

Campus Connection

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Waukesha
Catholic SCHOOL
SYSTEM

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Waukesha Catholic instills faith and inspires futures by nurturing each child's gifts with an education rooted in the Gospel values and a culture of community, compassion, and love.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, January 25 - Wednesday, January 31

Wednesday, January 24: Board Meeting tonight at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 25: Non-uniform Day!

- **SWC** - Book Fair, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- **SMC** - Chess Club, 3:30-4:30 pm

Friday, January 26:

- **SWC** - Prayer Service at 9:00 am led by Mrs. Gyax K4A class
- ▶ Book Fair, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- ▶ Classroom candid photos
- **SMC** - Ski Club to Alpine
- ▶ Classroom candid photos

Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28: Catholic Schools Week and H&S Hospitality Weekend at St. John Neumann and St. William Parishes After Masses

Saturday, January 27: Book Fair 5:00-6:00 pm at SWC

Sunday, January 28:

- **SWC** - Open House, 8:30-11:30 am
- ▶ Book Fair 8:30-11:30 am

Monday, January 29: Scrip orders due by noon

- **SWC** - Last Day of Book Fair, 9:00-10:00 am

Wednesday, January 31:

- **SMC** - Mass at 8:35 am
- ▶ Book Fair begins today, 9:00 am-4:00 pm (closed 11:10 am-1:30 pm)

January 2024 Calendars:

[SWC](#)

[SMC](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)



KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:

*Thank a teacher for
class this week.*

ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN HOLY MOMENTS!

[This Week's Video](#)

(Video Note: The Holy Moments videos shared each week are titled using the prompt from the week before as they "recap" the previous week's prompt and introduce us to the new prompt for the upcoming week.)

Our teachers and staff put in so much effort every day to ensure our students receive an outstanding Catholic education in a safe and loving environment. Please take time this week to say thank you! And remember, some moments are holy. Some moments are unholy. And you get to decide!

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Send a thank you note to your child's favorite teacher.
- Help your child to make a card for their teacher and encourage them to get everyone in their class to sign it!
- Email the school principal, giving kudos to a teacher who's been especially helpful this year.

We want to hear about the amazing ways you and your family are collaborating with God! Email Meghan Gorzalski at mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org and tell us about a special Holy Moment you witnessed or created. Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins this weekend! This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community," beautifully captures the essence of what makes our school so special. Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate the unique blend of academic excellence, strong faith

foundation, and nurturing community that sets our schools apart. It's a week to **shine a light on the incredible things happening within our walls** and to share the joy of Catholic education with everyone around us.

Please see the flyer included in today's packet for a sneak peak of what we have planned for this year's festivities.

Catholic Schools Week 2024 - HELP STILL NEEDED: We are still in need of volunteers to help at the Catholic School Masses the weekend of January 27 and 28 and February 3 and 4. We are looking for student and/or family volunteers to:

- Be greeters
- Read a "Welcome"
- Read the First Reading (4th grade or older)
- Bring up the gifts

We need volunteers for the Masses as listed below:

- **Weekend of January 27 and 28: Volunteers for Masses at St. William and St. John Neumann.** [Click Here to Sign Up](#)
- **Weekend of February 3 and 4: Volunteers for Masses at St. Mary and St. Joseph.** [Click Here to Sign Up.](#)

You may volunteer for a Mass at any of the parishes. You may also sign up to volunteer for multiple Masses or multiple jobs per Mass.

Our Home & School is also looking for volunteers to help with hospitality (distribute cookies) after each of the Masses. If you are able to assist with that, please use the link below. Again - you may volunteer for a Mass part listed above and help with hospitality, as well. [Click Here](#) to sign up to help with Home & School Hospitality.

A staff member or Home & School representative will be in contact with any students/families that sign up, prior to that weekend, to provide additional details.

Additional Updates/Reminders:

- Registration for the 2024-25 school year for current school families begins Friday. Registration information will be sent home on Friday via email as well as included in next week's Campus Connection. Current families have priority registration until Thursday, February 8. Registration will then be open to new families beginning Friday, February 9.
- The BACK TO THE 90's Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 3. I hope you can join us for this amazingly fun and important event! Please find complete details below.

Blessings,
Lisa Kovaleski



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held "in person" on Thursday, February 8 from 4:00-8:00 pm. Please note that these conferences are **NOT** mandatory. Teachers have already been in contact with parents for whom they would like to have a conference. If you did not receive a request for a conference from your child's teacher,

but would still like to meet, you can sign up for a time slot using the link below. If you wish to schedule a conference please do so by Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 8:00 am.

Due to Mrs. Tallinger's (K5) maternity leave she will not be having conferences at this time. She will schedule any necessary conferences upon her return.

Sign up here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?](https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C2C1D6F9CDF760&cs=09CBBADD8FCC8B637B0664735BC19BCE&sortBy=l.title)

[go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C2C1D6F9CDF760&cs=09CBBADD8FCC8B637B0664735BC19BCE&sortBy=l.title](https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C2C1D6F9CDF760&cs=09CBBADD8FCC8B637B0664735BC19BCE&sortBy=l.title)

First Student Bus Tracker Information

The School District of Waukesha and First Student use *First View*, a Bus Tracker app. To learn more about the app go to:

<https://sdw.waukesha.k12.wi.us/o/sdw/page/first-student-bus-tracker>



Since we are a private school you will need to complete this request to receive your child(ren)'s ID and security code via email. [FirstView ID and Security Code Request Form](#)



BACK TO THE 90s AUCTION

📢 LAST DAYS TO PURCHASE TICKETS! 📢

DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Saturday, February 3, 2024

The Ingleside Hotel

2810 Golf Rd in Pewaukee

5:15 PM

👉 TICKET LINK: www.bidpal.net/WaukeshaCatholic

*** TICKET SALES CLOSE AT 11:59 PM CST ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29! ***

Our 2024 Live Auction presents a thrilling array of newly discovered gems and exclusive experiences, including:

- Indulge in an Exclusive Wine or Bourbon Tasting for 12-14, accompanied by a delectable Five Course Meal held in the privacy of your home or at Zilli Hospitality's elegant Tasting Room in Waukesha
- Embark on a Chartered Salmon Fishing Trip for an unforgettable adventure
- Elevate your grilling game with the Ultimate Grill Package
- Secure your seats for a Packers Regular Season Home Game, ensuring an exciting sports spectacle
- Treat your pet to a Superhero Experience like no other
- Immerse yourself in the magic of a Tim McGraw Concert with our exclusive ticket package
- Capture the essence of the game with a Willy Adames Game-Worn Jersey
- Create lasting memories with a Summer Family Getaway to the Osthoff Resort

Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to bid on exceptional items and experiences in our silent auction:

- Exclusive signed Brewers Baseballs straight from the Clubhouse, adding a unique touch to your collection
- Unique One-of-a-kind Classroom-Created Projects, showcasing creativity at its finest
- Experience the thrill of the First Pitch Package with the Lakeshore Chinooks
- Immerse yourself in the excitement with the Battle House Laser Combat Party Package for Five
- Own a piece of the Pride of the Fox River with our exquisite statue

You can still register to join us! Visit bidpal.net/WaukeshaCatholic to register today!



URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

We have a critical need for volunteers. Can you help with our set-up on the morning of Saturday, February 3 or unloading our truck on Sunday, February 4? We also need lots of night-of volunteers! Your contribution is crucial to making our Auction a success!

Please sign up for one or more of the many volunteering opportunities using this **SignUpGenius Link**:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4AA22A4FECE9-41006042-2024#/>

THERE'S STILL TIME TO ENTER TO WIN \$2,000 CASH OR ONE YEAR OF TUITION!

Now is your opportunity to secure one year of free tuition for the 2024-25 school year, valued at \$4,587.00, or take home \$2,000.00 in cash! Whether or not you attend the auction, you can participate in this incredible raffle! Tell your family and friends that they can enter, too!! Purchase your tickets right now at just \$30 each or get 3 for \$75 by purchasing them [HERE](#) when you purchase your auction

tickets. Only 500 tickets will be sold, offering you great odds of winning! To purchase your tickets



by cash or check, complete the raffle form that was included in your school packet (or download the form [HERE](#)) and return it to the school office on or before **Friday, February 2**. GOOD LUCK!!



WE NEED AUCTION DONATIONS!!!

We need to raise \$150,000 at this year's Auction... and we need your help! We are still collecting items for our silent auction! Can you help us with a donation of a gift basket, power tool, unique experience, sports or concert tickets, purse or jewelry, new toys, or any other unique item to our Auction! Please contact Monika Sobierajski, Development Assistant, at 262-896-2929 ext. 5207 or msobierajski@waukeshacatholic.org. Additional In-Kind Donation Forms can be downloaded [HERE](#).



Current Parents, Please Tell Your Friends!

As many of you know, this weekend we kick off Catholic Schools Week by hosting the first of two open houses! Enrollment season is upon us, and we are asking your help to grow our school family.

The best way to spread the news about how wonderful Waukesha Catholic School is, is to share your own experience with family, friends, and colleagues! Our current parents are our best partners in marketing our school to prospective families! (It's true!) Some of you are already helping with yard signs; some of you leave us glowing reviews on social media platforms, some of you recommend Waukesha Catholic to friends and family and for that, we are grateful! Please invite the people in your life to join us! Please share the following Open House Info with prospective families you may know:

- Our first Open House is at our St. William Campus, K3-Gr.2 , located at 440 N. Moreland Blvd. Waukesha, WI 53188 this Sunday, January 28, 2024. Come for a visit with your family anytime between 8:30-11:30 am.
- The second Open House will be at our St. Mary Campus, Grades 3-8, located at 520 E. Newhall Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186. Come for a visit with your family on Sunday, February 4, 2024 anytime between 9:00-11:00 am.
- [Families can register for our Open Houses by following this link](#). Please share the link with people who may be interested in learning more about Waukesha Catholic.

Remember, Meghan loves visiting with new families and giving personal tours of either of our campuses ANYTIME! If families have questions, please have them contact: Mrs. Meghan D. Gorzalski, Director of Admissions and Marketing at: mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929 ext. 5206.

A Big Thank you to Annie Delaney for her work on the Snowball Winter Formal!!

Volunteers Needed: Catholic Schools Week Hospitality

- Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28 for St. William and St. John Neumann
- Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4 for St. Mary and St. Joseph

→→→Home and School is in **Urgent need of a Coordinator for the St. Mary's hospitality** for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4. If you are willing to fill this position please contact Laura Smith via email at laurasmith317@gmail.com.

We will be needing volunteers to help hand out cookies at each Mass during each Parish's assigned weekend to thank the parishioners for supporting our schools. Please click the link below to see slots that are open to volunteer:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-catholic#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-catholic#/)

Culver's Dine Out Nights

Below are the Culver's Dine Out Night dates for the rest of the school year. The dates listed are all on Mondays at the Sunset

Drive location:

- Monday, February 12
- Monday, March 11
- Monday, April 8
- Monday, May 13



Book Fair at the St. William Campus

The St. William Book Fair will take place in the library from Wednesday, January 24-Monday, January 29. Books will be provided by Rainbow Booksellers in Milwaukee and proceeds will benefit the school and classroom libraries. The hours are Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Saturday, 5:00-6:00

pm; Sunday, 8:00-11:30 am and Monday, 9:00-10:00 am. Stop by and pick up a good book to support our libraries. Happy Reading!

Book Fair At St. Mary Campus

The St. Mary Book Fair will take place in the library, **Wednesday, January 31 through Monday, February 5**. Books will be provided by Rainbow Booksellers and proceeds will benefit the school and classroom libraries. Stop by for a good book and support your school!

Hours:

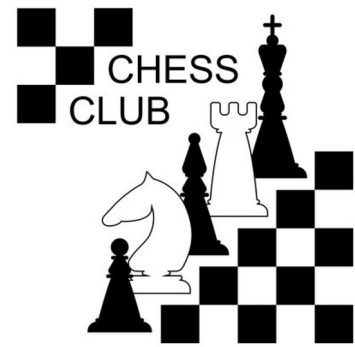
Wednesday, January 31 - Friday, February 2: 9:00 am-4:00 pm (Closed 11:10 am-1:30 pm)

Sunday, February 4: 9:00-11:00 am (Open House); 6:00-7:30 pm (After Mass)

Monday, February 5: 9:00-10:00 am

Sign Up Now For The Second Session of Chess Club!

The second session of St. Mary's Chess Club will be starting in February. Chess Club will meet on the following dates from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Community Room at St. Mary Campus. These dates are all on Thursdays:



- ▶ February 22 and 29
- ▶ March 14 and 21
- ▶ April 11 and 25
- ▶ May 2, 16, 23, and 30

Chess Club is open to all students in grades 3-8 and students of any ability levels are welcome to join, even those who don't know how to play Chess! Our coach, Kevin Klandrud, is experienced with working with students of all ability levels. He is a coach for the Pewaukee Middle School and an active member of an area chess club.

There is a \$15 registration fee which should be paid before the first meeting. Payment should be made by check made out to Waukesha Catholic School. Please add "Chess Club" to the memo line. Participation will be limited to 30 students. You can reserve a spot using this SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4A82BA6FA7-47126024-chess#/>

If you have any questions, or would like to support our Chess Club in any way, please contact Mr. Heinecke at jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org

From the Business Office



Tuition Tax Form Information

Tax season is quickly approaching. A simple form can help you deduct up to \$4,000 for K-8th grade tuition on your state income taxes. Click [here](#) for 2023 Schedule PS Tuition Tax Form. For questions regarding tax forms, you will need to contact your personal accountant.

To help you fill out your Schedule PS form you will find your tuition payment summary in FACTS. Please follow the instructions below to view/print your payment history for the 2023 calendar year.

Step 1: Sign in to FACTS at <https://online.factsmgt.com>

Step 2: Select 'View Details'

Step 3: Select 'View Payment Summary' **Page will open in another window or tab.**

Step 4: Select the year and then 'Print'

NOTE: This report will show the total paid for each of the accounts. You can select a year or a date range for this summary. This will also include the School's Federal Tax ID and address. If you do not have access to FACTS, please contact Mary Jo Bartelt in the business office at 262-896-2929 ext. 5204 to get your login information.

HOT LUNCH HAPPENINGS

JANUARY order link: <https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx>
(You can remove or add up to six days before date of service.)

[January Lunch Menu](#) (rev. 1/16/24)

[February Lunch Menu](#)

Hot Lunch can always use an extra set of hands! If you have a free lunch hour, please consider volunteering! (*Background and Safeguarding are Required*)

SMC: [SMC Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)

SWC: [SWC Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)

Whipping Up Wellness! Student Chef Competition: Apply Now!

This will be our third year entering a recipe for consideration. Last year's team was invited to compete at the State competition in Madison, and we placed 3rd! If you are a Middle School student, love cooking, being creative, and just having fun, come join us! (Meetings will start after Catholic Schools Week.)

Please contact Mrs. Suzik if you are interested in creating an original recipe from Wisconsin grown ingredients!
(jsuzik@waukeshacatholic.org or just stop by the Library).

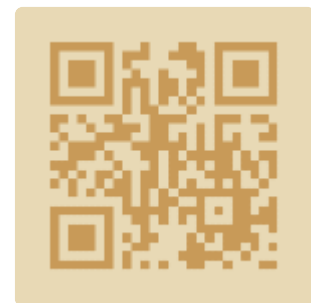


JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TONIGHT

➡➡ The January Board of Directors meeting is tonight at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm.

RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)

Do you get paid on Friday? Do you find it inconvenient to place a Scrip order on Monday? If you answered "yes" - then reloadable cards are for you! You can order a gift card for \$25 (or sometimes less) and reload it for even more on any day that is convenient for you. For example, if you like to shop for your groceries on the weekend - order a \$25 Pick 'n Save gift card from school on Monday, and it will be delivered to you on Thursday. On Friday, when you receive your paycheck you can reload the card up to \$500 with (automatic bank payment, debit or credit card) and shop for your groceries whenever you need them. Once you have a physical card most of the Scrip cards are reloadable in this same way - *Pick 'n Save, Walmart, Target, Kwik Trip, Panera, Starbucks, Meijer, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bath & Body Works, Sendik's, Hallmark, and many more!*



Place your Scrip order by Monday, January 29 at noon for delivery on Thursday, February 1.

The Scrip Program is easy to use - order gift cards from over 750 top retailers. You can give the cards as gifts or use them for your regular purchases. Almost every store and restaurant you visit has a gift card offered through the Scrip Program - check out the options at www.RaiseRight.com. If you are new to the Scrip Program you will need to create an account and use our Waukesha Catholic code D62CEALE1142 to register. You may scan the QR code above.

Do you have questions about the Scrip Program? Contact Charlotte Hartmann, our Scrip Coordinator, at scrip@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929 ext. 5208 for more information.



Box Tops and Ink Cartridges

Keep scanning your receipt for Box Tops!

Accepting these used/expired ink cartridges:

Brother, Canon, Dell, HP, IBM, Lexmark, Okidata, Samsung, Xerox

Please send ink cartridges to school in baggies or the original box labeled with student's name and class. Each donation equals one entry into the monthly \$10 gift card drawing!

Congrats to the Emma Joecken family for winning the December drawing!

ATHLETICS

FREE BASKETBALL ADMISSION:

Be sure to check this week's campus packet for a flyer to give your Waukesha Catholic family (parents and kids) FREE admission to our home basketball games at St. Joe's Gym this Saturday, January 27 when all of our boys and girls teams play at home. Come join the fun to cheer on our Knights and help us kick off Catholic Schools Week!

Free Volleyball Clinic:

Waukesha Catholic Athletic Board will be running a **FREE 3rd and 4th grade volleyball clinic** over several Sundays in February. Please check your emails for upcoming dates and information.

Athletic Volunteers Needed!

Waukesha Catholic Athletics is looking for a **Parent Volunteer Coordinator** (shadow this year, take over next year). This person would serve their volunteer time by creating the SignUpGenius for parent volunteers to work admissions and concessions for our volleyball and basketball games, indoor track meet, and the Seton Volleyball Tournament. ***This can replace volunteering in admissions/concessions during games, so if you have some time on the computer during the week, especially at the start of each sports season, this volunteer role may be for you!***

Please contact Bill Serb, Athletic Director at 262-896-2929 ext. 5210 or email athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org if interested in learning more about the position.

Waukesha Catholic Basketball Upcoming Schedules

*All schedules subject to change – updates on www.nddbbb.org (check division & team # below)

Team	Next Game(s)
Boys 8th-Grade (Geller) Notre Dame #812	Sat. 1/27 at 11:15 am vs St. Dominic @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 8th-Grade (Frea) Notre Dame #806	Sat. 1/27 at 9:15 am vs St. Mary – Menomonee Falls @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 8th-Grade (Drosen) Don Bosco #816	Sat. 1/27 at 10:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 7th-Grade (Brejcha) Notre Dame #709	Sat. 1/27 at 1:00 pm vs Brookfield Academy @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 7th-Grade (Bowes) Don Bosco Blue #727	Sat. 1/27 at 2:00 pm vs St. Frances Cabrini @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 6th-Grade (Matson) Don Bosco Gold #631	Sat. 1/27 at 3:00 pm vs St. Joe's Tosa @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 6th-Grade (Cunningham) Don Bosco Blue #607	Sat. 1/27 at 6:00 pm vs St. Dominic @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 5th-Grade (Klubertanz) Don Bosco Blue #508	Sat. 1/27 at 4:00 pm vs St. Sebastian @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha Sat. 1/27 at 5:00 pm vs St. Jude @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha 1/23-1/29 @ St. Anthony on the Lake Tournament
Girls 5th-Grade (O'Brien) Don Bosco #503	Sat. 1/27 at 8:15 am vs St. Jude @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha

Gym locations and directions are located on the league website: <https://nddbbb.org/gym-locations>
HOME St. Joe's Waukesha – 841 Martin St., Waukesha
St. Anthony on the Lake – W280 N2101 Hwy SS Pewaukee, WI 53072

CAMPUS UPDATES

[St. William Campus \(Click here\)](#)

[St. Mary Campus \(Click here\)](#)

COMMUNITY MESSENGER



FOR THE BOYS
 VeggieTales Presents:
"PISTACHIO"
 The Little Boy That "Woodn't"

Sunday, March 10 at 1:30-3:00 p.m.
 at St. Mary in the Community Room

Donations of canned fruit or veggies appreciated.

Please **RSVP** using the QR code by March 5
 This event is most appropriate for boys ages 3-8 and a male companion.

Father "nose" best... A Lesson in Listening to Your Parents!



Just for the Girls!
Sweet Pea Sunday Tea

A Fairy "Veggie" Tale about the real meaning of true beauty

Sunday February 18, 1:30-3:00 pm
 at St. Mary in the Community Room

Wear Your Favorite Party Dress

Donations of canned fruit or veggies appreciated.
 Please RSVP using the QR code by February 13.
 This event is most appropriate for girls ages 3-8 and a female companion.

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who has the truest heart of all?



MUHS SHADOW VISITS



Marquette High school visits for 7th graders are now open



muhs.info/visit

Family Grief Support Groups



- Children and Teens explore, learn, and heal through grief together in guided peer groups with other kids their age.
- Parent/Guardian's participate in separate groups with adults.
- Loss due to death, divorce, trauma, abandonment, incarceration, or other life-altering events.
- A meal is served.
- Participation is Free.

WHEN: Monday nights starting February 5, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm

WHERE: First United Methodist Church
121 Wisconsin Ave
Waukesha, WI 53186

HOW: Register through the Healing Hearts website, or call 262-751-0874.

www.healingheartswisconsin.org

Healing Hearts Spring 2024 Session Information

Happy 2024! Our Waukesha spring session of Healing Hearts will be starting soon. The 12 week session starts on Monday, February 5 and runs until Monday, April 22, 2024. Click [here](#) for the spring 2024 calendar.

Children will find care, support, and healing through age-based peer support groups while parents/guardians participate in a peer support group specifically for them.

Please use this [link](#) to register for a group, share this with someone you know who may benefit from it, or call 262-751-0874 for more information.



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