegaert	2008	Morgan Reilly	2008
Erin Davis	2010	Paul Renner	2009
Megan Demeter	2008	Rebecca Rohde	2010
Caroline English	2009	Cynthia Rozmenoski	2009
Mara Fleckenstein	2009	Kristin Ruekert	2009
Abigail Friess	2008	Sarah Spencer	2008
Lauren Friess	2010	Tyler Spriggs	2007
Kelsey Gilbert	2009	Todd Stanley	2008
Colleen Hanley	2010	Emily Starck	2010
Laura Hanson	2007	Kaitlin Stone	2007
Aubrey Hutchens	2009	Samantha Stuesser	2010
Tarin Kennedy	2010	Emily Terasa	2009
Shaun Knapp	2009	Molly Tom	2009
Lisa Kohli	2009	Taylor Villwock	2008
Jacob Krause	2010	Daniel Walden	2009
Christopher Krausert	2007	Laurel Wold	2007
Courtney Krausert	2010	Mitchell Wolf	2007
Kathryn Kuemmel	2008	Amy Zelko	2009
Grace Loppnow	2007		
Hannah Loppnow	2009		
Cassandra McMurry	2008		

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OTHER EVENTS

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 524-3785, or stop by your campus office.

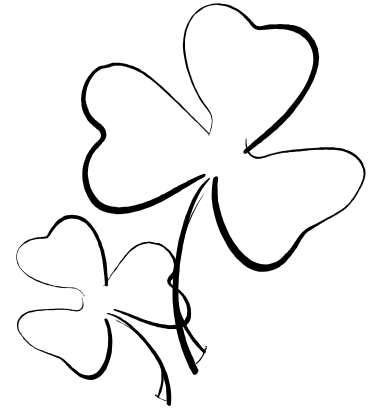
CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in This Week's Packet
McDonald's Flyer from H&S
Scrip Order Form
6 Grade Permission slip to symphony

Pray The Stations With Us

6th Grade - Friday, March 9 8:30 A.M., 12:15 P.M. & 2:30 P.M.
7th Grade - Thursday, March 8 1:45 P.M.



Telephone Update and Reminder

Our school and parish are still having difficulties with the phone system. The parish is in the process of collecting bids and finding parts to temporarily fix the situation. We ask for your continued patience and please leave a message even if it's someone else's voice mail, this includes the parish. Identify yourself as a school parent and leave your message. The phone system still has the capability of obtaining and transferring the messages within our phone system.

Parents are reminded to keep the transportation changes and last minute appointments to a minimum. This is not always a possibility but it will help our phone volume. We are trying to get messages to students as best we can but it is not always possible given our current set of circumstances.

Our school cell number: 262-565-7291.

Check Out the March 1st Catholic Herald

St. Joe's very own Fr. Bill Key is on the cover. There is a nice feature article about his volunteer efforts with the BOLD, (Lions Club Blind Outdoor Leisure Development) blind skiers. The article is also available on the web: www.chnonline.org Our school was lucky enough to have Fr. Bill accompany our skiers on several of their ski trips this season!



Outreach Thanks



The Milwaukee –C J Zablocki VAMC patients and staff extended their thanks to St. Joe's students for the Valentine cards sent last month. Our continued support and thoughtfulness are appreciated. The cards, recognition, and thanks for the veteran's sacrifice lifted the spirits of our veterans.

Box Top Thanks and Welcome

A big thank you to Mrs. Hope Bina for her many years of service as our General Mills Box Tops for Education Coordinator. Mrs. Bina's last student is in 8th grade this year and she is retiring as our coordinator. Mrs. Jaynes has graciously accepted the coordinator position! Thank you. We appreciate all of their efforts on our behalf! Our last submission of box tops yielded \$312.80!!

Hot Lunch Thanks

Ash Wednesday's Pasta day was a success thanks to wonderful volunteers who took time out of their day to cook, clean and serve lunch to our students. Please thank Linda Rice, Dawn Vasquez, Teresa Landry, Diana Banda-Martinez, Cheryl Berens, Laura Haberstroh, and Peter Agnello. I know all of the staff and students appreciated their hard work.

ST. MARY

Supplies Needed

Please keep St. Mary's in mind when you're at the store. Especially needed are sandwich size zip lock baggies (for ice packs), paper towel and tissues. Thank you in advance.

Attention Afternoon Car/Walker pick-up – A Request from MRS. KOVALESKI

Please remember, if you are picking up your child by car after school you ARE to use the carline that forms in the back parking lot. We have noticed that many children are being picked up on Newhall Avenue which is creating heavy congestion in a very limited space. **IT HAS BECOME A SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN AND IS PUTTING OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF AT RISK.**

- ❖ I do recognize that it may be more convenient to pull in front of school, especially if you have a child getting off the bus from St. Joe's. However, I am sure you would agree that the safety and well being of our students/staff is far more important. I am truly concerned that if we do not enforce this policy, someone will get hurt.

I am asking you to please honor my request that parents do not pick-up/park on Newhall Avenue anywhere between the driveway into the staff parking lot and Hartwell Avenue. I will be monitoring this very closely. If it becomes necessary I will address the situation on a case by case basis. I would hope, however, that won't be necessary. I know we all want what is best for the children of St. Mary's and that NOBODY would want to put our students in harms way.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter!
Sincerely, Lisa Kovaleski



Looking Ahead

Friday, March 9th – 9:00 a.m., School Liturgy 1-2
2:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross, grade 3
Sunday, March 11th – Set your clocks ahead one hour
Monday, March 12th – Hot lunch forms are due today!
Wednesday, March 14th – Non-uniform day
- 4th grade St. Patrick's Day luncheon

In Today's Packet

- ❖ 15 minute Reading Activities, from Mrs. Klawans

ST. WILLIAM

Lunch-4 P's in a Pod

The lunch order forms for April are due Monday, March 12th. We would prefer payment to be a check payable to SWC with your lunch order. A student, who forgets a lunch, will NOT be offered an option to order lunch on any given day. This is because the meals are prepared ahead of time off site and brought to school.



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. Please send your RSVP by Wednesday, March 7th.

Quilt Raffle

The quilt is about 70 by 80 inches and is a collection of colors with mostly an orange and green pattern. The tickets will be in the school office, just let us know how many you wish to purchase. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All the money collected will be sent to the School Sisters of St. Francis.

Lice Check

We wish to thank Donna Friess, Lois Karnuth, Pam McWilliams and Martha Hallett for checking the hair of all the students. All the heads looked great, no lice were discovered!

Bike Safety

St. William Campus students and parents have been offered an opportunity to purchase bike helmets through ProHealth Care, SafeKids of Southwest Wisconsin and Bell Helmets. The helmets would cost \$7.50 and will be available to students (age 5 and older) and adults who are interested. The student/adult must be here on Friday, March 30th at 10 A.M. to be fitted for a helmet. An order form is included in today's packet. If you are interested in purchasing a helmet, please return the order form no later than Wednesday, March 14th, so the order can be placed.

Lenten Food Drives

During Lent we have been given an opportunity to help two groups of people in need. The Grade 6&8 students at SJC will be collecting food for the House of Peace, and we will help. This group has specific food collection goals, so we are asking for items by grade. We are also collecting food for the Waukesha Food Pantry in collaboration with the Girl Scouts of SWC. We will collect non-perishable food items.

The House of Peace items by grade:

K4 and K5 --boxes of Macaroni and cheese

Grade 1 --boxes of pudding or jello/ boxes of cornbread mix

Grade 2 --boxes of cake mix/ cans of frosting

Grade 3 --cans of cranberry sauce/ 32 oz. cans of sweet potatoes or yams

Grade 4 --cans of green beans/cans of corn

Grade 5—boxes of mashed potatoes/ bags of stuffing

For the Girl Scout collection: Any non-perishable food items

All items can be sent to the school office. Thank you!



Looking Ahead:

3-5 to 3-16 **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) grades 3 & 5**

3-7-07 Market Day Pick-up at 3:30 to 4:30

3-9-07 **Stations of the Cross at 2:30 in church**

3-11-07 Daylight Savings Time Begins-set clocks ahead one hour

3-15-07 Waukesha Catholic Now tours at SWC at 7:30 & 11:30 (come see what we do)

3-16-07 **Waukesha Catholic Fish Fry at SW Gym**

3-22-07 End of Quarter 3

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