



Campus Connection

Issue #15

December 20, 2017

This Coming Week

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- December 22** - SJC: Mass at 8:40 a.m., SMC: Mass at 9:00 a.m., Early dismissal: SMC 11:20, SJC 11:30, SWC 11:40,
- December 22** - Christmas vacation begins at dismissal through January 2nd, 2018
- December 24** - Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 25** - A Merry & Blessed Christmas to Everyone!
- January 2** - Teacher In-service, no school
- January 3** - Welcome back to School!
- January 5** - SJC: Mass at 8:40 a.m., SMC: Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- January 8** - H&S meeting at SWC 9:00 a.m., Athletic Board meeting SJC 6:30 a.m.
- January 10** - Non-Uniform day

Kovaleski's "Key" Notes

Dear Families:

As we near the end of this Advent season, I find myself reflecting even more on our theme of "Celebrating All God's Gifts." During this time, we sometimes get bogged down and burdened by all the business and craziness that seems to come with the holidays (gift buying, party planning, etc). It has been good for me, and hopefully you also, to take a step back and recognize all the beautiful gifts we have already been given.

As I considered the gifts we discussed this Advent and the "oh so many" others that God has granted me, one of the gifts for which I am most grateful is that of my "school family" - each and every one of you.

I, too, am guilty of allowing the frenzy of work and life to get in the way of appreciating how truly blessed I am. Last week, as I sat at the Christmas concert with tears rolling down my face as I watched all of your children sing so beautifully, I just sat back in amazement. Your children are my gift!!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! May your 2018 be filled with much love and happiness!
Lisa Kovaleski



Weekly News

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

Read to Succeed

Attention students K5-6th grade: Don't forget to read over Christmas break and fill out your *Read to Succeed* reading logs! Reading logs were sent home in your packet on December 6th. A copy of the reading log is also attached below for your convenience. Read 6 hours or more and turn in your reading log by **February 14, 2018** to receive a free ticket to Six Flags Great America. If you have questions, please contact the Read to Succeed coordinator, Andrea Gehrke, at andreawalkergehrke@yahoo.com or 262.402.7381.

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

Campus Connection

The next Campus Connection will be on Wednesday, January 10th. There will not be a newsletter on January 3rd.

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. God bless!

Band News

All band students please read the 'Band Students Mark Your Calendar' information in the campus section. There is important information regarding the concert on Wednesday, January 17th.

Catholic Schools Week Mass Volunteer Opportunity

Home and School is looking for volunteers to help serve drinks and treats to the community for all of the Masses on the weekend of January 27th and January 28th. We are asking for a coordinator to make sure everything is setup and cleaned up at every Mass. Also, we are looking for 2-3 volunteers to help the coordinators to setup, serve items and clean up. Please consider helping out. Middle school students are able to get service hours; they must have an adult present with

them to volunteer. Any questions please call Tina Szada at 262-527-7091 or email tiinatr@gmail.com.

Thank you.

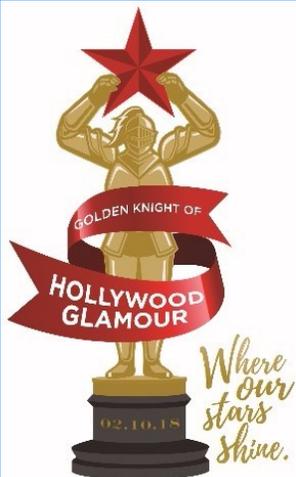
Sign up Genius - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49aea82caafd0-catholic2>

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend **THE FROSTY STOMP** school dance! This family fun event will be Friday, January 19th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at St. William's gymnasium and is open to all K3 thru 5th grade students. More details to come after the holidays.

Thank You Familias Hispanas

We extend our thanks to the ladies who helped with the Our Lady of Guadalupe event last week: Esmeralda Jimenez, María Alba, Beatriz Narciso, Fidelina Santamaria, Jennifer Franco, Graciela Jaramillo, Miguelina Jaramillo, Mónica Gómez, Griselda Olivares, Martha Longoria, Jaqueline Salinas (alumni), and Teresa Valezquez.



Holiday Greetings from your Auction Committee

As we break for the holidays, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy this special time of year making wonderful memories with family and friends. And as you change the calendar to 2018, don't forget to make note of an important celebration taking place on February 10th – the annual Auction – a Golden Knight of Hollywood Glamour. Be on the lookout for your Auction invitation, which will be arriving the first week in January, and make plans to join us!

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.

Community

Wilson Center Family Tales Event

[Go to this link for the flyer.](#)

**St. Joseph Middle School
December 20, 2017**

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SJ January Calendar
MAPs letter *Grades 6 & 8 only*
8th Grade Musical information *Gr. 8 Only*

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Ski Club

Ski Forms are due Friday, January 5, 2018 for the next Ski Club trip to Alpine scheduled for January 12, 2018. These forms can be found online on the Waukesha Catholic website.



Chaperones are always needed for our trips. If enough parents aren't willing to help, our trip will be canceled. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Wiberg, 262.896.2930x323 or awiberg@waukeshacatholic.org

January Engineering Club

Engineering Club will meet on three Tuesdays in January starting on January 9th. This month students will follow the engineering design process to modify a paper cup so it can zip down a line and drop a marble onto a target. This will simulate a process used by NASA to drop a satellite into a crater on the moon to see if there were any signs of water.

Reminder: One permission slip and code of conduct will cover you for any or all sessions for the year. The January sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 9th, 16th and 23rd from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. You must sign-up in person with your science teacher starting January 3rd as the sessions are limited to the first 25 students.

Band Students Mark Your Calendar

Greetings to all Band parents and families!

Your children are hard at work preparing music for their upcoming Band concert. We are very excited to present this music to you! Here is some information you might find helpful about this event.

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Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for supporting the Band program at Waukesha Catholic! Mr. Obst 896-2930x340



Merry Christmas

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