

# Campus Connection

Issue #3, September 13, 2023



**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...

**Wednesday, September 13:** SMC - Mass at 8:35 am

**Thursday, September 14:** Non-uniform Day

**Friday, September 15:** SWC - Prayer service at 9:00 am led by Mrs. Thorpe

**Saturday, September 16:** SMC - Middle School Social 7:00-9:00 pm  
SMC gym



**Monday, September 18:** Scrip orders due by noon

September 2023 Campus Calendars

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## Kovaleski's Keynote

Happy Wednesday!

This week is our first FULL week of school, and we are officially back into the swing of things. We have had an amazing start to the school year, and I know it will be one of the best.

As you know, our theme this school year is "**ENCOUNTER CHRIST in Holy Moments.**" Jesus invites all of us to have a personal relationship with him. Encountering Him is about entering into a relationship with Him through real, authentic experiences and recognizing his presence in the everyday moments. As we progress through the school year we will be continuously discussing the theme with the students and helping them to recognize when and where they can encounter Christ and how they can "collaborate with God" to turn everyday moments into Holy Moments.

What can you do this week to encounter Christ in a more meaningful way?

### **Additional Reminders/Updates:**

**Job Openings:** WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please share the following postings with friends, relatives, and neighbors and encourage them to apply for one of these positions. It is imperative we find quality individuals to fill these positions so we can continue to provide quality programming and services.

- **Development Assistant:** We are still in need of a part-time Development Assistant. *The Development Assistant will provide administrative support to the Development Director in accordance with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and goals of Waukesha Catholic. This position is responsible for the integrity of all database records associated with the development process and for providing administrative and logistical support for fundraising events. The Development Assistant must be willing to work additional hours, including occasional evenings or weekends, as needed.* If you know anyone that may be interested, please refer them to the job posting here ([Click this Link](#)) or they can search Waukesha Catholic on [Indeed.com](#).
- **Before and After Care:** In order to continue to provide Before and After Care at both of our campuses we are in need of additional workers. *Waukesha Catholic is looking for help in their Before and After Care Program for the 2023-24 school year! Hours are flexible as our program runs Monday-Friday 6:30-8:20 am, and again in the afternoon from 3:00-6:00 pm.* If you know anyone that may be interested, please refer them to the job posting here ([Click this Link](#)) or they can search Waukesha Catholic on [Indeed.com](#)

Thank you in advance for sharing the above job postings and saying a few prayers that the right candidates will apply very soon!

**Attendance Reminders:** With the start of a new year, we wanted to remind you of the attendance laws and policies we are required to follow. The attendance policy in its entirety can be located in the Family Handbook on pages 4 and 5, but there are a few specific items I would like to highlight:

- Waukesha Catholic will comply with the compulsory school attendance laws defined by Wisconsin State Statute 118.15.
- **Parents/guardians may excuse their child from attendance in school for up to ten (10) days per school year. A medical excuse will be required for any additional absence(s) exceeding ten (10) days per school year; otherwise, the absence(s) will be considered unexcused.** As a courtesy, we will provide proactive notifications informing you when you are approaching the 10-day threshold.
- Parents or legal guardians must provide the school with the reason for their child's absence. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide verbal or written reasons for their child's absence before 9:00 am on the day of the absence.
- Failure to report an absence, by call or note, by the end of the next day following the absence will result in the absence being unexcused.
- Please also note, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 118.15, we are required by law to send a written notification when a child has been absent or tardy without an acceptable excuse for a total of five or more days in a semester.
- Per Wisconsin State Statute 118.16, truancy means any student absence for part or all of one or more days from school that is unexcused or during which the school office, principal/designee, or teacher has not been notified of the cause of such absence by the parent/guardian. Students that have been unexcused five (5) or more part or full days in a semester are considered habitually truant.

**Safety Request - Carline:** In the mornings, when waiting in carline, we kindly request that all students remain completely inside the car and buckled - no arms, legs, heads, or bodies out the windows or sunroofs. Although rare, we have had "accidents" in the carline, and therefore for the safety and security of your children, we ask they remain seated inside the car.

Thank you for all you do to support Waukesha Catholic. We are so grateful!

Blessings,  
Lisa Kovaleski

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## Newsletter Submissions

Effective today, all submissions for the newsletter should be sent to Mrs. Mindy King, Assistant to Administration. Her email is [mking@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:mking@waukeshacatholic.org). The deadline for submitting items to be published is **Monday each week by noon.** We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this transition.





## Save the Date!

Please join us for the **11th Annual Catholic Schools Walk** on **Saturday, October 14** from 1:00-3:00 pm at our St. Mary Campus. **It's time to have LOTS of fun as we bring back our Color Walk!!**

As a school community, we invite you and your family and friends to walk together to celebrate Catholic education! Our fall fundraiser is a crucial component of our annual budget and supports essential curriculum updates, faith formation, teacher salaries, facility updates, and more. With your help, we need to raise \$45,000 for Waukesha Catholic.



Every dollar that is donated stays right here at our school! So please help us reach our goal by asking family, friends, and neighbors to donate today!

### How do I register and/or make a donation?

It's easy! Create your own fundraising page at [tinyurl.com/WCColorWalk](https://tinyurl.com/WCColorWalk), and ask your family, friends, and neighbors to help you raise money. Use and share our text-to-give number. People can simply text **SCHOOLSWALK93 to 71777**, scan our QR code, give online via [tinyurl.com/WCColorWalk](https://tinyurl.com/WCColorWalk), or bring cash or check donations directly to the school office. Remember, 100% of donations raised will directly benefit our Waukesha Catholic students!

### If I am unable to attend the walk, can I still participate and donate to help us reach our goal?

**YES!!** We need everyone's help! Please text **SCHOOLSWALK93 to 71777**, give online via [tinyurl.com/WCColorWalk](https://tinyurl.com/WCColorWalk), or bring cash or check donations directly to the school office.

**We'll also have prizes galore as fun classroom rewards will be announced in next week's Campus Connection!!**

**Questions?** Contact Lidia Crivello at [lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org) or call (262) 896-2929, x5205. Thank you for supporting Waukesha Catholic!

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**Home & School Corner**

**Call to Action!**

The Middle School Social is this coming weekend!

- **Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023**
- Time: 7:00-9:00 pm
- Location: St. Mary Campus

We have our Coordinators! Thank you Nick Bailey and Sara Drolet!

However, we need volunteers to make this amazing event happen:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-middle1>



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**Grandparent and VIP Day** takes place on **Friday, September 29.**

We have our coordinators for Grandparent and VIP's Day. Thank you: Erin Granger, Meghan Hodge, Jillian Harris, and Gabriela Catalan! We are still in need of volunteers (at each campus) for the hospitality for this event. Please look to see where you can help below.

Note: There is a possibility that any hospitality event could be cancelled due to not having enough volunteers.

Please understand, Grandparents and VIP Day will still take place with students and their guests, however, the celebration with snacks and refreshments would not.

Please consider volunteering!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49AEAE28A1FC1-grandparents>

We will be implementing a new caveat to events this year. Home & School will be requiring a coordinator for each event 60 days prior to the event taking place or the event will be cancelled. Thank you to the parents that have signed up already; there are still many volunteer opportunities open in the sign-up below.

**Current events needing coordinators:**

- (FULL) Middle School Social - Saturday, September 16, 2023
- Staff Dinner during Conferences - Catered - TBD October date
- Halloween Spooktacular - Friday, October 27, 2023
- Principal Appreciation Day - Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Please use this Signup Genius link to volunteer for Home & School as an Event Coordinator:

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

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**Safe Environment Education Classes Offered**

**Safe Environment Education Classes with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee**

Would you like to volunteer at school or go on a field trip? It is required that you attend safeguarding class with the Archdiocese. Your participation in this class grants you the ability to volunteer for five years.

There are a few coming up in our area:

- Wednesday, September 20 - St. Charles - Hartland

To find other classes or register for a class please visit: <https://www.archmil.org/Offices/Safe-Environment.htm>

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## Nibbles & Notes

**WANT TO SAVE MONEY?** Pay for milk and/or hot lunch by check versus online! Just send your check into school - *Attn: Hot Lunch (Please note your student's name)*

If you still have to pre order for September meal choices, please use the links below.

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

September Menus: [SeptMenus](#)

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

**Hot Lunch Volunteer Links:**

SMC: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4DA4AE28A57-hotlunch>

SWC: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4DA4AE28A57-hotlunch1>

October is National Farm to School month and our students are enjoying delicious locally grown and sourced apples and pears from Patterson Orchards in New Berlin!

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



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**Items Needed For The Knights Trading Post (PBIS Store)**



Over the last few weeks, our students have been busy earning Knights Kash by demonstrating positive behavior in a wide variety of ways. Soon, our students will have their first opportunity to visit the Knights Trading Post, using their Knights Kash as currency to purchase various items. Each campus will have its own Trading Post.

If you've been looking for a good reason to do some fall cleaning and have been wondering what to do with things your children no longer play with, we could use some help stocking each of the Knights Trading Posts! If you have anything at home that would make a fun item for a student to purchase, we will gladly take it! Some items that our students would enjoy include:

- Play jewelry
- Small games
- Hot Wheel cars
- Sports-themed items
- Dolls
- Gently used sporting equipment
- Like-new and cleaned stuffed animals
- Books
- Toys
- Coloring and puzzle books
- Pens, pencils and markers
- Any other items you think our students may like

Items can be sent to the offices. Please mark them as "Knights Trading Post." Thank you in advance for your donation!

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## Campus Updates

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

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

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## Athletics

**Athletics Parking** Families attending home games at St. Joe's for volleyball or basketball should park on the street around Martin St., Main St., or in the old Ace Hardware parking lot on the corner of Main and Barstow. On Saturdays the parking lot between the church and old school building should remain clear to allow for church parking (Mass or weddings). We appreciate your help so that the elderly can get into church without climbing stairs.

**3rd and 4th Grade Basketball Clinic** The Waukesha Catholic Athletic Board is sponsoring a free basketball clinic over three Sundays this fall. Please see the flier enclosed in the school packet.

this week for details and to sign up!

**Athletic Volunteer Needed!** Waukesha Catholic Athletics is looking for a Parent Volunteer Coordinator (shadow this year, take over next year). This person would create the SignUpGenius for parent volunteers to work admissions and concessions for our volleyball and basketball games, indoor track meet, and the Seton volleyball tournament. Please contact Bill Serb, Athletic Director, at 262-896-2929 x5210 or via email at [athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org) if interested.

### **Waukesha Catholic Volleyball Upcoming Schedules**

\*All schedules subject to change – updates on [www.metrovbconference.org](http://www.metrovbconference.org) (check division & team # below)

<b>Team</b>	<b>Next Game(s)</b>
<b>Boys 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Spencer)</b> John #820	Fri. 9/15 at 7:00 pm vs St. Mary – Men. Falls @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha Fri. 9/15 at 8:00 pm vs St. John Vianney @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
<b>Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade A (Hickok)</b> John #818	Sat. 9/16 at 2:00 pm vs St. Francis Cabrini @ St. Mary – Menomonee Falls Sat. 9/16 at 3:00 pm vs St. Mary – Men. Falls @ St. Mary – Menomonee Falls
<b>Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade B (Brockman)</b> Matthew #829	Sat. 9/16 at 10:30 am vs Mother of Good Counsel @ St. Agnes Sat. 9/16 at 11:30 am vs St. Agnes @ St. Agnes
<b>Boys 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Skudlarczyk)</b> Matthew #726	Fri. 9/15 at 7:00 pm vs St. Jude @ St. Jude the Apostle
<b>Girls 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Diedrich)</b> Matthew #727	Sat. 9/16 at 8:30 am vs St. Mary Visitation @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha Sat. 9/16 at 10:30 am vs Brookfield Academy @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
<b>Boys 6<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Bugenhagen)</b> Mark #638	Fri. 9/15 at 7:00 pm vs St. Alphonsus/St. Matthias @ St. Mary Visitation – Elm Grove
<b>Girls 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 (Brock)</b> Matthew #	Sat. 9/16 at 9:30 am vs St. Francis Cabrini @ St. Francis Cabrini
<b>Girls 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 (Kristbaum)</b> Matthew #	Sat. 9/16 at 1:00 pm vs St. Mary Visitation @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha Sat. 9/16 at 2:00 pm vs St. Jude @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha
<b>Boys 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Mihelich)</b> Luke #528	Fri. 9/15 at 6:00 pm vs St. Anthony on the Lake @ St. Anthony on the Lake
<b>Girls 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 (Garczynski)</b> Luke #	Sat. 9/16 at 9:30 am vs Christ King @ Christ King
<b>Girls 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 (Karabon)</b> Luke #	Sat. 9/16 at 11:30 am vs St. Mary Men. Falls/St. Agnes @ HOME St. Joe's Waukesha

Gym locations and directions are located on the league website: <https://metrovbconference.org/gyms%2Flinks>

HOME St. Joe's Waukesha – 841 Martin St., Waukesha

Christ King – 2646 Swan Blvd. Wauwatosa, WI 53226

St. Agnes – 12801 W Fairmount Ave. Butler, WI 53007

St. Anthony on the Lake – W280 N2101 Hwy SS Pewaukee, WI 53072

St. Francis Cabrini – 529 Hawthorne Drive West Bend, WI 53095

St. Jude the Apostle – 800 Glenview Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213

St. Mary – Menomonee Falls – N89 W16215 Cleveland Ave. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

St. Mary Visitation – Elm Grove – 13000 Juneau Blvd. Elm Grove, WI 53122

## **Scrip News (RaiseRight)**

Welcome back to the Scrip Program! It's the start of a new school year and a great time to start earning credit for your child's tuition for next year and support the school at the same time! Scan the QR code on the right, and it will take you to the Raise Right page.

**NEW THIS YEAR**, if your child will be attending Catholic Memorial High School - you can apply your half of the Scrip rebate to tuition / fees at CMH - more details coming in the next couple of weeks!



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. Each week I use the gift cards to pay for groceries at Pick 'n Save, Sendik's, and Good Harvest. I also pay for various items at Target, Walmart, and Meijer's with gift cards. When we go out to eat or get takeout - we use a gift card for



Starbucks, Panera, Culver's, and Papa Murphy's. You can get gas and groceries with a Kwik Trip card. Almost every store and restaurant you visit has a gift card offered through the Scrip Program - check out the options at [www.raiseright.com](http://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, or scan the QR code.

*Kwik Trip bonus going on now until Friday, September 29! Kwik Trip cards (for gas and groceries) have a 9% rebate and Kwik Trip (grocery only) cards have a 15% rebate! **Place your Scrip order by Monday, September 18 at noon for delivery on Thursday, September 21.***

Do you have questions about the Scrip Program? Contact Charlotte, our Scrip Coordinator, at [scrip@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:scrip@waukeshacatholic.org) or 262-896-2929 ext. 5208 for more information.

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## Community Messenger

### Families, Fire, and Prayer

Sit by the fire pit, enjoy s'mores, and pray together with Fr. Matthew at this family-friendly event.

**Friday, October 6, 7:00-9:00 pm at St. John Neumann Patio**

Bring your own lawn chairs.



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### Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts will have three locations this year.

- The Oconomowoc 6-week session starts Thursday, September 21.
- The Waukesha 12-week session starts Monday, September 25.
- The Menomonee Falls 6-week session starts Thursday, November 9.
- Pick as many sessions to suit whatever works for you!

Children will find care, support, and healing through age-based peer support groups while parents/guardians participate in a peer support group specifically for them. Use this [link](#), or see the flyers below for more information!

HEALING HEARTS OF  
SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

## Grief Support for Children and Families

Free, local support groups  
serving children, youth, and  
adults.

Losses from death, divorce,  
abandonment, incarceration,  
illness, military deployment,  
deportation, and other life  
-altering events.

- Small Peer Groups
- Confidential Setting
- Non-judgmental
- Trained Facilitators
- Free of Charge

Register through the Healing  
Hearts website or call  
262-751-0874.  
[www.healingheartswisconsin.org](http://www.healingheartswisconsin.org)



### Find Your Support Group Here

Healing Hearts is a trusted, local source of  
grief support for children and families.  
Children and teens explore, learn, and  
heal through grief with others their age.  
Parents, guardians, and caregivers meet  
together in separate groups.

#### Upcoming Dates and Locations:

##### Oconomowoc, WI

Thursdays, 9/21-10/26  
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church  
800 Lake Drive, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

##### Waukesha, WI

Mondays, 9/25-12/11  
First United Methodist Church  
121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha WI 53186

##### Menomonee Falls

Thursdays 11/9-12/21  
Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
N88W17658 Christman Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

##### Grupos el Dolor (Waukesha, WI)

Lunes 9/25-12/11  
Las familias hispanas son bienvenidas. La  
participación es gratuita y confidencial.

Register through the Healing Hearts  
website or call 262-751-0874.

[www.healingheartswisconsin.org](http://www.healingheartswisconsin.org)



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