



Campus Connection

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November 29, 2017

This Coming Week

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November 30 - Last day of first trimester

December 1 - SJC: Mass at 8:40 a.m., SMC: Mass at 9:00 a.m., Kindergarten open house at SWC 9:45-11:00 a.m. (students do have class this day), Early dismissal: SMC 11:20 a.m., SJC 11:25 a.m., SWC 11:40 a.m.

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent - theme: Unity

December 4 - Order Scrip before 9:00 a.m., Athletic board meeting at 6:30 p.m. SJC

December 6 - Feast of St. Nicholas

December 14 - Fall Fundraiser pick up at SMC Community Room 3:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Kovaleski's "Key" Notes

Dear Parents:

"It's almost Advent; only a few weeks till Christmas!" Was it really a whole year since we last heard those words? Hard to believe!

The Season of Advent affords us the opportunity to get in touch with our own spirituality, to reflect on the journey we've taken over the past year and to set goals for the coming year – spiritual resolutions. Advent is also a time that allows us to seek God and to celebrate the gifts he has given us.

Our Advent theme this year is: Celebrating God's Gifts. As we wait and prepare for the coming of the Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ, our school and parish communities will celebrate these other beautiful gifts given to us by God.

- 1st Week of Advent: Gift of Unity
- 2nd Week of Advent: Gift of Diversity
- 3rd Week of Advent: Gift of Hospitality
- 4th Week of Advent: Gift of Gratitude

Oh, the anticipation!!

Other items to mention:

SCRIP: With the holiday's fast approaching I know many of you, myself included, give gift cards to some of those special people on your "gift list." If a gift card may be your gift of choice this year, I strongly encourage you to purchase those gift cards via our SCRIP program. It is easy to do, there are 100's of cards to choose from, and Waukesha Catholic benefits financially. It is a win, win!! If you aren't familiar with SCRIP I encourage you to watch this 2-minute video that gives a brief overview of the program. <https://youtu.be/bf8NPhBwNxc>. Shopping with Scrip is really quite easy, I PROMISE.

If you order by Monday at 9:00 a.m. the gift cards are available on Thursday. However, if you don't want to wait that long about 1/2 of the vendors offer ScripNow which allows you to download an electronic gift card within minutes of ordering. SCRIP also has a convenient app and many cards that can simply be "reloaded" online. It doesn't get much easier! So, please, before you purchase your next gift card from your local retailer, I would ask that you please go to shopwithscrip.com and see if it can be purchased through them. Once you start to use it you will be amazed at how easy it is to do, the variety of the cards available, and you will be helping our school to raise money.

AmazonSmile: Another way you can help to support Waukesha Catholic earn funds for our school is by using Amazon's charity site smile.amazon.com. Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on smile.amazon.com at the same price and your account settings/perks such as Prime carry over, as well. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. Select Waukesha Catholic School System from the list of organizations and a percentage of your purchase will be given to our school. Click here to get started now: www.smile.amazon.com.

Thank you for all you do to support us!!

Lisa Kovaleski

Weekly News

New Arrival

The Scheibmeir / Head family welcomed their newest member, Zuleika, on November 16th. Zuleika was 8 lbs., 4 oz., and 20" long. Zuleika joins her older siblings Ximena and Yadirra. Congratulations!!

Kindergarten Report Cards

While report cards for the St. Mary and St. Joseph students will be sent home next Friday, reports for the 3, 4, and 5 year-olds are not sent home until January 26th. These students are graded at the semester only. (January 26th and June 8th)

Kindergarten Open House!

We are excited to host our Annual Kindergarten Open House at St. William Campus on Friday, December 1, 2017 from 9:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. This Open House is for new families with children who will be 3, 4 and 5 years old by September 1, 2018. Families are invited to meet our outstanding faculty and staff, see our classrooms and experience firsthand what makes Waukesha Catholic truly special.

We are asking our current school families to help spread the word about this special event. Sharing on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are great ways to spread the word. **Gift cards of \$5.00** will be awarded to school families who refer friends and family or colleagues to this event! Also, if more than 10 confirmed referrals are made, the referring family names will be put in a drawing to **WIN a \$150 Scrip Gift Card!**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact: Meghan Gorzalski, Director of Admissions and Marketing, at 262-896-2929, ext. 1326 or at mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you for your generosity to our community! The parish pantries distributed the food in Thanksgiving baskets. It is always wonderful to see how giving our school families are to those in need.

Scrip

Our order total from Waukesha Catholic families over the last 2 weeks is \$16,730.00. Plan ahead to get your cards for gift giving!

Home & School - Gift Giving

Let us do your Christmas shopping for you!! Remember that the deadline for the optional, staff Christmas gifts is next Wednesday, December 7th! Please call or email Liz Wilson at 262-513-1814 or mwilson35@wi.rr.com if you have any questions. [You may download the forms at this link.](#)

An Important Note Regarding Tuesday, December 12th

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We have provided a map to illustrate the morning carline process at St. Mary Campus.

Christmas Concert

A reminder that the Christmas Concert for grades K3-5 and the 6th-8th grade choir will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at Carroll University.

If you would like to order a DVD, please return the completed form; [go to this link for the form.](#)

Fall Fundraiser

All items ordered on the paper form (except magazines) including chocolates, cookie dough and Cinnabon, as well as prizes will need to be picked up on December 14th. We do not have room to refrigerate these items and they must be promptly picked up. The pickup date is Thursday, December 14th from 3:15 - 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Community Room (enter from the back parking lot). The prizes on the Fall Fundraiser envelope will be distributed at this pick up time, also. The prizes on the envelope will only count for one child so it depends on the name you put on the order form. [See reference pages at this link.](#)

Culver's Night

Home & School will be holding a Culver's Night on Sunset Drive in December. Join other families on Tuesday, December 19th from 5-8:00 p.m. No cooking required!

Seton Scholarship Opportunity

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 school does not have to be in the tournament to apply. [Go to this link for a copy of the application.](#) All applications must be received by February 1, 2018. Notifications will be made in March.



SAVE THE DATE

We're Rolling out the Red Carpet – Just for You!

On February 10, 2018, all the “stars” of Waukesha Catholic will be out for our annual Auction being held at the Milwaukee Marriot West hotel. You’ll feel like a movie star as you enter this red-carpet, Hollywood-style party. Enjoy signature cocktails, beer, wine, delicious food, bidding excitement, socializing, dancing and more during this night of glitz and glamour.

We’ve created a savory menu that begins with a scrumptious salad consisting of mixed baby greens topped with candied walnuts, dried cranberries and gorgonzola cheese. For the main course, choose from one of these flavorful entrées:

- Filet mignon complemented by a horseradish crust & truffle butter sauce
- Boneless honey-roasted chicken prepared with a fig mustard compote (Gluten-free)
- Seared salmon dressed in lemon basil sauce & lobster tarragon butter

Plus, save room for the most delectable dessert your taste buds will ever encounter – a heavenly chocolate mousse torte. It’s several layers of a chocolate paradise – perfect for the chocolate lover yet not too rich for the average dessert connoisseur.

The Auction will be a night to remember, so mark your calendar to join us February 10 – you won’t want to miss this star-studded event!



Thank You Parade Helpers!

We would like to thank all the people who helped with the Waukesha Catholic Christmas Parade float this year! We had a great time building the float, walking in the parade, and spreading holiday cheer to the community!

Special thanks to: Josh Demeter and Family, Ann Lottes, Bruce Orgas, Rebecca, Leah and Jack Harvey, Jeff Jonas, Tony Gorzalski, Ken Walter, Nick Popp and his family farm, Jack Piotrowski, Will Obst, Brian, Kristen, Adam, Nathan and Sammy

Mihelich, Josh Noonan, Zach Nelson, Violet Stillmank, and the kind people at Generac, Inc. Thank you for making our float so special! We look forward to working together with Waukesha Catholic families to build another fun float next year!

SCRIP



Weekly orders are placed on Monday mornings. Upcoming dates for Mondays in December are the 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Order gift cards to use for your Christmas shopping or to give as gifts!

Catholic Community of Waukesha

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

There's still time to sign up for the Advent Workshop for Families this coming Sunday, December 3rd from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the St. Mary Community Room. This FREE workshop will offer the opportunity to make an Advent Wreath, Advent Calendar, or Jesse Tree (you can do two options!). Sign up by emailing Jim Gill in the Catholic Community of Waukesha Adult and Family Ministry Office – jjill@ccwauk.org – by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Community

Advent Retreat Opportunity

Arise Milwaukee is presenting an Advent Retreat on December 2nd at St. Dominic Catholic Parish in Brookfield. Spend a few hours in prayer 1:00-6:45 p.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m. or both. Go to this link for more details.

Cooking Class

The Saints Chef Club is starting a new class. The six sessions will start on January 16th. Students in grades 2-8th have the opportunity to learn how to cook up a feast! [Go to this flyer for details](#) and registration.

Waukesha South High School

The Booster club of Waukesha South is holding a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2nd. [Go to this link for the details.](#)

**St. Joseph Campus
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Included in This Week's Packet

Box Top December Collection Sheet
December Calendar - *2 sided*
Chorus Rehearsal Permission Slip - *Chorus students only*
Our Lady of Guadalupe Permission Slip - *1 per student*

Introducing our 2017-2018 Student Council Members

This year's St. Joseph Campus members include:

Grade 6 - Maggie Schmitzer, John Schwaab, Teresa Roubik and Charlie Mroz
Grade 7 - Dominic Hill, Lily Flaherty, Jake Thomsen and Quintin Wolbert
Grade 8 – Emily Gehrke, George Beres, James Crotty and Abby Hickok.



Student Council works to promote school spirit and will work together to represent the student body when planning dances and other school-sponsored events/activities!

SJC Scholastic Book Fair News



Thank you to all for giving your student the opportunity to express themselves through their reading selections in the books they purchased at the St. Joe's Scholastic Book Fair.

These books brought *more* knowledge, *more* adventure, *more* humor, *more* mystery and *more* imagination into their lives.

Through the lunch hot chocolate sale and pencil pull event, I was able to raise \$134.00 for the All for Books program and enhance our school library with \$420.00 in books right from the book fair!

The All for Books program will donate \$134.00 in books to children in need through these organizations: Kids in Need Foundation, National Center for Families Learning and Reader to Reader Inc., thank you Scholastic.

I'm very grateful for all the assistance from our terrific volunteers: Mrs. Char Saber, Mrs. Lonnie Christianson, Mrs. Kris Bartels, Mrs. Therese Thomsen, Mrs. Wendy Whitney, and Mrs. Kitty Greil. Thank you, your volunteering does make a difference!

Mrs. Jane Egan

Trimester Recognition

We will be holding our First Trimester Awards Assembly **on Friday, December 1st**, in the church immediately **after** Mass. Family members and special friends are welcome to attend.

December Engineering Club

December's new and exciting topic for Engineering Club is Environmental Engineering. Students will be exploring water quality with an expert from the Retzer Nature Center and then designing and building a water filter.



Want to join the fun? Sign up **in person** with your **science teacher** starting November 27th. The session is limited to the **first 25** students to sign up with a **\$2 supplies fee**. You **must** have a signed permission slip and code of conduct on file to sign up.

Engineering Club will meet the **December 5th and 12th from 3:30 - 4:30**.

Watch the Campus Connection for information on future Engineering Club sessions.

Box Top News

Our November contest has ended. The cornucopia with the most fruit in it was the **GIRLS!** That means the girls will have a non-uniform day on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**.

The December contest will have each grade decorating a Christmas tree for every 50 Box Tops turned in, that grade will have an ornament hung on their tree. The tree with the most ornaments will win a class treat.

Ski and Snowboard Club

There will be an informational meeting about this winter's ski and snowboard club on **December 4th from 6:30-7:15 p.m.** in Mrs. Wiberg's/Ms. O'Brien's classroom. The meeting will include information for both parents and middle school students. It is strongly recommended that any interested new members attend. For those that would like to get ski club dates on their winter calendar for the year, we will be going to Alpine Valley on December 15th, January 12th, January 19th, and January 26th.

Our all day trip to Cascade Mountain will be on February 16th. Please email Mrs. Wiberg at awiberg@waukeshacatholic.org with any questions.

★ Attention 8th Grade Parents

On December 11th at 6:00 p.m., Waukesha West will be open to all incoming freshman who may be interested in attending West HS next fall. "Welcome to West" Night offers families the opportunity to meet teachers, tour the building and sit in on informational sessions.

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Learn the Art of Cooking

The Saints Chef Club is now registering for winter workshops. A total of six sessions starting on Tuesdays, January 16, 2018 thru February 27th from 4:10 p.m. – 7:10 p.m. More information is now available in the St. Joe's school office!

St. Mary Campus

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Box Tops News

Our November contest has ended. The turkey with the most feathers on it was the **girls!!**

That means the **girls** will have a non-uniform day on Wednesday, Dec. 6th.

The December contest will have each grade decorating a Christmas tree. For every 50 Box Tops turned in, that grade will have an ornament hung on their tree. The tree with the most ornaments will win a class treat. [Go to this link for the BoxTop Sheet.](#)



Santa's Workshop

Please remember to volunteer for Santa's Workshop. This is a fun and rewarding event as you can check out the "customers", or help a child shop for that special gift. Either way it is a fabulous opportunity to experience Christmas through the eyes of a child. Please use the Sign-Up Genius below to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your time!

[2017 Santa's Workshop](#)

Permission Form

Included in today's packet is a permission form for our concert practice at Carroll University on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. Please return it by Wednesday, Dec. 6th. Anyone without a signed form will not be allowed to participate in the practice. Thank you! [Go to this link for a copy of the permission slip.](#)



Mad Science

The first Mad Science class is after school tomorrow from 3:25 - 4:25 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the program, you can reach Mad Science at 414-858-9990. This is a six-week program. The class dates are as follows: November 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st, 2017 and January 4th, 11th, 2018. There is no class on December 28th.

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed!

We still have some days to fill in December for Hot Lunch. It's a busy time of year, but if you can find a day to help, that would be wonderful!

The time commitment is only about one hour from 11:15 - 12:15. Duties include helping to unload the prepared food, serving the food and returning the lunch tickets to the school office. Lunch will be served in the lunchroom. Thank you for all the help that has been given so far this year! The students appreciate it so much. Please continue to sign up and help with this important task!

You can volunteer at this link: [Hot Lunch Volunteers SMC 2017-2018](#)

Looking Ahead

Thursday, Nov. 30th: Last day of first trimester
Thursday, Nov. 30th: Mad Science, 3:25 - 4:25 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 1st: Early dismissal day, 11:20 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 6th: Box Tops winner non-uniform day (***girls only***)
Friday, Dec. 8th: Report cards sent home

Included in Today's Packet

December calendar
Parent permission form
Box Tops sheet
Tamale flyer from SJ Parish

St. William Campus

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Open House, December 1st

The St. William Campus will be conducting an open house for **new families** this Friday. **Current students will have school with early release at 11:40 a.m.**



Santa's Workshop

We still need a couple more parent volunteers to be elves for a fun morning helping our students to shop in Santa's workshop for gifts for their families. The workshop is scheduled to be open the morning of December 15th from 9 – 11 with maybe an hour needed after lunch. Please spend an hour or two helping our students pick out fun gifts for their families for Christmas morning! If you would like more information on how this works, or to volunteer, call the school office at 896-2920 ext. 1, or email Ann at alottes@waukeshacatholic.org. Please remember you must be safeguarded to volunteer for this activity.

Our Lady of Guadalupe – ** please note the start time of 8:20 **(start drop off is 8:10)

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- St. William Campus students who ride the bus will be dropped off at the St. Mary Campus in the morning.
- Students transported by car will need to be dropped-off at St. Mary Campus. **Please drop off at 8:20 a.m.**
- Students attending the Before Care program at St. William will be transported by bus at **8:00 a.m.** to St. Mary Campus.

All St. William students will be bused to their campus at the conclusion of the celebration (10:45 / 11) for the duration of the school day. **Students are to be picked up from the St. William Campus.** Please contact your child's teacher, or the school office with questions.



November BOXTOPS

Tom turkey had the most feathers – the boys are the BOXTOPS winners for November. A treat will be coming their way – good job boys!

The next promotion will be through January. If you need more sheets, they are available in the office!

Report Cards

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December 1st – Kindergarten Open House 9:30 – 11 a.m. (Early release schedule for current students)
11:10 a.m. Prayer Service led by Ms. Baumann's K3 class
Early Release – 11:40 a.m.



December 7th – K5 Auction Project (refer to room parents/teacher instructions)
December 12th – Morning at SMC for Guadalupe Celebration (bus to SWC at 11:00 a.m.)
December 13th – Waukesha Catholic Christmas Concert at Carroll University
December 15th – Santa's Workshop
December 22nd – Early Release – 11:40 a.m. Christmas Break Begins

Included In This Packet

December Calendar
St. Joseph Tamale Order Form
Permission Form – Our Lady of Guadalupe
Permission Form – Concert Practice at Carroll University
BOXTOPS Collection Sheet