



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, December 21 - Wednesday, January 3

Thursday, December 21: Non-uniform Day!

- **SMC:** Chess Club, 3:30-4:30 pm

Friday, December 22: EARLY DISMISSAL DAY - CHRISTMAS

VACATION BEGINS AT THE END OF TODAY!

- **SWC:** Mass at 9:00 led by Ms. Pupp's 1-2 class; **SWC dismisses at 11:40 am**
- **SMC:** **SMC dismisses at 11:20 am**

Sunday, December 24, 2023: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 25, 2023: Merry Christmas!

Monday, January 1, 2024: Happy New Year!!

Wednesday, January 3, 2024: Classes Resume



December 2023 Calendars:

[SWC](#)

[SMC](#)

January 2024 Calendars:

[SWC](#)

[SMC](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)



May the light of Christ's birth shine brightly in your heart this Christmas season, and may you find peace and joy in 2024. - From the Waukesha Catholic Faculty and Staff

Advent Theme: Christmas is Bright Because of One Silent Night

KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:

*Give your teacher your
full attention once
every day.*

Make the Season Bright with 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.)

Whether you struggle to pay attention a lot, or just a little, take time every day this week to fully focus: sit straight. Look up. And do your best to put in all your effort. These small moments will grow over time, and you'll be amazed at how you improve. Remember, some moments are holy. Some moments are unholy. And you decide!

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- When your child comes home from school, take a few moments to really ask them how their day was, without any distractions.
- Talk to your student about their behavior and goals for this school year so they have an extra reason to focus in class.
- Encourage your student to come to class prepared and on time!

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!

May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with faith, your home with hope, and your life with love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Lisa Kovaleski

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC NEWS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S DINNER AND AUCTION!

As we bid farewell to 2023, we warmly invite you to mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 3, 2024**, at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee. Join us for our Waukesha Catholic Dinner and Auction—an evening of camaraderie, festivities, fine dining, and lots of fun!



Invitations will arrive post-holidays, so now is the time to secure a babysitter so you can join us! This year's theme is a blast from the past – "Back to the 90s." Dust off your finest glam and grunge attire, whether it's overalls and scrunchies or elegant cocktail wear. It's sure to be a night of laughter and celebration with our Waukesha Catholic family!

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!

We are very much in need of items for our live auction! Do you have frequent flyer miles that can be donated to Waukesha Catholic? Does your company have access to a suite at Fiserv Forum or another similar venue? Do you belong to a Country Club and can offer a golf package? Do you own a condo and can offer a getaway vacation? Can you offer a unique experience that will raise much-needed funding for our school? Please contact Lidia Crivello, Development Director, at 262-896-2929 ext. 5205 or lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org.

Our goal is to raise \$150,000 at this year's Auction, and we need your help! Last week we included an in-kind donation form in your Wednesday packet. Please consider donating a gift card, gift basket, sports or concert tickets, jewelry, new children's toys, or unique item(s) to our silent 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](#).

WINE AND LIQUOR DONATIONS NEEDED!

As you prepare for holiday gatherings, please keep our Auction in mind when purchasing adult beverages. We would appreciate donations of spirits with a minimum value of \$20 for our Wine and Liquor Pull. Last year we raised \$1,500. Can you please help us collect at least 75 bottles this year? The collection will occur during the morning car line on **Friday, January 5** – mark your calendars! Don't forget: each wine or liquor donation qualifies you for a chance to win two tickets to the event. Want two or three entries? Download the Wine/Spirit Pull Donation Form [HERE](#).



SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS NEEDED!

Own a business or work for a company that believes in the importance of Catholic education? Consider becoming a sponsor, placing an ad in this year's Auction Program, or purchasing a Corporate Table. Please contact Lidia Crivello, Development Director, at 262-896-2929 ext. 5205 or email lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org for more information.



KWIK TRIP FUNDRAISER

Kwik Trip fundraiser for this year's 8th-grade trip to Washington, D.C.

The 8th graders going to Washington, D.C. are raising funds to help pay for the trip by selling Kwik Trip Car wash gift cards from now until Monday, January 8. The gift cards cost \$36 each and are good for five "Ultimate" Kwik Trip car washes. An "Ultimate" Kwik Trip car wash typically costs \$10, so this gift card is a great way to save on future car washes!

Orders can be placed through any 8th grader going on the trip, or each campus office between now and Monday, January 8. Mrs. Dunk at St. Mary Campus and Mrs. Brown at St. William Campus can help you place an order. Gift cards will be available for pick up the following week. If paying by check, please make it out to Waukesha Catholic School.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Heinecke at jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org.

Thank you in advance for your support of the 8th-grade trip to Washington, D.C.!

Items Needed For The Knights Trading Post (PBIS Store)

If you've been looking for a good reason to do some cleaning over Christmas break and have been wondering what to do with things your children no longer play with, we could use some help stocking each of the Knights Trading Posts! If you have anything at home that would make a fun item for a student to purchase, we will gladly take it! Some items that our students would enjoy include:

- play jewelry,
- small games,
- Hot Wheel cars,
- sports-themed items,
- dolls,
- gently used sporting equipment,
- like-new and cleaned stuffed animals,
- books,
- toys,
- coloring and puzzle books,
- pens, pencils, and markers,
- any other items you think our students may like!



Items can be sent to the offices. Please mark them "Knights Trading Post." Thank you in advance for your donation!

Art Donations Needed

Thank you to all that have donated items for the St. Williams art room. Please keep it coming!!! We are still in need of:

- Toilet Paper rolls
- Paper Towel rolls
- Egg Cartons
- Paper Cups (any size)
- Paper Plates (any size)
- Paper Bowls (any size)

Donations can be brought to the St. William Campus art room or office. THANK YOU!!

HOME & SCHOOL CORNER

Save The Date For the Winter Dance

Snowball Winter Formal for Grades K-5

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Location: St. Mary Campus Gym

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Thank you to Sara Drolet for organizing the Staff Bonus Project! We appreciate your time and attention to detail!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From Home & School!



HOT LUNCH HAPPENINGS

PRE-ORDER FOR JANUARY NOW! Please get your orders in before Christmas Break.

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

(You can always remove or add up to six days before date of service.)

[December Lunch Menu](#)

[January 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](#)

Healthy Holiday Ideas:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vyB2EveXdt66e7C5YeZvZgPyOsenANzg?usp=drive_link

Thank you!!



DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CANCELLED

Tonight's Board of Directors Meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 24 at St. William Campus.



RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)



You can still order "Scrip" in time for Christmas gifts with eGift Cards delivered anytime to your account when you pay with your bank account, debit or credit card.

The next order will be in the new year - place your Scrip order on Monday, January 8 by noon for delivery on Thursday, January 11.

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, or click [here](#) for the order form.

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.



CAMPUS UPDATES

St. William Campus (Click here)

St. Mary Campus (Click here)



Healing the Whole Person Scholarships

[John Paul II Healing Center's](#) Healing the Whole Person weekend conference returns to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Thursday, April 11 through Saturday, April 13, 2024 at St. William Parish, Waukesha. Learn more at <https://www.archmil.org/HWP/Conference>

50% Scholarship funding is available for both English and Spanish in-person participants from the Catholic Community of Waukesha. If you would like a scholarship for this event, you will need to sign up to get the coupon code **before** registration, which opens Monday, January 8. To receive a scholarship code, please fill out the Scholarship form found at:

<https://forms.gle/E7P9BbTKjE4D2TZK6>.

This event sells out within weeks, so don't delay!

Pray and Play at the Vercelli House

Pray and Play at the Vercelli House! 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 is the next meet up date and time:

- Monday, January 8, 9:30-11:00 am

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



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