



## **Campus Connection**

**Issue #21**

**February 13, 2019**

### **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 Coming Week**

[View the monthly calendar](#)

**February 14** - Happy Valentine's Day

**February 15** - No school - teacher in-service, SJC ski trip

**February 17** - Last day to order 4 P's for March

**February 18** - No school - teacher in-service, no Scrip

**February 19** - H&S Culver's night at Sunset location 5-8:00 p.m.

**February 20** - SJ lunch with parents 11:30-12:50 p.m.

Link to: [Website](#)   [Handbook](#)   [Athletic Page](#)   [Order SCRIP](#)

# **Kovaleski's "Key" Notes**

Dear Parents:

Happy Wednesday!

Wow, did we ever "Seas the Day" on Saturday night! Thank you to everyone that attended, donated, and/or volunteered for our annual Auction this past weekend. It was an amazing event and equally amazing to see a room full of people

committed to Waukesha Catholic and our mission of *instilling faith and inspiring futures*. On behalf of all of the faculty, staff, students, and families - THANK YOU!

As you are aware, we had our Accreditation visit back in early October. Recently, we received a copy of the Final Accreditation report. I am thrilled to share that the team has made the recommendation to the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Association that Waukesha Catholic be FULLY ACCREDITED. We met and/or exceeded all of the 74 required benchmarks.

I'd like to share a portion what the Accreditation Team wrote in the letter that accompanied their final report:

*There is a long history of Catholic school education in the Waukesha Catholic School System. Clearly, the unity of the three campuses has made a significant educational contribution to the broader community.*

*During the Site Visit, it was apparent that the members of your school community put many hours into the Self Study. They examined four Domains: Mission & Catholic Identity, Governance & Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. In the process they identified a level of performance for each benchmark and provided evidence to support their performance level. The process has provided your school community the opportunity to find areas of strength and areas for growth.*

*The Visiting Team worked diligently at validating your Self Study and verifying that your school is in compliance with the WRISA accreditation requirements using the Wisconsin Catholic Schools Accreditation instrument. The members used their knowledge, experience, and insights as they interviewed stakeholders, observed the school in action, and examined numerous pieces of evidence. The Visiting Team found that the Self Study was an accurate reflection of the school's program. The Team hopes that the school community finds the report to be both an affirmation of the school's strengths and unique gifts and also a source of encouragement to continue to carry out the school's mission.*

This was, at times, a long and sometimes stressful process, yet it was also very rewarding. It has provided us with valuable information we can use to help us continue to grow and improve as a school. I am so very proud of our results and am thrilled the team saw and validated what we already know - that we provide an outstanding quality Catholic education and instill faith and inspire futures by nurturing each child's gifts with an education rooted in the gospel values and a culture of community, compassion, and love.

If anyone would like to see the full report, I invite you to make an appointment with me and I'd be happy to share it with you. The report was already shared with the School Board at the January meeting.

Finally, due to the five snow/cold days we have had this school year we are required to make up approximately 10 hours of instructional time. The Archdiocese also requires us to have a minimum of 175 days of direct instruction. Unfortunately, we are unable to turn this Friday or next Monday into instructional days as they are teacher professional development days that are required by the Archdiocese, as well. Therefore, we will make up the hours as follows:

- March 8th was originally scheduled to be an early dismissal but will now become a full-day of school.
- June 11th was scheduled to be an early dismissal day and our last day of school. This day will now become a full-day of school.
- June 12th will be an added day but will be an early dismissal day.
- 8th grade students/parents: We are still looking into if hours/days need to be added for 8th grade and how it may affect graduation. We will let you know as soon as we have an answer.

Fingers crossed we do not have any other additional snow days this year!

Blessings,  
Lisa Kovaleski

### **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program**

#### **Attention parents of students entering K4, K5, or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Waukesha Catholic will continue to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2019-20 school year. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) allows students to attend Waukesha Catholic, tuition free, if certain eligibility criteria are met (see below). Waukesha Catholic, on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible student. [Go to this link to find eligibility requirements, income limits, additional information and contact personnel.](#)

[Go to this link to review the information in Spanish.](#)

## **Weekly News**

### ***Read to Succeed***

Don't forget to turn in your *Read to Succeed* reading logs no later than tomorrow, **February 14, 2019!** Students K5-6th grade can participate in this program to receive a free Six Flags Great America ticket (valid select dates in 2019). Students must turn in a reading log to their teacher or the school office with 6 hours of recreational reading logged by the deadline to qualify. 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. Go to this [link for reading log sheets](#).

### ***Parents: Claim a Private School Tuition Tax Deduction***

Private school parents can benefit from Wisconsin's K-12 tuition tax deduction by simply completing a one-page form with their 2018 state tax filing. The tax deduction will save the average parent an estimated \$240 per K-8 and \$600 for high school students on their state tax bill. Information about the deduction can be found [here](#). The school's FEIN number can be found on your tuition payment history. See the next bullet for directions.

- ***Tuition Tax Information*** It's that time of year again when everyone is gathering necessary tax information! In order to help, FACTS has enhanced their system to allow families to print their payment history via calendar year. [Go to this link](#) to review directions for accessing your family tuition information.

### ***Registration for the 2019-20 School Year***

February 7th was the deadline for priority registration for 2019-20 school year. If you have not registered and you need the forms [please go to this link to download another copy](#). [Go to this link to download the registration forms in Spanish.](#)

### ***Tours at Waukesha Catholic***

If you know of anyone who wanted to attend the (cancelled) Open House at SMC, please contact Meghan at [mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org) to schedule a tour. Contact Meghan to schedule a tour at any of the Waukesha Catholic Campuses.

### ***Big Book Fair Thank You!***

The Book Fair at St. William and St. Mary Campus was still profitable in spite of the weather due to your great support and some additional online sales. Thank you so much!

### ***Waukesha Catholic Board of Director's Meeting Notice***

The Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors advises, guides, and recommends policy for the administrative team of Waukesha Catholic. These meetings are "open meetings" and parents and parishioners are invited to attend in order to

communicate with board members.

The following are the Board of Director meetings for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and are held in the Spanish classroom at St. Mary Campus.

February 27th, March 27th\*, May 1st, May 29th, and June 26th

\*On Tuesday, March 27, 2019 special arrangements have been made for you to meet with a board member from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Due to regulations set by the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, students are also invited to attend.

### **Scrip**

No Scrip Order next week, February 18th! Place your next order by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25th for delivery on Thursday, February 25th.

### **Tutoring Help**

Parents, if you are in need of private tutoring help for your child, Olivia Wolf is available to arrange sessions after school. Please email her at [owolf@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:owolf@waukeshacatholic.org) for further details.

## **Community**

### **Girls Volleyball Summer Camp**

Sign up now with Coach Casey - [go to this link for information](#).

### **Catholic Memorial High School Musical - Thoroughly Modern Millie**

What happens when a small-town girl comes to New York City to marry for money instead of love (a thoroughly modern aim in 1922)? Come find out what it's all about!

Performance dates: Thursday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. - Student Night!, Friday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 p.m. Purchase Tickets at [www.catholicmemorial.net](http://www.catholicmemorial.net) and click on CMH Musical!

**Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services Foster & Respite Families** - [go to this link for more information](#).

### **Design-a-Robot Poster Contest**

This contest is open to students in grades 1-5. [Please go to this link for details](#).

### **NEW Interactive Safety Resource Available!**

In honor of Safer Internet Day 2019, **interact** is now available!

Visit [ProtectKidsOnlineWI.gov](http://ProtectKidsOnlineWI.gov) and click the Interact tab to access the e-course, along with numerous other resources for online safety.

**Interact** is an online, interactive e-course created for parents and guardians to complete with their children with the goal of sparking basic online safety discussions in the home. This 30 minute module provides parents with the opportunity to review their own tech use to set a good example; interactive activities to complete alongside their children; and follow-up resources and activities to keep the discussions going.

This e-course gives parents the opportunity to set themselves up as the trusted adult in their child's life. If the child sees something online they don't understand or that makes them uncomfortable, they know they have someone to reach out to. The e-course even provides some ideas on how to start and continue these discussions, along with some bonus tips to help break the ice on awkward topics!

Be your child's trusted adult. *Interact*, and stay safe!

The ***interact*** program was created by the Wisconsin Department of Justice – Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to help keep kids safe online.

**St. Joseph Campus  
February 13, 2019**

**Included in Today Packet**

Devil's Head Confirmation  
Family Pass for Art Museum Admission  
Pancake Breakfast

**Graduation Reminder**

Last week a graduation packet was sent home in the family packets. Just a reminder that several forms are due in the office tomorrow, Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>: parent volunteer form, diploma name, and baby picture.

**A Busy Week –Thank You Parents**

Last week our students and staff were busy attending various field trips. It would not be possible to travel without our chaperones. Thank you to all who volunteered. We appreciate each and every one of you!

- 6th Grade Retreat at Catholic Memorial H.S. – *Mrs. LeRoy & Mrs. Walter*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at St. John Neumann – *Mr. Abts, Mrs. O'Brien & Pam Duffek*
- 8th Gr. Discovery World - *Mrs. Christianson, Mr. Chrisien, Mr. Maigatter & Mr. Serb*
- Fine Arts Field Trip, all school field trip - *Mrs. Christianson, Mrs. Jimenz-Soto, Mrs. Lewandowski, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Piette, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. Walter*

A complimentary pass is included in today packet from the Milwaukee Art Museum. Enjoy!



**Save The Date - St. Joseph Campus Parent Lunch**

Pack your lunch and join your student for lunch in the St. Joseph Campus gymnasium on **Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. We are asking parents to join us at the following times:

Last names: A-L 11:30AM - 12:10PM

Last names: M-Z 12:10PM - 12:50PM

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Plan to stop and visit the lost and found table in the gym during the parent lunch! We have an overabundance of items that remain unclaimed!

## St. Mary Campus

February 13, 2019

### Volunteers Needed

Before the year slips away get your volunteer hours in. We are still in need of help in several areas including playground and lunch duty (helping serve 4P's). Remember, it is difficult to keep things running smoothly without everyone's help. For your convenience, the links are included below. Thank you in advance for any consideration!



**Link:** [Hot lunch volunteer](#)

Contact Sara Carson at [scarson@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:scarson@waukeshacatholic.org) to volunteer for playground duty.



### Read to Succeed Reminder

The deadline for turning in Read to Succeed reading logs is tomorrow, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Please return these forms to school so that they can be submitted on time. Thank you!!

### Big Book Fair Thank You!

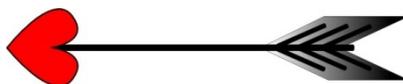
Thank you to the many volunteers for our Book Fair. Some of you weren't able to volunteer due to our lovely weather, but I thank you for trying. Here is the list of volunteers: Kathy Gannon, Kristin Wurtz, Susan Domach, Julie O'Brien, Catie Joecken, Emily Mueller, Sara Drolet, Theresa Chrisien, Nicole Scrima, Laura Molitor, Ann Stone, Mary Butler, Katie Cortez, Nicole Grigliore, Krueger Family, Tina Minter, Meghan Kinateder, Christina Curran, Tyler Curran, Billy Geller, and Jim Trebby, who helped pack up the Fair on Saturday, February 2nd.

Our Book Fair was still profitable in spite of the weather due to your great support and some additional online sales. Thank you so much!

### Looking Ahead

Thursday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>: Happy Valentine's Day  
Friday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>: No School – Teacher in-service  
Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: No School – Teacher in-service  
Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: Mad Science, 3:25 – 4:25  
H&S Culver's Night on Sunset, 5:00 – 8:00pm

**Included in Today's Packet**



Pancake Breakfast flyer



## St. William Campus

February 13, 2019



### Parents: Save The Date!

On March 15<sup>th</sup> parents of all St. William Campus students are invited to join their students for 9:00 a.m. prayer service, refreshments, and classroom activities. Please make note of the date, and plan to visit the campus that morning. Activities will wrap up at about 10:15 a.m.



### School Registration Forms

A second form is included in packets today for families that have not yet returned their registration form. Please make sure to fill out the paperwork whether or not you plan to return to Waukesha Catholic. New family registrations are now being accepted.

### JUMPBUNCH

Don't forget to sign up for the JUMPBUNCH Program beginning in less than two weeks! Space is limited, so reserve the spot for your child now!



### BOXTOPS



The snowballs are piling up! Right now Mrs. Wolf's class is in the lead with a pile of 12 snow balls! (That represents \$24.) There are a couple more weeks to collect for your classroom! If you need more collections sheets, please ask, and we will send them home!

### Book Fair

Thank you all for helping to make our Scholastic Book Fair a success, despite all the snow and cold. Together we raised \$218.41 with the *All for Books* campaign. Scholastic will match this amount and will purchase books for children in need. We were also able to purchase books for the library and classroom libraries with this money. A big thank you to Claire Geller, Meghan Kinateder, Kathy Murphy-Ott, Molly Krewal and Julie O'Brien who helped the children with their wish lists. Congratulations to the following students who were winners of the Dinosaur Guessing Game: Edith Valentine and Ben Hallmark in K4B and Getshemani Martinez and Cecilia Erb in K5B. They were each able to choose a book from the fair as their prize.

### Looking Ahead

February 15<sup>th</sup> – No School / Teacher In-service Day

February 18<sup>th</sup> – No School / Teacher In-service Day

February 19<sup>th</sup> – H & S Culvers Night 5-8 / Sunset location

February 21<sup>st</sup> – Use No Uniform Pass for Catholic Schools Week

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11:10 Prayer Service led By Mrs. Wolf's K5 A class

### Included In This Packet

Pancake Breakfast