



~ 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...

Wednesday, February 15: Board of Directors Meeting at St. William, 6:00 pm **Thursday, February 16:** SMC - Parent Lunch A-D, 11:30 am-12:00 pm; E-K, 12:05-12:35 pm; Activity Pictures Day in the morning

Friday, February 17: SWC - Mass at 9:00 am led by Miss Schultz's 1-1 class; SMC - Adoration Grades 3-5, 10:45 am; Grades 6-8, 11:15 am

Monday, February 20: Scrip orders due by noon

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday; SWC - Mass at 9:00 am

led by Mrs. Forsythe's 2-1 class; SMC - Mass at 8:35 am



- SWC
- SMC
- Click here for the 2022-23 school calendar.



Kovaleski's Keynote

Dear Waukesha Catholic Families:

Happy Wednesday! Thank you to everyone that supported the auction this past weekend by donating items, assisting with class projects, attending in person, bidding virtually, making financial contributions, volunteering your time, or praying for a successful event. The evening was a huge success, and none of it would have been possible without your help and the fantastic efforts of our auction committee and development team.

For me, the most inspiring portion of the night, once again, was the amazingly generous response to the Fund-A-Need portion of the evening, which raised money to support additional safety and security updates at both campuses. DONATIONS TO THE FUND-A-NEED EXCEEDED \$31,000! The safety and security of our students is our number one priority, and this additional funding will allow us to make our facilities even more safe and secure. I am humbled by the generosity of this community. THANK YOU!

A few additional updates:

- As I shared last week, Mrs. Kathy Alcorta, Middle School ELA teacher, will be retiring from teaching effective Friday, MARCH 24. Therefore, we are in need of a long-term substitute beginning mid-March through the end of the school year. If you know anyone interested in this long-term substitute position, please refer them to the job posting at the following link: https://www.archmil.org/Jobs-2.0/Middle-School-English-Language-Arts-Long-term-Substitute.htm
- We are also in need of a long-term substitute for grades K3-5 Physical Education classes beginning mid-end of April to cover for Mrs. Rutzinski while she is out on maternity leave. If you know anyone that may be interested, please refer them to the job posting at the following link: https://www.archmil.org/Jobs-2.0/Physical-Education-Long-term-Substitute.htm
- If you have not yet registered your children for the 2023-24 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 served basis. Therefore, it is imperative your registration be submitted in order to guarantee placement.

Thank you for all you do for Waukesha Catholic. Don't forget to WALK WITH JESUS this week!

Blessings, Lisa Kovaleski

Registration Links

- Registration Letter
- Online Registration Form for 2023-24 School Year
- Financial Information Sheet
- Letter to parents of students entering K4, K5, and 1st grade in the 2023-24 School Year

If you would prefer paper forms instead of using online registration, please contact Mrs. Brown at the St. William Campus (wbrown@waukeshacatholic.org) or Mrs. Dunk at the St. Mary Campus (ddunk@waukeshacatholic.org).

Waukesha Catholic News

DINNER AND AUCTION

And the Winner Is ...

Congratulations to **Kay Mayotte**, the winner of this year's \$2,000 Cash or Tuition Raffle! The winning ticket was drawn before an enthusiastic crowd at our annual auction this past Saturday evening.



Special Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who donated auction items, purchased raffle tickets, attended our event, and volunteered their time and talents to ensure that everyone had a great evening at our "Game On" Dinner and Auction this past Saturday at The Ingleside Hotel. We are very excited to share that together we raised just over \$31,000 during our Fund-a-Need ask for School Safety and Security! Thank you for everyone's generosity! Stay tuned for a future announcement about how much money was raised from this year's auction.

One of the evening's highlights was having our "Game On" host, David Letkiewicz, share his incredible talent on stage. Thank you, David, for performing for us and for hosting a very successful evening! Thank you to all of our volunteers! Our success would not have been possible without the tremendous help of our auction planning committee and all of the volunteers who helped with loading up our truck on Friday, setting up and decorating on Saturday morning, and who

assisted in various roles during the event. Our Classroom Created projects were also a huge hit! Special thanks to the Room Parents who coordinated the class projects.

Thank You, Auction Sponsors and Advertisers!

We are very grateful for the generosity we receive from our Sponsors and Advertisers that help underwrite the cost of our auction. We truly appreciate your commitment to our mission! THANK YOU to all of these local businesses:

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Save the Date!

Please mark your calendar now and save the date for next year's auction which will take place at The Ingleside Hotel on **Saturday, February 3, 2024**.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Attention parents of students entering K4, K5, or 1st Grade (in the 2023-24 school year): Waukesha Catholic will continue to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2023-24 school year. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) allows students to attend Waukesha Catholic, tuition-free, if certain eligibility criteria are met. Waukesha Catholic, on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible student. That aid payment or "voucher" covers the entire cost of the eligible student's tuition. The open application period to apply for the WPCP ends on Thursday, April 20, 2023. The application and more information can be found at: https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/. If you have any questions or need help in any way, please reach out to Meghan D. Gorzalski, Director of Admissions and Marketing at:

mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929, ext. 1326

Attention Current WPCP Families The WPCP Application portal is now open. If your family currently has a WPCP voucher, please log onto your WPCP account and check in for the year. Review your family profile, update addresses (if applicable), and complete your 2023-24 application for the new school year. Every current WPCP family must complete this step. You will not need to provide your financial information again unless you are adding a new student from your family. You are required to provide proof of residency. Please send a current form of residency documentation to Meghan D. Gorzalski, Director of Admissions and Marketing, via email or in a sealed envelope to the school office. Proof of residency for current WPCP families must be sent to Meghan as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, April 20, 2023. If sending via email, feel free to take a clear photograph of a 2022 W2, a current electric, water, or cable bill dated January 2023-April 20, 2023 to Meghan D. Gorzalski at: mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org

Follow this link to complete your check in for the year.

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Home & School Event - Mark Your Calendars!

Home & School will once again host the Saz's Fish Fry at Western Lakes Golf Club on Friday, March 31! Waukesha Catholic receives 10% of all sales from the date of the event. If you choose to dine in or order out, you do NOT need to mention Waukesha Catholic as sales from the entire night will go towards our donation!

OpenTable will be open for reservations and online ordering a month out from our event date (Friday, March 31). Reservations

are not required but are highly recommended as we have seen these become more popular year after year. The restaurant is open from 4:00-8:00 pm (the last reservation can be taken at 8:00 pm). Use this link https://sazs.com/wlgcfishfry/ or click on the Saz's Fish Fry logo above to make a reservation. We look forward to seeing you there!!

School Yearbook Orders

If you did not have a chance to order this year's student yearbook, please use the link below. Click here to preview your event landing page:

http://scholasticreflections.hhimagehost.com/WaukeshaCatholicY B23



This is your last chance to order a yearbook for the 2022-23 school year. Please make sure your order is in by Tuesday, February 28, to ensure your student receives their yearbook this year.



Before and After Care Position Open

We are looking to hire a Before and After Care position at our St. Mary Campus. You can make it work for your schedule! Afternoon shift 3:10-6:00 pm. Work as much or as little as you want. This is an ideal job for a college student, retired person, or someone just wanting a great part-time position that is fun and rewarding! Please email care@waukeshacatholic.org for more information, and to set up an interview.

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 2022 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 2022 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. 1327 to get your login information.



Hot Lunch Nibbles and Notes

Reminder of Hot Lunch Policy:

Low Balance reminders and replenish rules are allowed to be set by parents in <u>School Payment Portal</u>. <u>We ask that all accounts be</u> <u>kept above \$5.00</u>. At a negative balance, an invoice will be sent

home in the Wednesday folder until a deposit or payment is made. Please pay close attention to see if money is owed or your balance is low.

Check out the January <u>newsletter</u> from MCFI with great recipes, fitness, and health tips for the month!

Want to avoid the fees on your hot lunch account? You can also send payments 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!

<u>February 2023 Menu</u>, Revised Volunteer Opportunities in Hot Lunch: <u>SMC</u> / <u>SWC</u>

Campus Updates

St. William Campus (Click Here)

St. Mary Campus (Click Here)

Athletics

Bastketball News

Congratulations to the 6th-grade boys basketball teams! Coach Brejcha's team finished second and Coach Bowes' team finished third in the St. Jerome tournament this week! Congratulations to all the boys and coaches on great team efforts!

Waukesha Catholic 2023 Track Information (5th-8th Grade Boys and Girls)

Track is a great opportunity for students of any ability to participate in and be part of a team. Outside of the relays, athletes compete individually against students of the same grade/gender to try to earn points that are added to a team score. Meets usually offer a variety of events (sprints, distance, jumping, and throwing events), so there's something for everyone!

<u>Practices</u> will start on Monday, March 27, and will *tentatively* be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 pm at Waukesha South High School on their track (next to the football field between Pick 'n Save and the high school on Tenny Ave.). The season will conclude with a track party on May 23, 24, or 25.

Tentative Meet Schedule (subject to change):

Saturday, April 1 - Waukesha Catholic Indoor Meet at Waukesha South High School (tentative)

Saturday, April 22 - St. Leonard Relays at Muskego High School

Saturday, April 29 - St. Alphonsus Invite at Greendale Martin Luther High School (tentative location)

Saturday, May 13 - Holy Apostles Invite at Catholic Memorial High School

Saturday, May 20 - Greater Waukesha Track Championships at Catholic Memorial High School

Kids with conflicts on some practices or who will miss part of a meet day or an entire meet can still participate in track! Families will work with their coaches on availability to allow kids to run events only at certain times or on certain days. If you have questions, please contact Bill Serb, Athletic Director (athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org) or Co-Track Coordinators, Keri Spencer (keri4@spencerconsulting.net) or Brian Adamson (brian.adamson@icap-dev.com).

<u>A Mandatory Parent Zoom Meeting</u> for track families will be held on the evening of Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm. More detailed information and the Zoom link will be passed along to families, and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions.

Waukesha Catholic will be hosting the indoor meet at Waukesha South <u>tentatively</u> set for **Saturday, April 1**. We will be in need of volunteers to help run the meet, including admissions and crowd control (keeping kids off the track while races are running), as well as timers for some events. Those are short shifts, but necessary to hold the meet.

<u>To Sign Up</u>: Look for the email this week with all forms attached. You can also request hard copies of each form be sent home with your child by emailing the Athletic Director (email address below). Return all necessary paperwork (in English or Spanish), along with the \$50 participation fee*, to Bill Serb, Athletic Director, at the St. Mary Campus Office. If you previously participated in a sport this school year, only the sign-up form/consent and fee should be returned.

Required paperwork:

- Sign-up Form/Consent to Participate
- Athletic Physical (if expired)—signed by a physician
- Medical Information Sheet (signed by a parent/guardian)
- Concussion Awareness Form
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Forms (parent and student forms)
- Parent Sportsmanship Pledge
- Student Sportsmanship Pledge
- Parent Volunteer Contract

*No child will be denied participation due to inability to pay. Families unable to pay the fee should discuss their situation with the Athletic Director (Bill Serb: athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org).

TRACK COACHES NEEDED

We are in need of coaches, especially for our 5th-grade boys (head and assistant), 6th-grade boys (assistant), 6th-grade girls (assistant), 7th-grade girls (head coach), and 8th-grade girls (head coach) teams. Coaches must be Safeguard certified and can work with the track coordinator to learn the sport and how to run practices and enter athletes in meets. All of our teams practice at the same location/time and run in the same meets, so there is support for any new coaches

(<u>athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org</u>), or Co-Track Coordinators, Keri Spencer (<u>keri4@spencerconsulting.net</u>) or Brian Adamson (<u>brian.adamson@icap-dev.com</u>).

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. 2/18 at 12:15 pm vs Seton North @ St. Margaret Mary	
Boys 8th-Grade B (O'Reilly) Don Bosco Blue #835	Sat. 2/18 at 9:15 am vs St. Joseph-Tosa @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha 2/17-2/19 @ St. Leonard Tournament	
Girls 8 th /7 th Grade (Drosen) Don Bosco #824	Sat. 2/18 at 11:15 am vs Mother of Good Counsel @ Mother of Good Counsel 2/16-2/20 @ St. Jerome Tournament	
Boys 7th-Grade "A" (Geller) Notre Dame #711	Sat. 2/18 at 8:15 am vs St. Mary-Men. Falls @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha	
Boys 7th-Grade "B" (Fricano) Don Bosco #726	Sat. 2/18 at 8:15 am vs Blessed Savior @ Blessed Savior	
Girls 7 th -Grade (Frea) Notre Dame #706	Sat. 2/18 at 11:15 am vs St. Dominic @ St. Dominic	
Boys 6th-Grade (Brejcha) Don Bosco White #606	Sat. 2/18 at 11:15 am vs St. Mary Visitation @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha 2/13 at 7:00 @ St. Jerome Tournament Championship	
Boys 6th-Grade (Bowes) Don Bosco Gold #616	Sat. 2/18 at 10:15 am vs St. Dominic @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha Sat. 2/18 at 12:15 pm vs Christ King/Tosa Catholic @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha 2/13 at 6:00 @ St. Jerome Tournament 3 rd Place Game	
Girls 6th/5th Grade (Cunningham) Don Bosco Gold #614	Sat. 2/18 at 3:00 pm vs St. Joseph-Wauwatosa @ St. Joseph Wauwatosa	
Boys 5th-Grade (Matson) Don Bosco Gold #529	Sat. 2/18 at 8:15 am vs St. Mary Visitation @ St. Mary Visitation	
Girls 5th-Grade (White) Don Bosco Gold #514	Sat. 2/18 at 8:15 am vs St. John Vianney @ St. John Vianney	

Gym locations and directions are located on the league website: https://nddbbb.org/gym-locations

HOME St. Joe's Waukesha – 841 Martin St., Waukesha Blessed Savior – 5140 North 55th Street, Milwaukee Mother of Good Counsel – 6924 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee

St. Dominic - 18255 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield St. Jerome - 1001 S Silver Lake St. Oconomowoc

St. John Vianney - 17500 W. Gebhardt Rd., Brookfield

St. Joseph Wauwatosa - 2750 North 122nd Street, Wauwatosa

St. Leonard - W173 S7743 Westwood Dr. Muskego

St. Margaret Mary - 3950 N 92nd St, Milwaukee

St. Mary Visitation - 1260 Church St., Elm Grove

Scrip News (RaiseRight)

Kwik Trip bonus continues on now through Friday, February 24! 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.

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.

Place your Scrip order by Monday, February 20 at noon for delivery on Thursday, February 23. You can pay for your order by sending in a check to the school office, or pay directly with a bank account or credit card (a small fee applies).

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.

Board of Directors Meeting Tonight

• Our Board of Directors Meeting is tonight at the St. William Campus, 6:00 pm.

Community Messenger

Healing Hearts Winter Program

Healing Hearts is offering a 12-week Winter Program at no cost to you. They offer support groups that deliver compassion, care, and connection for those children and families grieving a loss from death, divorce, abandonment, overdose, incarceration, military deployment, and deportation. The 12-week program will be held on Mondays beginning January 30 and ending on April 24.

You may also visit the Healing Hearts website at www.healingheartswisconsin.org to select your group and submit an inquiry to participate, or you can directly contact Healing Hearts at lnfo.hhwc@gmail.com or 262-751-0874.

• Click here for the Healing Hearts flyer

Attention Boys Currently Enrolled in Grades 3-7

Interested in playing football this fall? **Catholic Memorial Jr. Crusader football registration is now open**. All of our coaches are USA Football and Safeguarding Certified.

To register, and for more information, use this link: https://jrcrusader.sportngincom/register/form/824380082

Click here for a copy of the flyer.

