



## Campus Connection

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# This Coming Week

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

**December 15** - SJC: Mass at 8:40 a.m., SMC: Mass at 9:00 a.m., SWC: prayer service at 11:10 a.m.

**December 17** - Last day to order 4 P's for January, Third Sunday of Advent - theme: Hospitality

**December 18** - Last Scrip order before Christmas - 9:00 a.m. deadline

**December 19** - Culver's Night on Sunset 5-8:00 p.m.

## Kovaleski's "Key" Notes

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent: Celebrating All of God's Gifts – DIVERSITY

When I see you through my eyes,  
I think that we are different.



When I see you through my heart,  
I know we are the same.

~Doe Zantamata

[thehiyL.com](http://thehiyL.com)

What a terrific day we had yesterday when the entire school, all three campuses, came together to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the St. Mary Campus. I absolutely love it when we are all together for prayer and festivities. It truly warms my heart and reminds me how truly fortunate we are to be a part of such a wonderful community.

And, many of us will gather together again tonight for the Christmas concert which is certain to be another fabulous event. The students have been working hard in preparation and are eager to sing for family and friends. I sent the following reminders in an email yesterday but felt it appropriate to share them again:

- University classes are schedule in the auditorium until 5:50 p.m. Unfortunately, we have recently been told that school families will not be allowed to enter the auditorium until classes/rehearsals have finished.
- Students should stay with their parents until 6:15 p.m. at which time your child/children may go to their designated spot to meet their teacher. Information was sent home about this last week.
- Parents should keep all coats/jackets. Students should not bring any coats/jackets to the meeting location.
- K3-K5 Parents: When the K3-K5 students are finished with their performance, they will be directed to the lobby for you to meet them. At this time you may leave or go back to your seats to enjoy the remainder of the concert.
- Carroll University has booked another event in the Rehearsal Room across the hall from the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Please be mindful of this when leaving through the lobby.
- Finding parking can be somewhat challenging, please plan accordingly.

Next week, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent, we will be celebrating the gift of "hospitality." Our students will be providing "hospitality" to the parishioners after morning Masses each day next week at St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes. The St. William students will do something special for the parish staff at St. William Parish. We will also be hosting, in collaboration with the parishes, Las Posadas Monday-Wednesday night next week. More information will be sent out later this week to explain this wonderful event/tradition. We hope you will be able to join us!

Blessings,  
Lisa Kovaleski, Principal

## Weekly News

### **Welcome**

The Demeter family welcomed their newest member; Elizabeth Lillian arrived on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., 20.5 inches, and joins big brothers William, Peter, Thomas, and Luke. Congratulations Demeter family!

### **Scrip**

The Scrip order from our school families is \$11,635 this week. The total from the Waukesha parishes and school is \$21,030. Monday, December 18th is the last order before Christmas. Orders are due online by 9:00 a.m.

### **Christmas Concert**

A reminder that the Christmas Concert for grades K3-5 and the 6th-8th grade choir will be held tonight 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 - Pick-up tomorrow!**

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).

### **Christmas Shopping Online?**

You can generate donations for our school when you shop on Amazon's charity site, smile.amazon.com. You must enter the Amazon site through smile.amazon. However, you can still take advantage of your other perks like Amazon Prime. Select Waukesha Catholic School System from the list of organizations and a percentage of your purchase will be given to our school.

Click this link to get started now. [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1688421](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1688421)

### **After School Care on December 22nd**

There will be **NO Aftercare** offered on our half day, Friday, December 22nd. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy the time off.  
Before and Aftercare Staff

### **Check Out Our New PBIS Webpage!**

At the start of the school year, we introduced a new school-wide program, called Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), to encourage positive behavior in our students. We have since developed a website to share information about the program with our families. You can visit it at <https://sites.google.com/a/waukeshacatholic.org/pbis/>.

The rollout of PBIS at Waukesha Catholic has been very exciting and it has been so rewarding seeing our students demonstrate the many positive behaviors we have been promoting. Great job students!!!

### **Read to Succeed**

Last week you should have received information on Six Flag's *Read to Succeed* reading program. This optional reading program encourages students K5-6th grade to read for fun outside of school by providing a free admission ticket to Six Flags Great America for 6 hours of recreational reading. Please encourage your child to participate. Reading logs (attached below) are due by **February 14, 2018**. If you have questions, please contact the Read to Succeed coordinator, Andrea Gehrke, at [andreawalkergehrke@yahoo.com](mailto:andreawalkergehrke@yahoo.com) or 262.402.7381.

Reading Logs: [go to this link](#) (English and Spanish)

### **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! Culver's donates a percentage of the sales to Home & School.

### **Emergency Closing**

Please note that closings can happen due to snow, extreme cold, water, power, or weather related reasons. It would be good if one member of the family monitored either radio, TV, or the computer before heading off to school. These announcements are the only way to cancel school in case of an emergency. Please consider posting these in your home:

#### **TV**

Channel 4 -- WTMJ  
Channel 6 -- FOX-WITI  
Channel 12 -- WISN

#### **Radio - AM**

WTMJ (AM 620)  
WOKY (AM 920)  
WISN (AM 1130)

#### **Radio - FM**

WKTJ (FM 94)  
WMIL (FM 106)

And remember these important guidelines:

- We follow the Public Schools. If the WAUKESHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS close or start later or leave earlier then we will do the same. (We do not follow Catholic Memorial.)
- If for some reason one of the individual Waukesha Catholic Campuses has an emergency of its own, this will also be reported. Therefore, listen to the radio or TV stations listed above.

Emergency phone numbers at each campus are only used in the event that land lines are down.

St. Joseph 262-565-7291      St. Mary 262-565-7292      St. William 262-565-7293

### **Campus Connection**

We will have a Campus Connection next week on Wednesday, December 20th. The next Campus Connection will be on Wednesday, January 10th. There will not be a newsletter on January 3rd. Therefore, get your information into the editor if there is something that needs to go out before January 10th.

### Scouts

Calling all Girl/Cub/Boy Scouts! Please join us for our annual *Pray the Rosary Night* on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the St. Mary's Chapel. We will earn the *International Catholic Scouting Awareness Award* and complete a portion of the *Pray the Rosary Series*. Also, on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the St. Mary's Community Room, we will host the *Footsteps of the American Saints Night*. Come earn patches for two saints! If you have any questions, please contact St. Mary's Parish Religious Emblems Coordinators, Steve and Jenny Kocovsky, at [kocofam@wi.rr.com](mailto:kocofam@wi.rr.com). God bless!



### The Auction – a Night of Fun Surprises

The Auction offers more than just an opportunity to bid on fabulous items in the silent and live auctions. You can also partake in a variety of fun activities that evening, including:

- **Best of LIVE Raffle:** For just \$50, you could win your choice of a LIVE auction item! It's a game with attractive odds, as only 100 tickets are sold, on a first-come, first-serve basis. The winning ticket is drawn at the beginning of the LIVE auction and winner gets first pick of a LIVE item. What a great way to get in on the LIVE auction for very little money!
- **“Golden Star” Gift Card Pull:** You're a winner every time – guaranteed – when you play the Auction's ever-popular gift card pull. Pick a gold star for \$25 to reveal a gift card of equal or greater value. Best of luck finding one of the \$50 gift cards!
- **Cash/Tuition Raffle:** Win \$2,000 cash or a year of free tuition for the 2018-19 school year – that's a value of more than \$3,800! Tickets sell for \$25 each or 3 for \$60.
- **And more!**

The Auction on February 10th is sure to keep you entertained – don't miss it!

**Athletics**



Congratulations to the 8th grade girls basketball team!

They won the St. Jude's tournament this past weekend.

## Catholic Community of Waukesha

### ***Rosary Walk for Life***

Join St. Joseph's Rosary Walk on Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. [Go to this flyer](#) for the details in English and Spanish.

**St. Joseph Middle School  
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**Included in This Week's Packet**

Ski Club Trip Confirmation

**Christmas Concert Reminder**

Please join us tonight as we celebrate Christmas through song. Tonight's Christmas concert is at Carroll University, Shattuck Auditorium. SJ students should arrive by 6:20 p.m. and meet backstage in their Sunday best!

**Sport Club Hiatus**

Beginning in January 2018, our Sports Club **will not** be meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays. Sports Club will resume in the spring, stay tuned!

**Home Work Request Reminder**

Homework will be collected on the **second** day of an illness. Parents are reminded to visit the school website:

waukeshacatholic.org  
academic tab  
scroll to class page  
choose St. Joseph Campus

Each teacher has his/her classes listed, as well as the homework for the day. Parents are always welcome to stop and get specific books as needed.

If on the second day of a student absence you would like to pick up or send homework with a specific person, please indicate your preference when calling your student in absent.

Student homework is located in the school office and available for pick up until 4:00 p.m.

# St. Mary Campus

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## **Christmas Concert Reminders**

Please join us tonight as we celebrate Christmas through song. Information regarding tonight was sent home in last week's packet. Remember to read it over before coming to Shattuck as it explains where each class should meet. Children are required to arrive by 6:15pm.

Also, if you haven't ordered a DVD, today is the last day to do so. Additional order forms are available in the school office.

## **Concert Information - MUST READ!**

Carroll University has asked that we NOT enter Shattuck until after 5:50 p.m. tonight. They have another group rehearsing and they will not allow anyone in until that time. Someone will most likely be at the door prior to our allotted time. Please be mindful of this as you make your plans for the evening. Thank you!


## **Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed!**

The Sign Up Genius has been updated to include January and February. Please take a moment to sign up for some dates so we can start off 2018 right! We also have a few open dates left in December. Please consider helping with this important task! 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 lunch room. Thank you for all the help that has been given so far this year! The students appreciate it so much. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

You can volunteer at the link below:

[Hot Lunch Volunteers SMC 2017-2018](#)

## **Looking Ahead**



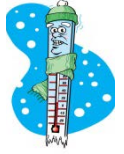
Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: Santa's Workshop shopping for 2-2, 3-1, 5-2, 1-2, 4-2  
Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: School liturgy, 9:00 a.m., 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Scrip orders due  
Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Santa's workshop shopping for 1-1, 2-1, 3-2, 4-1, 5-1  
Culver's on Sunset, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

# St. William Campus

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## Cold Weather Guidelines

Full-day students go outside for recess each day unless the temperature (wind chill) drops below zero. Please send warm clothing, boots and snow pants every day. We ask that these items are taken to and from school each day so that you have a chance to hang wet items up overnight to dry. Thank you!



## Parking

The curb and area near the before/aftercare entrance should not be used as a parking area. Even though the temperature is dropping and you may be tempted to “park quickly and run in,” please use designated parking spaces, and walk in to drop off or pick up your child/ren.



On a related note, please watch your speed in the parking lot.

1. Limited daylight makes seeing pedestrians that much harder
2. Slippery conditions with snow and ice demand you drive more slowly

## Santa's Workshop

The workshop is scheduled to be open the morning of December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11. Please make sure your child has their shopping list and money this Friday if they will be visiting the workshop.

## Christmas Concert TONIGHT

- The St. William Campus Christmas Concert is tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Shattuck Auditorium on the campus of Carroll University. Families will not be able to enter the auditorium until 6 p.m. **(University classes are in progress until 5:50.)** The concert is being conducted with the St. Mary and St. Joseph students. Students should be in dress clothes for the concert.
- Please stay with your child until 6:15, at which time you may drop your child/children off with your child's teacher. Please keep their coats/jackets with you. Teacher supervision will begin at 6:15 p.m.
- When your students are finished with their performance, they will be directed to the lobby for you to meet them. At this time you may leave, or go back to your seats to watch the remainder of the concert.



## Looking Ahead

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Waukesha Catholic Christmas Concert at Carroll University

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Santa's Workshop 9-11 a.m.

Prayer Service led by Mrs. McDonell's K4 B class

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Early Release – 11:40 a.m. Christmas Break Begins

