

Campus Connection

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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.

This Week's Calendar of Events...

Thursday, April 27: SWC Gym: Opening Night of *Shrek The Musical, Jr.* at 7:00 pm

Friday, April 28: SWC - Prayer Service at 9:00 am led by Mrs. Tallinger's K5B class; SWC Gym: *Shrek The Musical, Jr.* at 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 29: SWC Gym: *Shrek The Musical, Jr.* at 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 30: SWC Gym: *Shrek The Musical, Jr.* at 1:30 pm
Monday, May 1: Scrip orders due by noon
Wednesday, May 3: SMC - Mass at 8:35 am



- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Spring Band Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm, at Waukesha South High School**

April 2023 Campus Calendars

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

May 2023 Campus Calendars

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

- Click [here](#) for the 2022-23 school calendar.

Kovaleski's Keynote

Hello Waukesha Catholic!

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 2023-24 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 are high costs to our school. In recent years, COVID-19 relief funds have helped offset some of these expenses, however, these funds are no longer available.
- **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 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 5% tuition increase for the 2023-24 school year.

Please refer to this [FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET](#) for the 2023-24 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 2023-24 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 to continue to do so. We appreciate your understanding and support as we look forward to next school year.

Other reminders/updates:

- Mrs. Rutzinski, our K3-5th grade Physical Education teacher, will be out on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. (No baby yet, we will let you know when she arrives.) We are grateful to have Mr. Nicholas Bailey as her substitute at St. William Campus and Mrs. Brooke Thomas as the substitute for grades 3-5 at the St. Mary Campus.
- The new phone system at Waukesha Catholic is up and running. We now have ONE main phone number for Waukesha Catholic: **262-896-2929**. Please use this number when contacting either campus or any school staff. Individual staff extensions can be found on the staff page of the website: <https://www.waukeshacatholic.org/staff>.
- We currently have two teaching positions available for the 2023-24 school year. If you know anyone that may be interested in either position, please refer them to the job postings listed below:
 - Middle School English Language Arts: <https://www.archmil.org/Jobs-2.0/Middle-School-English-Language-Arts-Teacher2.htm>
 - Part-time Art Teacher - Grades 3-8: <https://www.archmil.org/Jobs-2.0/Art-Teacher-Part-Time-6-FTE.htm>

Have a fabulous rest of the week!

Lisa Kovaleski
Principal

Registration Links

- [Online Registration Form for 2023-24 School Year](#)
- [Financial Information Sheet](#)

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



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 2023-24 school year complete the form at the link below.

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, please complete the form. Please complete this form ASAP, but no later than **Thursday, June 15, 2023**. 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.

Click the following Transportation Request Form link (for parent use):

<https://bit.ly/privateschoolrequest23-24>

Board of Directors Meeting Tonight

- Tonight's Board of Director's Meeting is at 6:00 pm at St. Mary Campus.
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Home & School News Items

Home & School Dine-Out Nights

Mark your calendars for our Home & School sponsored dine-out nights listed below:

- Tuesday, May 9
- Thursday, June 8

Click [here](#) for the flyer. Both events are from 11:00 am-8:30 pm at Panda Express, 601 E. Sunset

Hot Lunch Nibbles and Notes

Balance Transfer and Refund

Do you have a student graduating or leaving Waukesha Catholic, but they still have a balance left on their Hot Lunch Account? If so, you can transfer their hot lunch funds to a sibling or have their balance refunded after the completion of school. Please contact Joy Suzik to request the funds transferred or refunded before the end of the year at jsuzik@waukeshacatholic.org.



[April 2023 Lunch Menu](#)

[May 2023 Lunch Menu](#)

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

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 Friday, April 28, 2023 to be considered. If there are more candidates than available positions, an election will be held later in May.

2023-24 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 Tuesday, May 23 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.

2023-24 Sports Information Meeting

All Waukesha Catholic families who are new to sports for the 2023-24 school year (including all current 4th-grade families) are invited to a Sports Information Night on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 pm in the St. Mary's Community Room (during Sports Sign-up). 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

Tuesday, May 23 - 5:30 pm Track Party and Uniform Return at St. Mary's Gym; 6:00-8:30 pm Sports Sign-up Night for the 2023-24 School Year (more details to come) at St. Mary's Community Room; 7:30 pm New Parent Athletics Meeting at St. Mary's Community Room

Thursday, May 25 - 8th-Grade Athletic Banquet 6:00 pm (tentative start time) at St. Mary's Community Room (watch for invitation in the next few weeks)

Congratulations to the Waukesha Catholic Track Team on WINNING the St. Leonard Relays this past weekend with 262.5 points (41.5 points ahead of 2nd place SMMF). Outstanding finishes (top 8 places that scored points for the team) were recorded by the following athletes: [Click here](#).

Campus Updates

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

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

Scrip News (RaiseRight)

Are you planning to attend the next "Dine Out Night" at Panda Express on Tuesday, May 9? Order a Panda Express gift card or eGift card to use for your purchase and earn "extra" money for Waukesha Catholic.

Mother's Day shopping? Pick out the perfect gift and purchase it with a Scrip "gift" card or pick out the perfect gift card for her to treat herself!

Place your Scrip order by Monday, May 1 at noon for delivery on Thursday, May 4.

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.

Do you have questions about the Scrip program? Contact Charlotte, our Scrip Coordinator, at scrip@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929, ext. 5208 for more information.

Community Messenger

Waukesha Public Library Event

Waukesha Public Library's annual Dia de los Ninos event is coming up on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 am to noon! Families are invited to join us for entertainment activities, food, and a free book

to keep. **No registration is required, and all are welcome!**

Dia de los Ninos is a great opportunity for families to celebrate the importance of diverse stories and cultural heritage with others from our community! Please click this [flyer](#) for more information.



May Crowning Next Monday

Where: St. Mary Parish

When: Monday, May 1

Time: 6:30 pm

Volleyball Opportunity at CMH

Attention girls currently in 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades interested in **volleyball:** Catholic Memorial Jr. Crusaders volleyball registration is now open. Click this link to register:

<https://jr Crusader.sportngin.com/register/form/530659200>

We will be hosting a player evaluation on Friday, May 12 to all those interested in participating in Jr. Crusaders volleyball. Details in the 2023 Jr. Crusaders volleyball [flyer](#).

Spring Vendor Fair At Waukesha West High School

Are you looking for that perfect Mother's Day gift? Please come visit the Waukesha West Music Department's Spring Vendor Fair in the school parking lot on Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. There will be a variety of vendors, local artists, crafters, and food trucks. Admission is FREE, and you can enjoy live performances by Waukesha West student musicians. It is fun for all ages!

Mark Your Calendars For The Next Donut Sunday

The turnout for last weekend's Donut Sunday, and celebration of Deacon Denny, was wonderful. We are very blessed to have adults, kids, and families helping get our hospitality Sunday's running again. It was wonderful!

Mark your calendars for our next Donut Sunday on May 21. Come and join us!!

Catholic Community of Waukesha Mission Opportunity

We still have three spots left for Love Begins Here, our summer mission opportunity hosted by the Catholic Community of Waukesha at St. Mary from Sunday, July 9-Wednesday, July 12. This local mission trip is open to students currently in grades 6-8, and offers a great introduction to summer mission work while staying close to home. Visit [SignUpGenius](#) to express interest, and contact Erin Erickson at eerickson@ccwauk.org or 262-922-9285 ext. 2301.



Vacation Bible School Registration

St. William Parish will host Vacation Bible School for children currently in grades K3-5 during the week of June 19 from 9:00 am until noon. This year's theme is Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light. Registration is now open, so reserve your spot early and watch for volunteer opportunities coming soon. [Register here](#) for a week of crafts, music, and "Stellar" fun!

'Soak Up Spanish' with Futura

The entire family can 'Soak up SPANISH' this summer! This June Futura is offering learning opportunities for both youth and adults! Live virtual theme-based classes make learning fun and engaging! Full course descriptions on our registration site. Join the fun today, enroll online: <https://futuraadventures.com/virtual-learning-registration/>



Waukesha Catholic

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