

# Campus Connection

*Issue #23, February 14, 2024*



**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, February 15 - Wednesday, February 21

Thursday, February 15: Non-uniform Day

Friday, February 16:

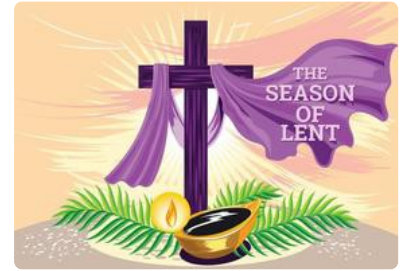
- SMC - Adoration for grades 3-5 at 10:45 am, and grades 6-8 at 11:15 am

Monday, February 19: Scrip orders due by noon; President's Day

Wednesday, February 21:

- SMC - Mass at 8:35 am

☞☞ Parent Lunch (See detailed schedule below.)



February Campus Calendars

[SWC](#)

[SMC](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

## KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

**THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:**

*Ask someone how their day was and really listen to their response.*

**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.)

When you give someone your complete attention, you show them that they are important and respected—and that's a powerful thing to do. Remember, some moments are holy. Some moments are unholy. And you get to decide!

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Make eye contact when you are in conversation with someone.
- Keep your technology away during conversations.
- Ask people questions and remember small details they tell you.

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

**LENT** begins today! This time of the Church year reminds us to intentionally focus on what helps or hinders our commitment to ENCOUNTER CHRIST. May this Lent be a time of transformation, not just for us as individuals but for our entire school community. Let us use this opportunity to draw closer to Christ, deepen our faith, and live out His message of love, service, and forgiveness. How can we use these forty days of Lent to more intentionally Encounter Christ?

During this Lenten season, our students will participate in a variety of activities centered on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

- Together The Catholic Community of Waukesha and Waukesha Catholic are supporting St. Vincent de Paul this Lent through monetary and non-perishable food donations. Donations will be split between the four active conferences at each of the parishes. If you choose to make a monetary donation, please put it in an envelope labeled St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Alms. All checks should be made out to St. Vincent de Paul.

*"A network of friends, inspired by the gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need." ~ St. Vincent de Paul's Mission Statement*

- Included in today's packet is the 40 Day's of Holy Moments Pathway activity sheet that can be done each day/week as a family. Every Wednesday, we will continue to provide a new "Encounter Christ in the Holy Moments" prompt. We encourage you, as a family, to introduce the new prompt each week and then discuss it daily. As you go through the week, color in the squares for each day a family member was successful in completing the Holy Moments prompt and discuss how that activity brought him/her closer to Christ.
- Students at each Campus will pray The Stations of the Cross throughout Lent. Dates/times will be listed in Campus Connection or on individual campus calendars.
- Prayer buddy classrooms will be praying with and for each other during Lent. Each classroom will have a "Prayer Jar" with specific prayer intentions from children in their classroom or

buddy classroom. Each day an intention will be chosen, read, and prayed for by the students.

- Students are being encouraged to FAST from snack on Wednesdays during Lent. This is optional, but encouraged.
- Both campuses will participate again this year in Catholic Madness - Fan Favorites edition. This is a fun and engaging way for our students to learn about 32 of the "Fan Favorite Saints" and the contributions they have made to the world.
- We will host a Lenten Retreat for both Campuses at St. Mary on Holy Thursday. More details will be included in future Campus Connections.
- Individual classrooms will also participate in miscellaneous classroom activities.

Please join us this Lent in Encountering Christ!

#### **Additional Reminders/Updates:**

- **Message from Fr. Chuck:** Please see below for an important message from Fr. Chuck.
- **Registration:** If you have not yet registered your children for the 2024-25 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Priority registration for our current families is now over. Any registration forms from currently enrolled students will be processed along with the new student registrations on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, it is imperative your registration be submitted in order to guarantee placement.

Blessings,

Lisa Kovaleski

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## **WAUKESHA CATHOLIC NEWS**

**[Online Registration Form for 2024-25 \(Click Here!\)](#)**

### **Priority Registration Has Ended For Existing Families**

Click the button above for the online registration form. Click below for the financial links regarding registration for the 2024-25 school year. Please note that you may complete the electronic Online Registration Form using the button above, or if you would prefer paper forms, please contact Mrs. Dunk at the St. Mary Campus or Mrs. Brown at the St. William Campus.

Priority registration for existing families has ended and is now open to new families. Remember that your child is not considered registered until the **online form is complete AND a \$100 deposit has been paid** to the business office. If you are unsure whether or not you have paid your registration fee please contact the business office at 262-896-2929 ext. 5204.

- [Registration Letter from Ms. Kovaleski](#)



- [Financial Information Sheet](#)
- [Letter to parents of students entering K4, K5, 1st in the 2024-25 School Year](#)
- [Tuition Assistance Information](#)

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## Message from Fr. Chuck

This is not an easy message to compose so I will just tear off the band-aid and put it out there.



There is a strong possibility that with the next priest movement in June I will be leaving Waukesha. I say "strong possibility" because there is a process that needs to be followed and only God knows the definitive outcome. We will keep you posted with details as they solidify.

There is a parish that I have been aware of and have been asked to look at that I could be asked to serve. I have visited with them, and it seems to be a lovely place.

Now, it will be left to the Holy Spirit and the process of the Priest Placement Board to determine what happens next. (In the meantime, Waukesha will also be open listed so a priest can be assigned here if I am moved to a new ministry.)

This is my 7th year here. As an associate pastor, it has been a longer assignment than what is normal. I have been here longer than any of my other placements in my ministry. It will not be easy to leave; however, ministry is not always about comfort and ease. Sometimes things need to move in order for things to grow and in order for them to be where the Spirit needs them to be. I am praying for both of those things to happen within the big picture.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us all in this (and many matters). I invite you to do the same and to pray for whomever will be here come June, be it I or someone else.

Thank you for everything you do for this community and for the Kingdom.

God Bless you ALLways,  
Fr. Chuck

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## Seton Scholarship Information

Each year, the Seton Volleyball Tournament benefits The Waukesha County Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition Assistance Fund, which is used to make Catholic school education a real possibility for those students who may not otherwise be able to afford full tuition. All families whose children attend a Catholic school in Waukesha County are eligible to apply. A limited number of \$1,000 grants will be awarded. Your child/school did not have to be in the tournament to apply. Go to this link for a copy of the



application: <https://www.theseton.net/page/show/1997587-scholarship-information>. All applications must be received by Monday, April 1, 2024. Notifications will be made in late April.



## Annual Parent Lunch Information

St. Mary Campus will be hosting our annual parent lunch during the lunch hour on Wednesday, February 21. You are invited to come in and have lunch with your student(s) in the Cafeteria/Community Room and Gymnasium.

To help manage the number of people, we will follow the schedule below using the first letter of the student's last name:

- A to K - 11:30 am-12:00 pm
- L to Z - 12:05-12:35 pm

Please note the following:

- Lunch will not be provided for parents. Please plan to bring your own lunch.
- Hot lunch will be available as normal for the students. Students not taking hot lunch should plan to have a cold lunch or a lunch brought by their parents.
- Parents should enter the building using the lower narthex doors off of the parking lot behind the school. Parents may park in the parking lot. When arriving or leaving, please be extra cautious of any students outside for recess.

## HOME & SCHOOL CORNER

### Action Needed

We are looking for coordinators for our next events! Thank you to those who have already signed up! Communications will be coming soon to begin planning.

However, there are a few open slots to ensure that these events are successful. Please take a moment to see if you are available to help for any of these events and sign up with the link below.

- Maintenance Appreciation Day - Catered Lunch (Friday, March 1, 2024)
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party/Movie Night (Friday, March 1, 2024)
- Middle School Social (Friday, April 12, 2024)

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

### Mark Your Calendar For 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 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Sunset Drive location:

- Monday, March 11



- Monday, April 8
- Monday, May 13

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## 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](mailto:jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org)

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## 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 the Private K-12 Tuition Tax Deduction-Parent Packet for 2023. 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 Nibbles and Notes

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](#)

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'LunchTime Parent Pre-Order - Place an Order'. It includes a navigation bar with 'View Cart', 'START NEW ORDER', 'CONFIRMED ORDERS', and 'ORDER HISTORY'. The serving date is 'Tuesday, February 13, 2024'. An order deadline is noted as '2/7/2024 11:59:59 PM Central Standard Time'. A table below shows a single item: 'Hot Lunch' with a quantity of 0.

You can still add lunches for **February!** (The cutoff is six days before the serving date)

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

### Menus: [February](#)



A study involving 4700 children published in the British Journal of Nutrition looked at the effect of diet at different childhood ages on arterial stiffness at age 17.

Arteries carry blood rich in oxygen and nutrients from the heart to the rest of the body. Stiff arteries can drive up blood pressure, increasing stress on the heart and raise the risk for heart attack and stroke.

The study found children ages 7 and 10 with diets high in calories, fat, and sugar, and low in fiber, had stiffer arteries at the age of 17 than those with diets lower in these nutrients.

The study also found DECREASED arterial stiffness with children whose diets were higher in fruit and vegetables, beans and lentils, fish and unsaturated fats, and lower in meat and meat products. Researchers suggest ways for government to help include pushing forward laws that [curb junk food marketing](#), and those that drive industry to reduce salt and sugar in our everyday foods.



CFI School meals already meet strict requirements set forth by the USDA to be low in calories, sodium, and saturated fat. Every day students get the choice of a fruit and a vegetable. You can feel good about your students and children taking school lunch and know that their heart is benefiting from it! 😊

Source: <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2024-01-diet-childhood-linked-blood-vessel.html>

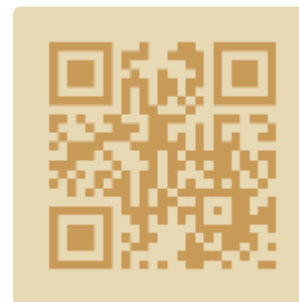
## February Board of Directors Meeting Date Change

📅 The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm.

## RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)



*Kwik Trip* bonus going on now! The new *Grocery Only* cards earn a 15% rebate instead of the regular 10% rebate! The cards for gas and groceries earn a 9% rebate instead of the regular 4% rebate! This bonus is available on reloads and physical gift cards in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100.



*Coming soon on Saturday, February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day - special eGift card bonuses on this day only!*

Place your Scrip order by Monday, February 19 at noon for delivery on Thursday, February 22.

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](http://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](mailto:scrip@waukeshacatholic.org) or 262-896-2929 ext. 5208 for more information.



## Athletics

**TRACK SIGN-UP** for 5th-8th grade boys and girls will continue soon! Please check next week's Campus Connection for more information, sign-up forms, practice times, and more! The season will start in late March and run through late May.

**Free Volleyball Clinic:** Waukesha Catholic Athletic Board will be running its final **FREE 3rd and 4th grade volleyball clinic** on Sunday, February 25. Please return the flyer sign-up and permission form from last week's school packets, or a parent can complete them at the door the day of the event.

[Clinic Flyer](#)

[Clinic Permission Form](#)

## Waukesha Catholic Basketball Upcoming Schedules

\*All schedules subject to change – updates on [www.nddbbb.org](http://www.nddbbb.org) (check division & team # below)

Team	Next Game(s)
<b>Boys 8th-Grade (Geller)</b> Notre Dame #812	Sat. 2/17 at 8:15 am vs St. Mary-Men. Falls @ St. Mary – Menomonee Falls
<b>Girls 8th-Grade (Frea)</b> Notre Dame #806	Sat. 2/17 at 10:15 am vs SJV/SMV/St. Joe's Tosa @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
<b>Girls 8th-Grade (Drosen)</b> Don Bosco #816	Sat. 2/17 at 3:00 pm vs Christ King @ Christ King
<b>Boys 7th-Grade (Brejcha)</b> Notre Dame #709	Sat. 2/17 at 9:15 am vs Christ King @ Christ King 2/13, 2/15-2/16 @ St. Leonard Tournament
<b>Boys 7th-Grade (Bowes)</b> Don Bosco Blue #727	Sat. 2/17 at 9:15 am vs St. Boniface @ St. Boniface 2/15-2/18 @ St. Mary-Hales Corners Tournament
<b>Boys 6th-Grade (Matson)</b> Don Bosco Gold #631	Sat. 2/17 at 8:15 am vs St. Sebastian @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
<b>Girls 6th-Grade (Cunningham)</b> Don Bosco Blue #607	Sat. 2/17 at 10:15 am vs St. John Vianney @ St. John Vianney
<b>Boys 5th-Grade (Klubertanz)</b> Don Bosco Blue #508	Sat. 2/17 at 8:15 am vs Messmer-St. Mary @ Messmer High School 2/13-2/15, 2/18 @ St. Dominic Tournament
<b>Girls 5th-Grade (O'Brien)</b> Don Bosco #503	Sat. 2/17 at 9:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha 2/13-2/15, 2/18 @ St. Dominic Tournament

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

Messmer High School – 742 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee, WI

St. Boniface – W204 N11968 Goldendale Rd, Germantown WI

St. Dominic – 18255 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI

St. John Vianney – 17500 W. Gebhardt Rd., Brookfield, WI

St. Leonard – W173 S7743 Westwood Dr. Muskego, WI

St. Mary – Hales Corners – 9553 W. Edgerton Avenue Hales Corners, WI

St. Mary – Menomonee Falls – N89 W16215 Cleveland Ave. Menomonee Falls, WI

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## Campus Updates

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

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

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## COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Pray and Play group meets two times a month downstairs at the Vercelli House at St. William recommended for any family with young children. The February dates are:

- Monday, February 26

Mark your calendar for Hospitality Sunday and join us for donuts and drinks after Mass at St. William at 9:30 am on Sunday, February 25!



**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?**



## Catholic Memorial Opportunities



Attention boys currently enrolled in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades interested in playing football this fall - **Catholic Memorial Jr. Crusader football registration is now open.** All our coaches are USA Football and Safeguarding Certified.

To register and for more information:

<https://jr Crusader.sportngin.com/register/form/080856958>



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