

Campus Connection

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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 8 - Wednesday, February 14

Thursday, February 8:

- Current family registration ends today
- Parent/Teacher Conferences at both campuses, 4:00-8:00 pm
- Home & School Meeting at SWC, 6:30 pm
 - SWC - Environmental Education In-house Field Trip for grades K3 and K4



Friday, February 9: No School, Teacher In-service

- Registration begins today for new families
- SMC - All Day Ski Club to Alpine Valley, grades 6-8

Monday, February 12: No School, Teacher In-service; No Scrip; Culver's Night on Sunset, 5:00-8:00

pm

Tuesday, February 13: Valentine parties at both campuses

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday; Happy Valentine's Day

- SWC - Mass at 9:00 am led by Mrs. Forsythe's 2-1 class
- SMC - Mass at 8:35 am

February 2024 Calendars:

[SWC](#)

[SMC](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:

*Smile at someone
in the hallway.*

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.)

Mother Teresa said: "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." And it's true! A smile can turn someone's day around. Doing little things with great love like smiling is a great Holy Moment. And remember, some moments are holy. Some moments are unholy. And you get to decide!

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Keep your eyes off your phone and pay attention to the people around you!
- Say hi to someone you normally wouldn't.
- Say "good morning" or "have a good rest of your day!" as you pass by people.

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!

Other Important Information:

- Thank you to everyone that attended and/or participated in the auction this weekend. It was wonderful to gather together as a school community to enjoy an evening full of friendship, love, and laughter while supporting OUR school. We are so blessed to have such a terrific and

generous community dedicated to our students! Thank you also to all of the volunteers and staff that put in countless hours to make this evening a huge success.

- Reminder - there is no school this Friday, February 9 and Monday, February 12. Our teachers will be participating in various Professional Development opportunities.

Blessings,
Lisa Kovaleski

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC NEWS

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

Priority Registration Ends Tomorrow 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 ends tomorrow. 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.

- [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](#)



Congratulations to **Pam Marotz** the winner of this year's \$2,000 Cash/Tuition Raffle! The winning ticket was drawn before a very enthusiastic crowd at our annual auction this past Saturday evening.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Back to the 90s Auction! Although we are still compiling a final event total, we can confirm that to date we have raised \$31,250 of our \$40,000 Fund-a-Need goal for new math curriculum. Mathematics is the universal language that unlocks doors to critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation. By contributing to our Fund-a-Need campaign, you are not merely donating; you are investing in the future of our community. New math resources will cost us anywhere from \$40,000 up to \$75,000. If

you can find it in your heart to help support this very important fundraising campaign, there is still time to donate at www.bidpal.net/waukeshacatholic.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTEE, VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, AND SPONSORS!

Many thanks to all those who contributed auction items and generously gave their time and talents to make our auction a huge success! Special appreciation to our host, **David Letkiewicz**, for his captivating performance on stage. David, your energy, talent, and hosting skills made the evening unforgettable, and we're grateful for your passion and dedication to Waukesha Catholic!! We are also thankful to Father Matthew, Father Pat, and Father Chuck for making a very memorable cameo appearance as David's backup dancers!



Deepest appreciation to our Auction Planning Committee and Development Committee, as well as the many volunteers who assisted with packing and preparing for the auction, truck loading, auction set-up, and check-out, as well as the Room Parents who coordinated the incredible classroom projects. Thanks to the dedication of these individuals and everyone who attended, our Back to the 90s Auction is one we will never forget. Thank you all!

Would you like to get involved? Do you have some ideas for next year? Now is the time to reach out to Lidia Crivello, Development Director, at lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929 ext. 5205 as we begin the planning of next year's event!

We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the generous sponsors whose vital support played a crucial role in making this year's event possible. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

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HOME & SCHOOL CORNER

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, February 12** 🚫🚫🚫🚫 Next Monday!!
- Monday, March 11
- Monday, April 8
- Monday, May 13

A Big Thank You to all of our Coordinators and Volunteers for representing our school while providing hospitality for Catholic Schools Week at our four parishes! Without you this would not have been possible!

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's Birthday Party/Movie Night (Friday, March 1, 2024)
- Middle School Social (Friday, April 12, 2024)

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

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

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

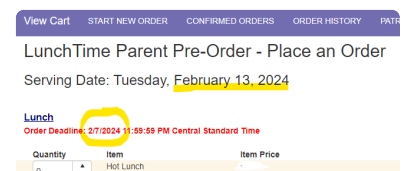
Hot Lunch can always use an extra set of hands! If you have a free lunch hour, please consider volunteering! (*Background and Safeguarding are Required*)

- SMC: [SMC Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)
- SWC: [SWC Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)

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

📅 The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 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.



Did you know that Scrip has an app to make ordering easier?

Download the *RaiseRight* app from the app store to start placing orders from your phone. Also, any physical cards that are reloadable can be added into the app in order to keep track of the balance and reload quickly and easily. Many of the "cards" are also able to be used from the app instead of having the physical card with you. Download the *Raise Right* app and check it out today!

No Scrip order next week on Monday, February 12! 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. 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.

Box Tops and Ink Cartridges



Earn 20-50 BONUS Box Tops when you purchase two-five Box Tops items at each of the following stores:

- Walmart
- Pick 'n Save
- Metro Market
- Meijer

Accepting these used/expired ink cartridges:

Brother, Canon, Dell, HP, IBM, Lexmark, Okidata, Samsung, and

Xerox

Please send ink cartridges to school in baggies or the original box labeled with student's name and class. Each donation equals one entry into the monthly \$10 gift card drawing!

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.

Congratulations to Coach Drosen's 8th-grade girls basketball team on finishing in 3rd place in the St. Francis Borgia Tournament this past weekend! Great job players and coaches!

Free Volleyball Clinic: Waukesha Catholic Athletic Board will be running a **FREE 3rd and 4th grade volleyball clinic** February 11 and 25 (both dates are on a Sunday). Please return the flyer sign-up and permission form in this week's school packets.

[Clinic Flyer](#)

[Clinic Permission Form](#)

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	Sat. 2/10 at 1:00 pm vs St. John Vianney @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha 2/8-2/11 @ St. Mary – Hales Corners Tournament
Girls 8th-Grade (Frea) Notre Dame #806	Sat. 2/10 at 11:15 am vs St. Dominic @ St. Dominic
Girls 8th-Grade (Drosen) Don Bosco #816	Sat. 2/10 at 2:00 pm vs Blessed Savior @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 7th-Grade (Brejcha) Notre Dame #709	Sat. 2/10 at 11:15 am vs St. John Vianney @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 7th-Grade (Bowes) Don Bosco Blue #727	Sat. 2/10 at 10:15 am vs St. Joe's Tosa @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 6th-Grade (Matson) Don Bosco Gold #631	Sat. 2/10 at 9:15 am vs St. Jude @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 6th-Grade (Cunningham) Don Bosco Blue #607	Sat. 2/10 at 3:00 pm vs St. John Vianney @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha Sat. 2/10 at 4:00 pm vs St. Jude @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Boys 5th-Grade (Klubertanz) Don Bosco Blue #508	Sat. 2/10 at 8:15 am vs Blessed Savior @ Blessed Savior
Girls 5th-Grade (O'Brien) Don Bosco #503	Sat. 2/10 at 8:15 am vs St. Sebastian @ 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
Blessed Savior – 5140 North 55th Street, Milwaukee, WI
St. Dominic – 18255 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI
St. Mary – Hales Corners – 9553 W. Edgerton Avenue Hales Corners, WI

Campus Updates

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

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

COMMUNITY MESSENGER

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 12
- 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?



MUHS Hilltopper Robotics Competition

Hilltopper Robotics Team 1732, made up of students from Divine Savior Holy Angels and Marquette University High Schools, is a FIRST® Robotics Competition team. FIRST is an

organization dedicated to developing today's students into tomorrow's science and technology leaders and innovators. One way that FIRST® accomplishes this is by offering fun-filled robotics programs that give elementary, middle, and high school students hands-on experience designing, building, and programming robots.

In addition to building an awesome competition robot, our team has a goal of promoting science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields within the Greater Milwaukee community. One way we do this is through our annual "Design-A-Robot Poster Contest." The objectives of the contest are to help grade school students become interested in STEM, give them an opportunity to see what our team does, and show how cool robotics can be.

We invite 1st through 5th-grade students to enter our 2023 "Design-A-Robot Poster Contest!"

The contest theme for 2024 is **"Think about something you would like to create. Then design a cool robot that could make it easier."**

Posters are to be drawn on the attached contest entry form and should include a brief written description of the robot and of what it can do, along with an illustration showing the robot's design. Entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 11, 2024, and should be mailed to:

Marquette University High School
Attn: Team 1732 Hilltopper Robotics
3401 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Our team will send emails to principals announcing the winners on or about Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Please see the attached poster contest flyer for more details - we have provided flyers in three languages. The official 2024 Poster Contest Entry Form is also attached; please print the entry form on white 8½" x 11" paper for each of your students and have them make sure to put their name, grade, and school on the back.

From all entries received, Team 1732 will choose at least five winning posters. Each winner will be invited to join the team and some of our sponsors for an Awards Brunch on Saturday, May 4, 2024. They will also become an honorary member of Team 1732, receive a guided tour of our robotics workshop, receive an official team t-shirt and even get a chance to drive one of our competition robots!

Here is a short [video](#) introducing our poster contest and explaining what a robot is. The hope is that it will help the students get excited for this year's contest!

We hope your students will participate. If you have any questions, please contact our team at outreach@team1732.com or visit our team website for more information at <https://www.team1732.com>.

- [Poster Contest Flyer](#) (English)
- [Poster Contest Flyer](#) (Spanish)



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://jrcrusader.sportngin.com/register/form/080856958>



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Waukesha is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters