

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 29 - Wednesday, March 6

Thursday, February 29: Non-uniform Day

- SMC Chess Club, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Friday, March 1: Second Trimester Ends
 - SWC Mass at 9:00 am led by Ms. George's 2-2 class
 - SMC CMH Band Concert in Gym, 10:00 am

Sunday, March 3: Third Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 4: No School

- Teacher In-service
- No Scrip this week
- Athletic Board Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom

Tuesday, March 5:

• SWC - Read Across America / Dr. Seuss Day

Wednesday, March 6:

- SMC Mass at 8:35 am
 - Reconciliation for grades 3-8

February Campus Calendars

- <u>SWC</u>
- <u>SMC</u>

March Campus Calendars

- <u>SWC</u>
- <u>SMC</u>

2023-2024 School Calendar



KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:

Tidy up a place that is messy.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN HOLY MOMENTS!

This Week's Video

Do you have any messy spaces at home, school, or work? Maybe it is your desk, your locker, your bedroom, your bag, or even your car. Spend just a few minutes each day tidying up a different spot, and you'll be amazed at the difference it makes! And remember, some moments are holy. Some moments are unholy. And you get to decide!

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Clean up your desk, car, or bag.
- If you notice litter outside, pick it up.
- Tidy up a messy space in your home.

Remember, especially during Lent, we are encouraging families to discuss the prompt each day/week and fill out the 40 Days of Holy Moments Pathway Activity Sheet each time you or a family member has Encountered Christ in a Holy Moment.

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

Additional Updates/Reminders:

- No School on Monday, March 4: Teachers will be finalizing grades and participating in professional development.
- The Home & School Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration listed on the school calendar with a TBD date in March has been canceled. St. William Campus, however, will have an in school celebration of Read Across America Day / Dr. Seuss Birthday on Tuesday, March 5.
- Almsgiving: Together The Catholic Community of Waukesha and Waukesha Catholic are supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society 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.

Thank you for all you do!

Lisa Kovaleski

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

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



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



2024-25 School Calendar

We are in the process of finalizing the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. We hope to publish all "important dates" in the next several weeks. However, there are two sets of dates we wanted to share with you now regarding next school year's calendar as they are different than how we traditionally calendar.

Due to Easter being so late next year (April 20, 2025), our Spring Break in 2025 will be March 24-28. It will NOT be the week after Easter. Catholic Memorial and the School District of Waukesha will also have this week off. Then, at Easter, we will have off on Good Friday (April 18, 2025) and Easter Monday (April 21, 2025). Please note: the dates mentioned here are for next school year, Spring Break, and Easter 2025.

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 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 <u>jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org</u>

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)
- Middle School Social (Friday, April 12, 2024)
 <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-hsevent#/</u>

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 <u>all</u> on Mondays from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Sunset Drive location:



- Monday, March 11
- Monday, April 8
- Monday, May 13

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 <u>here</u> 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

You can still add lunches for **March**! (Cutoff is 6 days before Serving Date) <u>https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Login.aspx</u>

• Menu: March

Hot Lunch can always use an extra set of hands! If you have a free lunch hour, please consider volunteering!

- SMC: SMC Hot Lunch Volunteers
- SWC: <u>SWC Hot Lunch Volunteers</u>

Better Options for Busy People

Everyday life can be incredibly stressful and busy. Some of us may need to rely on convenience options to feed ourselves or our families. Over the years many fast food restaurants have worked to incorporate healthier options into their menus.

Try these "better for you" options the next time you are at your favorite fast food restaurant!

1. Wendy's- Chicken Salads or Wraps



 Chick-fil-A- Grilled chicken nuggets, chicken salads, and multi-grain breakfast oatmeal

 Taco Bell-order any item "fresco style" to reduce calories and fat by up to 25% by replacing cheese and sour cream with fresh cut tomatoes

These options can also be made at home to amp up the freshness even more! Try topping home-

made tacos with plain low fat Greek yogurt instead of sour cream for more protein and less fat!



Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 at St. William Campus at 6:00 pm.

RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)

Raise Days start tomorrow! On Thursday, February 29 and Friday, March 1 earn big with special bonuses on eGift cards and reloads!

No order next Monday, March 4! Place your Scrip order by Monday, March 11 at noon for delivery on Thursday, March 14.



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 <u>www.RaiseRight.com</u>. 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 or 262-896-2929 ext. 5208 for more information.

Athletics

SPIRIT WEAR

The Waukesha Catholic Booster Club is running a spring spirit wear sale now through Wednesday, March 13. Items are available at: <u>https://www.kmsportsusa.com/waukesha-catholic/</u>

Families participating in track are not required to purchase anything for track season. However, the red track warm-up shirt may be worn over or instead of the track uniform shirt at meets if you choose to purchase one. Other items are great for staying warm at meets or showing your support as spectators at meets.

If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Harvey, Booster Club President at: <u>rlharvey28@gmail.com</u>

Congratulations to Coach Frea's 8th-grade girls basketball team on winning the St. Leonard Tournament this past week! The girls defeated St. Mary Hales Corners in the championship 26-10! We're proud of our players and coaches--great job!

PADRE SERRA TOURNAMENT - Congratulations to the Waukesha Catholic boys and girls basketball teams on earning their invitation to the Padre Serra Tournament! The full bracket will be released soon at https://thepadreserra.org/.

- Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm Waukesha Catholic Girls vs St. Charles-Hartland
- Sunday, March 17 at 1:45 pm Waukesha Catholic Boys vs TBD (St. Jerome/Bruno or Christ Child Academy)

All games are at Dominican High School (120 E. Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay).

2024 TRACK SEASON for 5th-8th grade boys and girls will begin on Monday, March 25. Each team will practice either Mondays and Wednesdays or Mondays and Thursdays (still waiting on Thursday confirmation) from 5:30-7:30 pm at Waukesha South High School. Our first track meet will be our indoor meet at Waukesha South on Saturday, April 13.

Please see the handout in this week's school packets for more track information, including how to sign up, a tentative meet schedule, and a list of teams that still need coaching help.

English forms: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15n840TuGtBR47qsFNL8n78Y60cgLNz40?</u> <u>usp=drive_link</u> Spanish forms: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Dx9BSfdWapj7bVYzysRkbnhilXkH9l29?</u> <u>usp=drive_link</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 (Geller) Notre Dame #812	Sun. 3/17 at 1:45 pm PADRE SERRA TOURNAMENT vs TBD @ Dominican High School
Girls 8th-Grade (Frea) Notre Dame #806	Sat 3/2 at 1:00 pm vs SJV/SMV/SJT @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha Fri. 3/15 at 6:30 pm PADRE SERRA TOURNAMENT vs St. Charles-Hartland @ Dominican High School
Girls 8th-Grade (Drosen) Don Bosco #816	Sat. 3/2 at 12:00 pm vs Seton North @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 7th-Grade (Brejcha) Notre Dame #709	League Season Complete
Boys 7th-Grade (Bowes) Don Bosco Blue #727	League Season Complete
Boys 6th-Grade (Matson) Don Bosco Gold #631	Sat. 3/2 at 11:00 am vs Christ King @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 6th-Grade (Cunningham) Don Bosco Blue #607	League Season Complete
Boys 5th-Grade (Klubertanz) Don Bosco Blue #508	League Season Complete
Girls 5th-Grade (O'Brien) Don Bosco #503	Sat. 3/2 at 10:00 am vs St. Joe's-Tosa @ 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 Dominican High School - 120 E. Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay, WI



Padre Serra Tournament Website

Campus Updates

St. William Campus (Click here)

St. Mary Campus (Click here)

COMMUNITY MESSENGER





Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County

Event Registration

Join us for the third annual Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County Jingle Bell Jog and Walk on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at The Ingleside Hotel. The event begins at 9 am and includes a 5K run, 2-mile walk and a free kids fun run (ages 10 and under).

Early bird registration is \$20 per person through Sunday, March 31. Price increases to \$25 starting Monday, April 1, and \$35 on Tuesday, July 16.

All money raised will support CCC's yearly mission of providing low-income children in Waukesha County a magical Christmas.

For more information and to sign up, visit <u>https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/jinglebelljog</u> or click on the button above.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Scroll to the bottom of the event registration page or email <u>Sarah.Hein@christmasclearingcouncil.org</u> for more information.

The race is chip-timed by Trackside Timing and Event Management, Inc.





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!





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: <u>https://jrcrusader.sportngin.com/register/form/080856958</u>



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