

CAMPUS CONNECTION

Issue #12, November 15, 2023



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

- **Wednesday, November 15:** Waukesha Catholic Knights spirit wear due by 11:59pm
- **Friday, November 17:** Kindergarten Open House

- **Tuesday, November 21:** Principal Appreciation Day
- **NO SCHOOL - Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24:** Happy Thanksgiving!



► **NO CAMPUS CONNECTION** on *Wednesday, November 22* due to the holiday ◀

November 2023 Campus Calendars:

- [SWC](#)
- [SMC](#)

[2023-24 School Calendar](#)



KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:

*Say thank you to someone
who does something
for you.*

[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.)

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the simple act of gratitude. However, taking the time to say "thank you" can have a profound impact on both the giver and receiver. In fact, it can even create a Holy Moment.

There are many reasons why saying thank you is important:

- It makes others feel good. When we take the time to express our appreciation, it shows the other person that we care about them and value their efforts. This can boost their self-esteem and make them feel happier and more connected to others.
- It can improve our relationships. Saying "thank you" can help to strengthen relationships with family, friends, and even strangers. It builds trust and creates a sense of community.
- It can make us feel happier. When we focus on the good things in our lives, we are more likely to experience positive emotions.

When we say thank you with sincerity, we open ourselves up to experiencing the joy of gratitude and the connection of shared understanding. We also give the other person a gift that is priceless – the gift of being seen and appreciated.

So take the time this week to say "thank you" to someone. You never know what Holy Moment you might create. And remember, some moments are holy, some moments are unholy. And you get to decide!

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!

Other Updates/Reminders/Acknowledgements:

Food Drive: Another way we can create Holy Moments is by stocking the food pantries of the Catholic Community of Waukesha. The donations to the parish food pantries this year have been very low, and they desperately need inventory. The items most needed by the pantries are listed in the "Food Drive" section below. They need our help! Please consider ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN HOLY MOMENTS by donating to the food pantries to help those most in need during the upcoming holidays and winter months.

Long-Term Substitute Needed: Waukesha Catholic is seeking a Kindergarten (K5) long-term substitute teacher. The teacher will plan and provide quality instruction to Kindergarten students while supporting the vision and mission of Waukesha Catholic. The position will begin in early January 2024 and conclude at the end of March. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please refer them to the job posting at the following link:

<https://www.archmil.org/Jobs-2.0/Long-Term-Substitute-Kindergarten.htm>

Blessings,
Lisa Kovaleski

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC NEWS

UPDATE!

All submissions for the newsletter should be sent to Mrs. Lynda Baumann, Assistant to Administration. Her email is lbaumann@waukeshacatholic.org. The deadline for submitting items to be published is

MONDAY EACH WEEK BY NOON

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FOOD DRIVE

The food pantries of the Catholic Community of Waukesha are very much in need of our help. Unfortunately, donations to the food pantries are down this year, and they are very low on necessities right now.



Let's do what we can to help those in need this holiday season by filling the

shelves with the following items:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Chunky Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Jelly (Strawberry)
- Crackers (Goldfish, Wheat Thins, Etc.)
- Packaged Cookies
- Granola Bars
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dish Soap
- Bar Soap
- Hand Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Tissue Box
- Paper Towel
- Other non-perishable items
- Monetary Donations

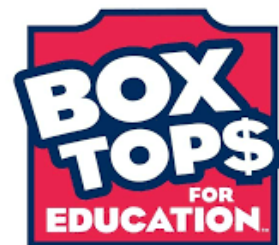
[Food Drive Flyer](#) - feel free to print and share with family and friends!

Donations can be brought to school, and we will make sure to get them to the pantries at each parish. Thank you in advance for your help!

Box Tops and Ink Cartridges

Have you scanned your receipts for Box Tops this week? Every Box Top helps!

Now accepting more brands of used/expired ink cartridges:
Brother, Canon, Dell, HP, IBM, Lexmark, Okidata, Samsung and Xerox



Please send ink cartridges to school in baggies or the original box labeled with the student's name and class.

Each donation equals one entry into the monthly \$10 gift card drawing!

Calling all Angels, Shepherds, and Wise Men! Time to SIGN UP to walk in the 60th Annual Waukesha Christmas Parade!



This year, the Catholic Community of Waukesha and Waukesha Catholic School will partner together by walking in the 60th Annual Waukesha Christmas Parade on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**.

Our students are asked to dress warmly as angels, shepherds, and wise men and join with their parents to walk together in the parade. This year's parade theme is A Holiday Gem. Our students and their families are also welcome to dress in a festive way, celebrating this theme. We are very excited to participate in Waukesha's 60th Annual Christmas Parade with our school families once again! Stay tuned for more information in next weeks' Campus Connection!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN YOUR FAMILY UP!](#)



Waukesha Catholic Dinner and Auction!

Saturday, February 3, 2024

The Ingleside Hotel

Pewaukee, WI

Please save the date for our annual dinner and auction!

Not only is our annual auction one great party, but did you know that it is also our school's largest fundraiser? Our annual auction provides much-needed financial support to help all of our students receive a high-quality Waukesha Catholic education.

You won't want to miss out on the fun, so plan now on joining our Waukesha Catholic School community for this memorable evening! Our auction will feature a fabulous silent and live auction, fun games and raffles, delicious appetizers, cocktails, dinner, and more! Most importantly, together we will gather as an incredible school community and raise essential funds for the school that we love.

Want to help plan our biggest party of the year? To become a part of this year's auction planning committee, please get in touch with Lidia Crivello, Development Director, at lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929 ext. 5205

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING INFORMATION

The next Board of Directors Meeting is:

Wednesday, November 29 at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm



HOME & SCHOOL CORNER



Staff Christmas Bonus

Home and School are offering the opportunity for families to participate in a combined gift for the staff of their choosing. We will be combining families' contributions to give the teachers bonus checks for their Christmas. *Please see the flyer in the Wednesday folder for more details.*

Waukesha Catholic School t-shirts

Please keep an eye out for a package in your youngest child's backpack this week containing their complementary Waukesha Catholic School t-shirts for all of your students.

Current event needing coordinators:

Catholic Schools Week Mass Hospitality - Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, 2024

We are in great need of coordinators for this event for St. Joseph (3 people) and St. John Neumann (2 people).

Please use this SignUpGenius link to volunteer for Home & School as an Event Coordinator:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-hsevent#/>



WANT TO SAVE MONEY? Pay for milk and/or hot lunch by check versus online! Just send your check to school - *Attn: Hot Lunch* (Please note your student's name)

You can still add lunches for November! (Cutoff is six days before service date):

<https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx>

November Menus: [November](#)

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](#)

What to avoid added sugars? Check out this article from the USDA. [Add Sugars](#)

Meet the local producer of our Beef and Black Bean Burgers – [Mission Meats!](#)

ATHLETICS

Below is the link to order **Waukesha Catholic Knights spirit wear** for the winter season. There are no mandatory items for our sports (we will provide uniforms for basketball; warm-up shirts are optional), but this is a great way to represent Waukesha Catholic as warm-ups, spirit wear in the stands at games, on non-uniform days, or out in the community.



The store will be open now through TONIGHT, November 15th until 11:59pm

<https://www.kmsportsusa.com/welcome-waukesha-catholic/>

Thanks! If you have any questions, please contact Becka Harvey, Booster Club President at rlharvey28@gmail.com

The **8th grade vs. Parent/Teacher volleyball game** will be held on **Friday, November 17 at 2:20 pm** in the St. Mary's Gym. All 8th-grade volleyball parents and coaches are invited to play. Please check in at the main office when you arrive.

Volleyball and Basketball Uniform Collection/Distribution will begin sometime next week. We're still finalizing details, so please check your email later this week.

Athletic Volunteer 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. Please contact Bill Serb, Athletic Director at 262-896-2929 ext. 5210 or email athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org if interested.

RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP)



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Formerly ShopWithScrip

RAISE DAYS ARE HERE!

Raise Days start tomorrow! On Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17 earn bonuses on eGift cards and reloads on 150+ brands. You can pay for your order by sending in a check to the school office or pay directly with a bank account, debit or credit card (small fee applies).

There will **not** be a Scrip Order on Monday, November 20 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. **The next Scrip Order is due Monday, November 27 at Noon** for delivery on Thursday, November 30.



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 or scan the QR code

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

Campus Updates

CAMPUS UPDATES

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

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

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

Pray and Play at the Vercelli House

Pray and Play at the Vercelli House at 9:30 am! Come one, come all. Looking for any caretakers and young children (infant to five years old) to share their love for Christ through play and some interaction.

Here are the meet up days and times:

- Monday, November 27, 9:30-11:00 am
- Monday, December 11, 9:30-11:00 am
- Monday, January 8, 9:30-11:00 am



Also, please join in encountering Christ through Fellowship and Hospitality on Sunday, December 10 after 9:30 am mass at St. William. Look forward to enjoying a donut together! The following one is Sunday, February 25.



Safe Environment Education Classes with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee



Would you like to volunteer at school or go on a field trip? It is required that you attend safeguarding class with the Archdiocese. Your participation in this class grants you the ability to volunteer for five years.

There are a few coming up in our area:

- Saturday, November 18: St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Kenosha
- Tuesday, November 28: St. Jude the Apostle, Wauwatosa

To find other classes or register for a class please visit: <https://www.archmil.org/Offices/Safe-Environment.htm>

DEADLINE TODAY - Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County

🌟 The 2023 Christmas Clearing Council Client Application is now available on their website. Parents struggling financially may apply to receive Christmas gift assistance for their children this season. The link below is for both Spanish and English applications.

[2023 CCC Social Media Post \(Spanish\)](#)

[2023 CCC Social Media Post \(English\)](#)

<http://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/application>



Deadline to apply is TODAY - Wednesday, November 15 at 11:59 pm

Understanding this year continues to present many challenges to families in Waukesha County, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions. Sarah Hein, Executive Director, is available at sarah.hein@christmasclearingcouncil.org (anytime) or 262-771-0830.



Catholic Memorial Junior Crusaders Wrestling Registration is now OPEN!

Attention boys in 1st through 8th grades: interested in wrestling this season? Catholic Memorial Jr. Crusader wrestling registration is now open!

Boys to register and for more information:

<https://jr Crusader.sportngin.com/register/form/808603015>

Joe Drees

Junior Crusader Athletic Program Coordinator
Catholic Memorial High School



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

OPEN TO ALL CURRENT 1st - 8th GRADERS

WHERE THE TOUGH GET TOUGHER

Emphasis on basic foundations of Folkstyle wrestling, learning to be competitive and accountable, and a heavy emphasis on having fun while keeping fit!

- Practices are from December 4, 2023 - March 15, 2024
- Practices are at Catholic Memorial High School
601 E College Ave. Waukesha, WI
- Collaboration with Head CMH Wrestling Coach Michael Bichanich and current CMH wrestlers

Registration Fee | \$125

PRACTICE SCHEDULE
1st - 8th grade -
Practice starts December 4th
December 4, 2023 - March 15, 2024
Mondays - 5:30-7:00 pm
Wednesdays - 5:30-7:00 pm

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
www.catholicmemorial.net/junior-crusader-wrestling/



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