

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, April 18 - Wednesday, April 24

Friday, April 19:

- SWC - Prayer Service at 9:00 am led by Mrs. Tallinger's K5B class
- Home & School Trivia Night at St. Mary Community Room, 6:00-8:00 pm

April

Monday, April 22: NO Scrip orders this week

- Safe Environment Week, April 21-27

Wednesday, April 24:

- Administrative Professionals Day
- School Board Meeting at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm
- SMC - Mass at 8:35 am

April Campus Calendars

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

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:

Read a chapter from a book recommended by someone you trust.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN HOLY MOMENTS!

[This Week's Video](#)

Wow, what a prompt! Books are very powerful—they can encourage, inspire, and even help you grow as a person. So talk to someone you trust, get an amazing book recommendation, and see what happens! And remember, some moments are holy. Some moments are unholy. And you get to decide!

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Get a recommendation from your favorite English teacher.
- Ask your family member what their favorite book is.
- Set aside time and space to read as a family.

Tuition Update: Thank you for your continued support of Waukesha Catholic and for making Catholic education a priority in your child's life. The administration, Finance Committee, School Board, and pastors have worked diligently to determine appropriate tuition rates for the 2024-25 school year. We understand that tuition costs are a significant investment for many families, and we have taken steps to keep costs as low as possible while maintaining the high level of education and quality resources our school provides. However, like many other educational institutions and organizations, we are faced with significant cost increases, related to:

- **Educational resources, instructional materials and technology:** These educational resources are necessary for us to continue to provide and outstanding, quality education yet they are a high cost to our school.
- **Safety and Security:** Although, we have already invested in security/safety measures, continuous upgrades and maintenance are necessary.
- **Teacher Salaries and Benefits:** Insurance and other benefit premiums are on the rise. Also, in order to retain our amazing staff and recruit highly qualified teachers, we are committed to getting/maintaining teacher salaries to 80% of their public school counterparts.
- **Other significant cost increases:** Contracted services, office equipment/printing costs, field trip, and transportation expenses, etc.

After much prayer and thoughtful consideration, the School Board has approved a 3% tuition increase for the 2024-25 school year.

Please refer to this [FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET](#) for the 2024-25 tuition rates.

A few items to note:

- In our continued effort to have all items related to the cost of education reflected in one tuition amount, the following are included in the cost of your tuition:
 - Field trip fees, with the exception of 6th-grade camp. You will not have to pay separately for field trips. (This does not include any costs incurred for extra-curricular or club events).
 - Technology Fees – This fee was previously charged in addition to tuition but is now included in the cost. These monies are dedicated to technology upgrades.
 - Registration Fee/Tuition Deposit – This fee was previously charged in addition to tuition but is now included in the cost. This fee is paid at the time of registration and is credited

to the tuition owed for the 2024-25 school year.

- Tuition alone does not cover the cost of your child's education. In addition to your tuition, we depend on support from our parishes and monies raised by third source funding to help cover the remaining costs.
- Tuition contracts will be sent home to families in mid-May.

We remain committed to providing the best possible education for your children and believe this tuition increase is necessary for us continue to do so. We appreciate your understanding and support as we look forward to next school year.

Blessings,

Lisa Kovaleski

WAUKESHA CATHOLIC NEWS



Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Safeguarding All of God's Family
Safe Environment Week - Proclamation

WHEREAS, Safe Environment Week is for every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community to focus, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are societal problems whose prevention depend on involvement among people throughout the faith community;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but also the entire Church;

WHEREAS, the theme for this years' Safe Environment Week will be "Protecting our Children starts with working as a Community on Prevention.";

WHEREAS, acknowledging that as a Church we have much work to do to rebuild the trust that has been broken;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that as bishops, clergy and church leaders we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki proclaim the week of April 21st – April 27th, 2024, as Safe Environment Week in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I ask that all participate and acknowledge each other with the love and mercy of God the Father.

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Safe Environment Week April 21 - April 27

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 21–April 27 as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church’s efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

2024-25 Important Waukesha Catholic Calendar Dates

August 21: Packet Turn-In	December 23-January 1: No School - Christmas Break
August 26: First Day of School	January 20: No School - Teacher In-service
August 30: No School	February 6: Conferences in the evening
September 2: No School - Labor Day	February 7: No School - Teacher In-service
October 3 & 4: No School - Teacher In-service	February 21: No School - Teacher In-service
October 24 Early Release - Conferences in the afternoon and evening	March 7: Early Release - Second Trimester Ends
October 25: No school - Conferences	March 24-28: Spring Break
November 19: First Trimester ends	April 17: Early Release
November 27-29: No School - Thanksgiving Break	April 18 & 21: No School - Easter Break
December 2: No School - Teacher In-service	May 26: No School - Memorial Day
December 20: Early Release	June 10: Early Release - Last Day of School



*** If any hours or days need to be made up due to inclement weather - we will use February 7 and/or afternoon of March 7.

Busing Request Form – ACT NOW

The Waukesha School District provides busing to our students who live further than two miles from the campus they will be attending. (To see campus boundaries - [click here.](#)) The school district **REQUIRES** that all students needing busing for the 2024-25 school year complete the form at the link below.

- [Busing request form](#)



If you do not complete this form, your child(ren) **WILL NOT** receive busing until that paperwork is processed. If you think you might need busing in the fall, complete this form ASAP but **no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2024.**

Alternate Location/Day Care Request

Forms are now available online at [Alternate location daycare](#)

Use this form if you would like to use the shuttle to SWC instead of your AM or PM bus route. Students will only be routed to/from one (1) AM location and one (1) PM location Monday - Friday.

This form is due no later than **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. If this form is received **after Sunday, June 30** it will remain in the que until paperwork is processed after school begins in the fall.

NOTE: Parents will also receive a confirmation so they know that the request was submitted. If you have any questions, contact Debby Dunk at Ddunk@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929 ext. 5200. If you need assistance completing the online form please call your campus office.

Deadline for Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) Ends Tomorrow!

Attention parents of students entering K4, K5, or 1st Grade (in the 2024-25 school year):

Waukesha Catholic will continue to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2024-25 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 tomorrow, Thursday, April 18, 2024.** 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. 5206.

Attention Current WPCP Families: The WPCP Application portal is now open. If your family currently has a WPCP voucher, please log in to your WPCP account and check in for the year. Review your family profile, update addresses (if applicable), and complete your 2024-25 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 18, 2024.** If sending via email, feel free to take a clear photograph of a 2023 W2, a current electric, water, or cable bill dated January 2024-April 18, 2024 to Meghan D. Gorzalski at: mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org.

Follow this link to complete your check in for the year: <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.5206.

The Board of Directors has approved Waukesha Catholic's participation in the Special Needs Scholarship Program for the 2024-25 school year. The Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) allows a student with a disability who meets certain eligibility requirements to receive a state-funded scholarship. The school receives a state aid payment for each eligible student, which is used to provide the necessary resources and/or programming to meet the student's disability. By participating in this program, we hope to provide additional staffing and program resources to meet the needs of our students, primarily in the areas of speech and language and learning difficulties. We hope to hire a part-time speech pathologist and part-time math intervention teacher for the 2024-25 school year.

If your child qualifies for this program, Ms. Kovaleski or a member of our Learning Support Team will reach out to you soon to discuss eligibility, answer any questions, and, if interested, explain the next steps in the process.

HELP SUPPORT Waukesha Catholic SCHOOL SYSTEM Students!



LAST CHANCE

Prizes \$7,000 in prizes!

Last Chance For 52 Club Raffle!

LAST CHANCE to Purchase Your 52 Club Calendar Raffle Tickets and Support Waukesha Catholic's Tuition Assistance Program!!

Don't miss the opportunity to win your share of over \$7,000 in cash prizes!

Please return your completed form and payment to either of the school offices, the Waukesha Catholic Administrative Office at 221 S. Hartwell Avenue, or any of the collection baskets at St. John Neumann, St. Joseph, St. Mary, or St. William Parish!

For those needing extra raffle tickets, please reach out to Lidia Crivello, Development Director, at lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929 ext. 5205 or download a **52 Club Ticket Form**

[HERE.](#)



Catholic Schools “Color” Walk!

Saturday, April 27

1:00 PM at our St. Mary Campus

SIGN UP TODAY so that we know that you’ll be joining us
on the 27th:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZHdObPjyLg6U88f873QCpu6w34ybtpJoYsOTTpGgmVt4Ceg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thanks to your incredible support, we raised **\$42,684.43** during our Catholic Schools Walk last fall, nearing our goal of \$45,000! Every dollar is making a difference right here at Waukesha Catholic, benefiting each and every student.

Let’s keep the momentum going at our upcoming rescheduled Catholic Schools “Color” Walk on Saturday, April 27. **We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate Catholic education—admission is free!** The festivities kick off at 1:00 pm with an Opening Ceremony, followed by a one-mile walk. Prepare for a vibrant experience as you make your way back to campus, where you’ll be greeted with bursts of colorful powder at seven different color stations, adding a splash of joy to your day!

Also, get ready for a spectacularly slimy spectacle—you won’t want to miss the moment when **Ms. Kovaleski and Mr. Heinecke are drenched in a bucket of ooey-goey slime!** Make sure you’re there to witness the goey glory and share in the fun right after the walk. It’s going to be a slime-tastic celebration for everyone!

Finally, we are looking for parent and student volunteers to help at our color stations! If you can lend a hand, please get in touch with Lidia Crivello at 262-896-2929 ext. 5205, email LCrivello@WaukeshaCatholic.org, or sign up directly here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4AA22A4FECE9-49150872-2024#/>

Bring the whole family, we can’t wait to celebrate with you!

COLORWALK 2.0



Save the Date! Waukesha Catholic's Class of 2024 presents The Music Man, Jr.!

Show dates are Thursday, May 9, Friday, May 10, Saturday, May 11, curtain at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, May 12 at 1:30 pm. All performances are at the Catholic Memorial High School Theatre. Treat the moms, grandmothers, and special women in your life to a trip to the theatre on Mother's Day weekend!



Keep your eyes out for the show flyer and ticket order forms in next Wednesday's family folder! You do not want to miss the bold, brassy show that will have Waukesha atwitter! Master showman Harold Hill is in town and he's got "seventy-six trombones" in tow. Can upright, uptight Marian, the town librarian, resist his powerful allure? The story follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize. The catch? He doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plan to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, whose belief in Harold's power just might help him succeed in the end in spite of himself.

[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, or 1st in the 2024-25 School Year](#)

New Breakfast Option at Waukesha Catholic!

We now offer a Grab & Go cold breakfast option with a choice of milk, which students can eat as they start the day in their classroom. Below are the April offerings starting on Monday, April 15. **Pre-Order will be required just like lunch so that we have enough to serve, so please get orders in as soon as our monthly menus become available. (Cost is \$2.50 full price, \$.30 Reduced or Free based on benefit status.)**



PLEASE REMEMBER WE WILL ONLY HAVE WHAT YOU PRE-ORDER EACH MORNING.

Pre-Order: <https://schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx>

[Link to Instructions](#)

15 WG RS Trix Cereal WG Berry Animal Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Strawberry Applesauce Cup Choice of Milk	16 WG Vanilla Bear Grahams Chocolate Chickpea Spread 100% Fruit Juice Diced Pear Cup Choice of Milk	17 WG Cinnamon Rockin'ola Vanilla Yogurt Cup 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Banana Choice of Milk	18 WG French Toast Crunchmania Crackers** 100% Fruit Juice Dried Fruit Choice of Milk	19 WG Strawberry Filled Bagel** 100% Fruit Juice Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	
22 WG Cinnamon Chex Cereal WG Apple Cinnamon Bear Grahams 100% Fruit Juice Cinnamon Apple Sauce Choice of Milk	23 WG Cinnamon Mini Cinni's ** 100% Fruit Juice Dried Pineapple Choice of Milk	24 WG Honey Cheerios Colby Jack Cheese Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Banana Choice of Milk	25 WG Strawberry Pop Tart** 100% Fruit Juice Mixed Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	26 WG Banana Breakfast Round** 100% Fruit Juice Seasonal Fruit Choice of Milk	
29 WG Breakfast Bread Slice** 100% Fruit Juice Applesauce Cup Choice of Milk	30 WG Cinnamon Grahams Yogurt Cup 100% Fruit Juice Pineapple Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	1 WG RS Cocoa Puffs WG Cinnamon Goldfish 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Banana Choice of Milk	WG = Whole Grain Item ** indicates item is 2 oz equivalents of grain		
				MILK FOR SCHOOLS: SKIM WHITE SKIM CHOCOLATE MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON PRODUCT AVAILABILITY This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

K-12 Cold Breakfast Menu

Hot Lunch Links

Pre-Order for **April is open!** (Cutoff is seven days before Serving Date)

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

[April Breakfast+Lunch Menu](#)

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:** [SWC Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)

Board of Directors April Meeting Date

☒ The next Board of Directors meeting is Wednesday, April 24 at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm.

RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)

No order next week on Monday, April 22! Place your Scrip order by Monday, April 29 at noon for delivery on Thursday, May 2.



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.

Athletics

Athletic Board Position

The Waukesha Catholic Athletic Association is looking for interested members to serve on the Athletic Board. Board members serve two-year terms that run July-June. Board members meet once per month, serve on sub-committees, serve as gym supervisors during games, help run the Waukesha Catholic Indoor Track Meet and the Seton Volleyball Tournament, and help run the volleyball and basketball splits to ensure all policies are followed. Parents of current Waukesha Catholic students (ANY grade) are eligible for the Athletic Board. Candidates must submit a letter or email of interest to Dan Fodrocy, Athletic Board President, at fodrocyd@gmail.com by Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to be considered. If there are more candidates than available positions, an election will be held later in May.

2024-25 Sports Sign-up Night

Current 4th-7th grade families (next year's 5th-8th graders) can sign up for sports at our Sports Sign-up Night on Wednesday, May 22 from 6:00-8:30 pm in the St. Mary's Community Room. We will have all forms available in English and Spanish, and we will email copies in advance the week before. More details will be emailed to families in the coming weeks.

2024-25 Sports Information Meeting

All Waukesha Catholic families who are new to sports for the 2024-25 school year (including all current 4th-grade families) are invited to a Sports Information Night on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm in the St. Mary's Community Room (during Sports Sign-up Night). We will have a presentation about our athletic programs, expectations for our athletes, parents, and coaches, and will be answering any questions parents may have prior to signing up for sports.

Important Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, May 22 - Sports Sign-up Night for the 2024-25 School Year (more details to come) and Track Party and Uniform Return at St. Mary's

Wednesday, May 29 - 8th-Grade Athletic Banquet (watch for invitation in the next few weeks)

2024 TRACK MEET SCHEDULE (subject to change):

Saturday, April 27 - St. Leonard Relays @ Muskego High School

Saturday, May 4 - St. Alphonsus Invite @ Greendale High School

Saturday, May 11 - Holy Apostles Invite @ Catholic Memorial HS

Saturday, May 18 - Greater Waukesha Track Championships @ Catholic Memorial HS

UPCOMING ATHLETIC DATES (Tentative)

Wednesday, May 22 - 5:30 pm - Track Party and 2024-25 Sports Sign-up Night

Wednesday, May 29 - 6:00 pm - 8th Grade Athletic Banquet

Campus Updates

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

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

COMMUNITY MESSENGER



SOUP WITH SUBSTANCE: THE BEAUTY OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

**Wednesday, April 24
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Dive deeper into the Eucharistic Miracles. Join us for a light meal and a presentation from guest speaker Ron Gamache as he shares more about the intersection of faith and science in the Eucharist.

St. John Neumann, Neumann Hall
RSVP by April 17
Contact Mary at 262-922-9285

Mark Your Calendars For May Crowning

This year's May Crowning is on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary Parish. We hope you will join us!



Waukesha Catholic

Waukesha is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters