

Campus Connection

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Waukesha
Catholic SCHOOL
SYSTEM

~ Our Mission Statement ~

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This Week's Calendar of Events...

Thursday, February 9: Non-uniform Day; SMC - Grade 5 field trip to First Stage, 11:00 am-2:00 pm; Chess Club 3:20-4:30 pm; SMC and SWC - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm; **Priority registration for current families ends today**

Friday, February 10: No School - Teacher In-service; New family registration begins

Saturday, February 11: Waukesha Catholic Dinner and Auction at The Ingleside in Pewaukee

Monday, February 13: Scrip orders due by noon

Tuesday, February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Wednesday, February 15: SMC - Mass at 8:35 am; Board of Directors Meeting at St. William, 6:00 pm



February 2023 Campus Calendars

- [SWC](#)
- [SMC](#)

- Click [here](#) for the 2022-2023 school calendar.

Kovaleski's Keynote

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Dear Waukesha Catholic Families:

Thank you once again for your donations last week to support the Catholic Community of Waukesha food pantries, as well as for the socks donated to "Warm Feet for Warriors". I know all these organizations are extremely grateful for your generous donations. This community never ceases to amaze me!

Mrs. Kathy Alcorta, Middle School ELA teacher, has informed us that she will be retiring from teaching effective MARCH 24. She will be dedicating her time to "grandparent-hood" and helping to care for her grandchildren. In the 6 ½ years that Mrs. Alcorta has taught ELA at Waukesha Catholic she has touched the lives of many students. She has helped to prepare them for high school and beyond and will be missed by many. I hope you will join me in wishing her the best on this new adventure and thanking her for her dedicated service to Waukesha Catholic.

Mr. Heinecke and I are currently discussing how best to move forward with this position and will have it posted on the Archdiocesan website, WECAN, and other job search engines later this week. However, if you know anyone interested in teaching middle school English, Language Arts as a permanent teacher or simply to finish out the school year, please refer him/her to me. We will work diligently to fill this position with a qualified candidate and do our best to make it as smooth a transition as possible for the children.

A few additional updates:

- If you have not yet registered your children for the 2023-24 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Our current school families have priority registration through this Thursday, February 9. On Friday, we will open registrations to new families. Any registration forms from

currently enrolled students received after Thursday will be processed along with the new student registrations on a first come, first served basis. Therefore, it is imperative your registration be submitted by that date in order to guarantee placement.

- We are 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 have them contact me at lkovaleski@waukeshacatholic.org.

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 UPDATES!

Check out all the fantastic items up for bid at our “Game On” Dinner & Auction!



DINNER AND AUCTION

The 2023 Auction offers an exciting assortment of new, hard-to-find treasures and unique experiences, such as:

- Catered Dinner for 12 with the Catholic Community of Waukesha Priests
- “Up Close” Seats for Pink at American Family Field
- Rare Signed Print of St. Mary's Church
- Magical Santa Photo Session from Kara Reese Photography
- Solo Bonfire Smokeless Fire Pit
- Lots of Family Game Night Games!
- The LARGEST Disney-Themed Basket you'll ever see!
- Milwaukee Bucks and Admirals Tickets
- Unique and Amazing Classroom Created Projects

Check out all of these great items and many more in the Auction book: [AUCTION PROGRAM](#)

While you can no longer register to join us in person, don't let that stop you from signing up for a silent auction bidding-only ticket so you don't miss out on supporting Waukesha Catholic with your

bids! Supporters not in attendance will need to make arrangements to pick up their items from the Administration Office located at 221 S. Hartwell Avenue by calling Nick Bailey at (262) 896-2929 or emailing nbailey@waukeshacatholic.org

THANK YOU to all of our great sponsors, advertisers, and room parents who coordinated the amazing class projects! They are wonderful!

Help is still needed!

Volunteers are the backbone of our Auction's success. If you can spare a few hours, or even just one hour, please consider helping out with set-up on Saturday, February 11 or with a variety of tasks throughout the night – including check out. Not attending the Auction but interested to see what it's all about? Volunteering is a great way to experience firsthand all this exciting night has to offer.

Please sign up for one of the many opportunities at: [VOLUNTEER](#)

We appreciate any amount of time that you can give! THANK YOU!

Last chance to win a year of FREE tuition or \$2,000 cash!

Our Auction's cash/tuition raffle is your only chance to win a year of free tuition for the 2023-24 school year – a value of over \$4,369 – or \$2,000 cash. You can be a part of this exciting raffle whether or not you attend the auction, as the winner need not be present to win! Tickets are \$25 each or 3 for \$60. Only 500 tickets will be sold, so your odds of winning are great! To order tickets, fill out the form sent home in the school packet and return to the school office as soon as possible or download a form here: [RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM](#) Good luck!

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

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.](#)

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.



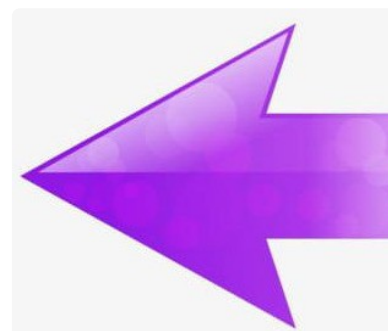
Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held tomorrow, Thursday, February 9, "in person" from 4:00-8:00 pm. Please note that these conferences are NOT mandatory. Teachers have already been in contact with parents for whom they would like to have a conference.

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.himagehost.com/WaukeshaCatholicYB23>



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.

From Scholastic Reflections: Only preordered yearbooks are guaranteed!



Thank you!!

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at the **Waukesha Catholic Book Fair** at the **St. Mary Campus Library!** It was a great success as we raised \$640 for your teachers and the school library! Thank you to Rainbow Booksellers for providing us all the books and a generous discount on the books we were able to purchase.

Rainbow Booksellers also donated to our Annual Dinner and Auction this coming Saturday February 11 so if you plan on

attending our auction be sure to check out their items. Thank you, Rainbow Booksellers!

Student Congratulations!

Claire W., a Waukesha Catholic 8th grader, was one of 36 students selected from across the U.S. to participate in the upcoming id2 West National Soccer Training Camp. Players have been scouted across the country and a select few are given the opportunity to come into a camp environment, train with top coaches, compete against other elite players, and play in front of professional and U.S. national team scouts.

Way to go, Claire! Waukesha Catholic is proud of you!!

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.



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 Saturday, April 1, 2023. Notifications will be made in late April.

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 [School Payment Portal](#). **We ask that all accounts be kept above \$5.00.** 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 [newsletter](#) 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!

[February 2023 Menu](#)

Volunteer Opportunities in Hot Lunch: [SMC](#) / [SWC](#)

Campus Updates

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

Athletics

TRACK

Attention all 5th-8th grade families! Track season is right around the corner! Look for more details in next week's Campus Connection and how those 5th-8th graders who would still like to participate can sign up. Track season will begin at the end of March.

Congratulations to the 8th-grade boys A basketball team on their 2nd-place finish at the St. Leonard Tournament this past weekend! Also congratulations to the 5th-grade girls basketball team on their 4th place finish in the St. John Vianney tournament last week! Great job by all the players and coaches - we're proud of all of you!

Waukesha Catholic Basketball Upcoming Schedules

*All schedules subject to change – updates on www.nddbbb.org (check division & team # below)

Team	Next Game(s)
Boys 8 th -Grade A (Goedheer) Notre Dame #813	Sat. 2/11 at 12:15 pm vs Brookfield Academy @ Brookfield Academy N
Boys 8 th -Grade B (O'Reilly) Don Bosco Blue #835	Sat. 2/11 at 11:15 am vs St. Agnes @ St. John Vianney
Girls 8 th /7 th Grade (Drosen) Don Bosco #824	Sat. 2/11 BYE (no league game)
Boys 7 th -Grade "A" (Geller) Notre Dame #711	Sat. 2/11 at 1:00 pm vs St. Mary Visitation @ St. Mary Visitation
Boys 7 th -Grade "B" (Fricano) Don Bosco #726	Sat. 2/11 at 11:15 am vs St. Gabriel/St. Killian @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 7 th -Grade (Frea) Notre Dame #706	Sat. 2/11 at 9:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ Brookfield Academy S
Boys 6 th -Grade (Brejcha) Don Bosco White #606	Sat. 2/11 at 8:15 am vs Christ King/Tosa Catholic @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha 2/9-2/13 @ St. Jerome Tournament
Boys 6 th -Grade (Bowes) Don Bosco Gold #616	Sat. 2/11 at 10:15 am vs Mother of Good Counsel @ Mother of Good Counsel 2/9-2/13 @ St. Jerome Tournament
Girls 6 th /5 th Grade (Cunningham) Don Bosco Gold #614	Sat. 2/11 at 11:15 am vs Messmer St. Mary @ Messmer
Boys 5 th -Grade (Matson) Don Bosco Gold #529	Sat. 2/11 at 9:15 am vs Christ King/Tosa Catholic @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
Girls 5 th -Grade (White) Don Bosco Gold #514	Sat. 2/11 at 10:15 am vs St. Jude/Tosa Catholic @ 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
 Brookfield Academy – 3460 N. Brookfield Rd, Brookfield
 Messmer High School – 742 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee
 Mother of Good Counsel – 6924 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee
 St. John Vianney – 17500 W. Gebhardt Rd., Brookfield
 St. Mary Visitation – 1260 Church St., Elm Grove

Scrip News (RaiseRight)

Kwik Trip bonus going 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.

There is no order next week on Monday, February 13! 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

- Our next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm.

Community Messenger

Calling all Families!!!

Please join us this Sunday for a Faith-filled, Fun, Family Weekend!

Join us as we gather in **faith** at the 9:30 am Mass at St. William Church this **Sunday, February 12, 2023**. Celebrate with **family** and **friends** in the Parish Hall after Mass while enjoying donuts and **fun!** **We cannot wait to see you there!!**



Catholic Community of Waukesha Family Adoration and Fellowship

Come and pray before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament on Friday, February 10, from 6:30-7:15 pm in church at St. William. Children will be welcomed at the foot of the altar for part of Adoration, and there will be time for silent prayer, as well as praise and worship music. Fr. Matthew will preside over Adoration and give an inspirational reflection. Join other families for fellowship and snacks afterwards from 7:15-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

2023 Milwaukee Festival at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Click this [brochure](#) for all information pertinent to this event.

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 Info.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://jr crusader.sportngincom/register/form/824380082>

Click [here](#) for a copy of the flyer.



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