

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.

This Week's Calendar of Events...

Thursday, December 1: Non-uniform Day; SMC - 3rd-grade field trip to Discovery World; Home & School Board Meeting, 6:00 pm at SM Parish Center

Friday, December 2: SWC - Mass at 9:00 am led by Mrs. Forsythe's 2-1 class; SMC - Adoration, 10:15-11:15 am; Early dismissal - SMC

at 11:20 am, SWC at 11:40 am; St. Nick Social for K3-5th grades at SMC, 6:00-7:30 pm
Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent; Waukesha Christmas Parade, 4:00 pm

Monday, December 5: Scrip orders due by noon

Tuesday, December 6: Middle School Band Concert (grades 6-8) at Waukesha South High School, 6:30 pm



Wednesday, December 7: SWC - 2nd-grade field trip to First Stage; SMC - Secret Santa Shopping Day

December Campus Calendars

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

- Click [here](#) for the 2022-2023 school calendar.

KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTES

An Advent Reflection (Adapted from PrinScripts - Series 1)

“Life is not about being better than someone else. It is about striving to be better than you used to be.” (Author Unknown) St. Augustine had another good insight when he wrote: “When people choose to withdraw far from a fire, the fire continues to give warmth, but they grow cold. When people choose to withdraw far from the light, the light continues to be bright in itself, but they are in darkness. This is also the case when people withdraw from God.”



And withdraw from God we all do, not out of disbelief necessarily, but mostly out of forgetfulness because we are just too busy with the rest of life. Take, for example, the Bethlehem Innkeeper who told Mary and Joseph that there was no room for them at his inn. This did not mean he was a bad person; he was just very busy caring for his customers, providing for their needs, and keeping the peace. Unfortunately, when the most important birth in history took place in his backyard, he missed it entirely, not because he was a bad person, he was just too busy.

With Christmas just around the corner, we might be too busy to give attention to what we are actually commemorating. Those who live “by the cash register” will do everything they can to keep our attention on our wallets and purses. The Three Wise Men seem to have truly understood the Christmas event. They spent many weeks in anticipation as they traveled from their homeland to Bethlehem. When they arrived, their purpose was to honor the newborn child, and out of courtesy, they brought one gift each.

We, too, have the opportunity for a period of anticipation in the Season of Advent. Advent is celebrated every year for weeks before Christmas Day. Of course, Advent is a constant season for, within our own lives, we are continuously waiting to become, to discover, to complete, and to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, and expectations, are all part of our Advent experience. God does not come to us from the sky, he comes to us in the daily story of our lives in people, places, and events.

Advent invites us to prepare for the commemoration of God's coming by taking time to have a closer look inside ourselves away from the busy outside. This looking inside is not about remorse or regret, nor about listing ways life over the past year could have been different; it's not about wishing we were better people. It's about forward movement, getting new bearings, and relying more on God for directions. It's about a fresh start, getting closer to the "fire" and the "light" that are God's love and compassion.

A few other updates/reminders:

- Thank you to the Waukesha Catholic community for your generous donations of food during the month of November to support the parish food pantries. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will go directly to help those in need. Thank you for WALKING WITH JESUS!
- Tuesday, December 6, is the 6th-8th grade Band Concert at 6:30 pm at the Waukesha South High School auditorium.
- Monday, December 19, is the K3-5th grade and Middle School Choir Christmas Concert 6:30 pm at the Waukesha South High School auditorium. More details about arrival times and other logistics will be provided in a future Campus Connection.
- **On Thursday, December 22, all our students will participate in an Advent retreat at St. William. More details will be provided in next week's Campus Connection, but please note all St. Mary Campus students will need to be dropped off and picked up at St. William that day. Students that ride the bus will still be able to take the bus, they will simply be dropped off/picked up at St. William.**
- **Illness policy:** As a reminder, our policy states that students/staff with symptoms of infectious illness, including COVID-19, should stay home and are strongly encouraged to get tested for COVID-19. Fever, nausea, rashes, diarrhea, earache, cough, etc., are symptoms that parents should have checked before sending a child to school. For illnesses other than COVID-19, students and staff should remain home until symptoms improve AND they are free of fever, diarrhea, and vomiting for 24 hours without the use of medication. Keeping sick children home significantly reduces the spread of illness among our school community. Thank you in advance for your help!

Blessings,

Lisa Kovaleski

From Development...



DINNER AND AUCTION

Are You Christmas Shopping?

Our auction committee is planning an amazing "Game On" event for 2023, and you can help us make it amazing! Our Annual Waukesha Catholic Dinner and Auction will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2022 at The Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee.

From gift cards to gift baskets, children's toys, sports tickets, vacations and more, our Auction could never take place without the generous donations and support we receive from our school community.

Items may be dropped off at any campus office or call Nick Bailey at 262-896-2929, ext. 1324 with questions/details. You can download donation forms by clicking [HERE!](#)

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC NEWS

Home & School



Home & School Staff Christmas Option

Home & School is offering the opportunity for families to participate in a combined gift for the staff of their choosing. Forms were sent home on Tuesday, November 22, via email, along with paper copies sent home with your child. You may also access them [here](#) (English and Español).

As a reminder, please have your form and money back to either campus by **Wednesday, December 7**. Note: This is optional and meant only for those families who wish to participate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Tober at sarahtober.treasurer@gmail.com.

St. Nick Social

Please join us to kick off the Christmas season with the St. Nick Social hosted by Home & School.

- Date: Friday, December 2
- Time: 6:00-7:30 pm
- Location: St. Mary - Community Room

If you are interested in volunteering for this event and have not had the chance to sign up, please click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BADA62CA3FF2-stnick>

To make this event possible, we are looking to have at least one adult at each "station" during the event, as well as some middle school students. All volunteers need to have completed the Safeguarding Program.

Reminder: Supplies to be donated for this were to be turned in by Tuesday, November 29. If you have not yet sent in your items, please do so asap. They can be sent to either school office. Please mark them "St. Nick Social".

Home & School Fundraising Night

Home & School needs your help! We're hosting a Fundraising Night at Pizza Ranch next Monday, December 5, but we need volunteers (students and adults)! Please sign up below to help us out; it is always greatly appreciated!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A5AF23A4FD0-dine>

UWM Middle Level Honors Band Concert

Eight students from our middle school band program recently participated in a Middle Level Honors Band Festival at UW-Milwaukee.

The students rehearsed and performed a concert with one of three concert bands at the festival. Band students from all over the state worked together and were directed by nationally recognized wind band conductors. They rehearsed all weekend and then performed a concert at UWM's Helene Zelazo Center on Sunday afternoon.

We are proud to recognize these participating band students: Braeden B., Clare B., Dominic D., Cecilia H., Ziva L., Cait O., Jack O., Malia T.

Bravo!!

Coaches/Coordinators Needed For Chess Club and Forensics

We are looking to re-establish a Forensics Club for grades 6-8 and, for the first time, form a Chess Club for grades 3-8. In years past, we had an outstanding, and award-winning forensics program. Our former coach/coordinator, Dean Chyla, is willing to be an assistant coach this year to help a new coach/coordinator restart the program. The Forensics Club would begin as soon as we have a coach/coordinator in place.

We are also looking for someone to act as a coach for a Chess Club that we plan to start in January. An ideal coach would be able to manage the instructional side of the Chess Club, teaching the students both the fundamentals of chess and different strategies. Other individuals have already stepped forward to help with organizing the club.

Anyone who is interested in helping in these roles can contact Mr. Heinecke at jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org. All individuals helping with either of these programs must be fully compliant with the Archdiocese's Safe Environment requirements.

Mark Your Calendars

December Band Concert

- The Middle School Band Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Waukesha South High School. This concert includes students in grades 6-8 only.



Christmas Choir Concert

- The Christmas Choir Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Waukesha South High School. This concert will include students in grades K3-5, and the Middle School Choir.

Board of Directors - December Meeting Information



- Our next Board of Directors Meeting is Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm at St. William Campus

All are welcome to attend. Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors members will make themselves available from 5:30-6:00 pm to meet with parents/guardians of present and perspective students.



There are only three weeks to place your Scrip order for delivery before Christmas! Find gifts for everyone on your list with gift cards from over 750 top brands, including *Amazon, Culver's, Bath & Body Works, Hallmark, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Panera, Pick & Save, Starbucks, Target, Walmart*, and many more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as gifts to family and friends or use them to buy the gifts you give – our school earns with every gift card purchased. What a great way to shop for Christmas gifts and benefit the school too!

The next Scrip order is due Monday, December 5 at noon for delivery on Thursday, December 8.

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 D62CEALE114 to register.

Do you have questions about the Scrip Program? Contact Charlotte, our Scrip Coordinator, at scrip@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929 ext. 1331 for more information.

Hot Lunch Nibbles and Notes

Want to avoid the fees on your hot lunch account? You can also send payments in to school in an envelope marked with your child(ren)'s name(s) to the attention of 'Hot Lunch'. Checks should be made out to Waukesha Catholic. Thank you for your participation in our hot lunch program!



[December Menu](#)

Volunteer Opportunities in Hot Lunch: [SMC](#) / [SWC](#)

Campus Updates

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

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

Athletic Information

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 A (Goedheer) Notre Dame #813	Sat. 12/3 at 1:00 pm vs St. Boniface @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 8th-Grade B (O'Reilly) Don Bosco #835	Sat. 12/3 at 11:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 8th/7th Grade (Drosen) Don Bosco #824	Sat. 12/3 at 10:15 am vs St. Agnes/St. Joe's Tosa @ St. Agnes
Boys 7th-Grade "A" (Geller) Notre Dame #711	Sat. 12/3 at 2:00 pm vs Wauwatosa Catholic @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 7th-Grade "B" (Fricano) Don Bosco #726	Sat. 12/3 at 12:15 pm vs St. Dominic @ St. Dominic
Girls 7th-Grade (Frea) Notre Dame #706	Sat. 12/3 BYE (no league game)
Boys 6th-Grade (Brejcha) Don Bosco White #606	Sat. 12/3 at 10:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 6th-Grade (Bowes) Don Bosco Gold #616	Sat. 12/3 BYE (no league game)
Girls 6th-Grade (Cunningham) Don Bosco Gold #614	Sat. 12/3 at 9:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 5th-Grade (Matson) Don Bosco Gold #529	Sat. 12/3 at 8:15 am vs Christ King/Tosa Catholic @ Christ King
Girls 5th-Grade (White) Don Bosco Gold #514	Sat. 12/3 at 8:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ 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

Christ King – 2446 Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa WI 53226

St. Agnes – 12801 W. Fairmount Ave. Butler, WI

St. Dominic – 18105 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield

Register Your Student Today for the CMH Musical Kids Cast!

- Open to all 1st-8th graders!
- First Rehearsal: Saturday, December 10, 2022, 9:00 am–12:00 pm (Parent Meeting: 9:15–10:00 am)

All are welcome to join this non-cut group to elevate your singing, dancing, acting, and stage skills as a part of the CMH Musical Kids Cast. This year, the Kids Cast is being directed by Nick Bailey, along with choreographer Molly Krewal and vocal director Karen Flesses!

Sign Up here: <https://www.catholicmemorial.net/admissions/youth-programs/kids-cast-registration/>

Marquette University High School

Marquette University High School Flyer - click [here](#).

CMH Opportunity

Attention boys in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades!

Interested in wrestling this season? Catholic Memorial Jr. Crusader wrestling registration is now open.

Boys interested in registering, or for more information use this link: <https://jr Crusader.sportngin.com/register/form/528180977>

CATHOLIC MEMORIAL JUNIOR CRUSADERS WRESTLING

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!

Registration Fee | \$125

PRACTICE SCHEDULE
Jr. Crusader
Practice Starts December 1st
December 1, 2022 - March 16, 2023
Mondays: 5:30-7:00 pm
Wednesdays: 5:30-7:00 pm

- Practices start December 1st
- 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

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

HEALING HEARTS OF SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

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: Thursday nights starting Nov 10 - Dec 22, 2022 6:00-7:30pm

WHERE: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 800 Lake Drive Oconomowoc, WI 53066

HOW: Register through the Healing Hearts website, or call 262.793.0834

www.healingheartswisconsin.org

Healing Hearts of Southeast Wisconsin

Children, teens, and families have an opportunity for free grief group sessions in Oconomowoc on Thursday, November 10. These sessions offer the chance to safely and reliably connect with others in these guided, age-based grief groups.

Whether suffering from the loss of a loved one, divorce, abandonment, addiction, incarceration, or military deployment, children and families all have a place to connect with others their age, and learn, and heal with Healing Hearts of Southeast Wisconsin. Click [here](#) for more information.



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