



Campus Connection

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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 21 - Non-uniform with CSW uniform pass

February 22 - Mass at SJ 8:35, Mass at SM 9:00, SW prayer service at 11:10 a.m.

February 27 - Non-uniform day, Board of Directors meet at SMC 6:00 p.m.

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

Kovaleski's "Key" Notes

Dear Parents:

This past Friday and Monday, we (teachers and administrators) spent our days in professional development. On Friday, we joined our colleagues from the seven other Catholic grade schools in the Waukesha East Deanery discussing student assessment and grading. On Monday, we participated in Sustaining the Mission, which is the designated program for the religious education certification of Catholic school teachers in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Monday was a powerful day of reflection and prayer. It reenergized me and reminded me of the importance of prayer in my life. As I was contemplating my KEYNOTE for today and what I "needed" to share with all of you, I realized it was not the details about registration, upcoming events, etc. Instead, as I started to write, I kept coming back to thoughts of my

experience on Monday and a reflection I had recently read on prayer. It became clear THIS is what I “needed” to share with you this week.

Prayer

Mobile phones and other devices have become a necessity for some – most – people in today’s society. They are the means of communication that allow us to interact, discuss with and respond to another person when they are not available for direct conversation. There is one “person” for whom we need no electronic devices in order to hold a conversation and that person is God; what’s more, God can hear us no matter how far we roam, our conversation with Him will never be lost.

We might be lead to believe that praying is complicated, but it is simply talking with God. However, “The hard fact is that nobody finds time to pray. Time must be taken because, without prayer, the energy for the rest of life runs down. The fuel runs out. Eventually, the burdens of the day wear us down and we no longer remember why we decided to do what we are doing... It is easy to come to believe that what we do is so much more important than what we are. It is easy to commit ourselves to the demand of product and action until the product consumes us, the action exhausts us, and we can no longer remember why we set out to do them in the first place. On the other hand, prayer is a process of coming to something new; it is not simply a series of exercises.” Joan Chittister O.S.B.

Prayer means many different things to different people. At its most basic level, it is our ability to say that we do not know everything, that there is something larger and wiser than we are that can change our lives. Prayer is similar to talking to your best friend. It’s easy to talk to someone when you know they love you unconditionally. “Give all your worries to God for He cares what happens to you.” 1 Peter 5:7. Prayer is being alive to God, it is communicating with someone you trust, it is a surge of the heart.

The beauty about prayer is that you can do it any place, any time. To pray is to talk with God about Him and yourself: joys and sorrows, successes and failures, great ambitions and daily worries, strengths and weaknesses. It is not a one-way activity. God speaks, we listen; we speak, God listens. We pray to know Him and ourselves, to get acquainted. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8.

PrinScripts: Series 5 - Prayer

Blessings,
Lisa Kovaleski

Weekly News

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Attention parents of students entering K4, K5, or 1st 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.](#)

Snow & Cold Make-up Days

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. 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.

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](#).

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

Place your next order by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25th for delivery on Thursday, February 28th.

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 for further details.

Auction 2019

And The Winner Is . . .

Congratulations to Brian & Kristen Mihelich, the winners of this year's Cash or Tuition Raffle! The winning ticket was drawn before an enthusiastic crowd at our annual auction on February 9, 2019.

Auction Thanks

Our auction attendees really helped us ***Seas the Day***. Special thanks to auction chairs ***Bob & Kristy Hallas*** and the rest of the auction committee. Our success would not have been possible without countless volunteers, the ***Room***

Parents who coordinated the class projects, and of course those of you who attended the event! Because of your dedication to our school, much needed funds were raised and all enjoyed an entertaining evening.

We are also very grateful to the following Sponsors and Advertisers who have generously supported this year's event.

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Athletics



Parents,

The end of the basketball season is right around the corner! Please give a HUGE thank you to all of the coaches for their time and effort for your child's team during the season.

Let's start with some good news! Congratulations to both the 8th grade boys and the 8th grade girls team on being invited to The Padre Serra Basketball Tournament! The girls' first game will be on Sunday, March 3rd at 4:30 in the afternoon. The boys' first game is on Friday, March 8th at 8:45 p.m. All games are played at Mount Mary Bloechl Center. Mount Mary is located in Milwaukee on North 92nd Street between Center and Burleigh. You can follow the tournament at their website - <https://thepadreserra.org/>

Please come out and cheer the Knights on!

For basketball uniform turn in - if your team is having an end of the year party, please bring your child's uniform to your coach at that time. Make sure it is washed and in a bag with the players name on it. (8th grade teams please hang onto your jersey until after the parents/faculty game). If your team is not having an end of the year function, I will let

all of you know a date I will collect the uniforms.

TRACK UPDATE

If your child is interested in participating in track this season and you have not signed him/her up, you still have time. I will be accepting forms until Thursday, March 22nd. There are some changes to this year's track season, see below.

- 1) Keri Spencer (track coordinator) will be having an introduction for all NEW track athletes. She will go over practice procedure, answer questions, and explain how to properly stretch. This will be on Thursday, March 22nd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. This will be held at St. Joseph. Please, if your child plans on participating in track this year for the first time - plan on attending.
- 2) Track practice will start on Tuesday, March 26th. Practice will be held at Carroll University track field on Grand Ave. Track practice will then be on every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Later in the season some students may stay an extra half hour to work on certain events.
- 3) The Waukesha Catholic indoor event will be held earlier than normal this year. We will be holding the meet on Saturday, April 6th. Since Easter is later this year there has been some adjustments made to the track events. Also, the St. Leonard relay will be ran on a week night this year, as well. We are still confirming that date with St. Leonard's. We should know that in the next couple weeks. I will have the track site updated soon with the new dates on it.

I hope I will see all of you at the Padre! Good luck to both teams!!
CHEER LOUD! CHEER PROUD!! CHEER RESPECTFUL!!!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns,
Please contact Jeremy Greasby at athleticdirector@waukeshacatholic.org

Catholic Community of Waukesha

St. Mary Parish Fish Fry

Start Lent with a Friday fish fry! Join SMP for their annual fish fry on Friday, March 8th from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Community

Girls Volleyball Summer Camp

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

Waukesha West Summer Boys Volleyball Camp - [link](#)

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 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.

Catholic Memorial High School

Junior Crusaders Girls Basketball Summer League!

This league is open to all 4-8th grade students. Sign up for 6 weeks of league play and 6 practices for only \$185! League starts June 10th. For full details and registration go to www.catholicmemorial.net and click on Youth Programs.

Junior Crusaders Football Registration

Registration is NOW OPEN for students in grades 4-8th. Be a part of the WINNING TRADITION at CMH! Full contact tackle football with emphasis on player skills development and education. Early bird registration goes until March 31st. For full details and registration go to www.catholicmemorial.net and click on Youth Programs!

Men of Christ Conference

The 13th annual Men of Christ Conference will be held on Saturday, March 30th at the Miller High Life Theater, Milwaukee. For questions contact SMC parishioner, Mike Jeske, at mjeske54@yahoo.com. [Go to this link](#) for information and registration.

**St. Joseph Middle School
February 20, 2019**

Include in This Week's Packet

Field Trip to SWC Dr. Seuss Day *Grades 6 7 8*

MAP Results *Grades 6 & 8*

Iowa letter to grade 7

Catholic Youth Rally

The 9th Annual Catholic Youth Rally: Middle School Edition is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Carrol University in Waukesha.

This year's theme will be "Broken" taken from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (12:9)
"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. I will all the more gladly boast of my weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

For more information and to register for this event visit www.wicatholicyr.org and follow the registration links. The cost for this event with lunch is \$25 (\$20 before Feb. 1).

St. Mary Campus

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Mad Science Rescheduled Date

Due to the fact that we had a snow day on what was supposed to be the first day of Mad Science, the make-up date will be Tuesday, March 26th. That will be the final class of the six week session.



Looking Ahead

Thursday, Feb. 21st:

Non-uniform day for students with passes from CSW Masses

Friday, Feb. 22nd:

School liturgy at 9:00am, 4th grade

Knights Trading Post shopping

Monday, Feb. 25th:

Scrip orders due by 9:00am

Tuesday, Feb. 26th:

Mad Science, 3:25 – 4:25

Wednesday, Feb. 27th:

Non-uniform day

School board meeting at 6:00pm, SMC

Included in Today's Packet

Iowa letter to grades 3 and 5

St. William Campus

February 20, 2019



Parents Celebration

On March 15th, parents of all St. William Campus students are invited to join their students for a prayer service, refreshments, and classroom activities. Please see the invitation in today's packet.

JUMPBUNCH

Don't forget to sign up for the JUMPBUNCH Program beginning next Monday! Space is limited, so reserve the spot for your child now!



Looking Ahead

February 21st – Use No Uniform Pass for Catholic Schools Week

February 22nd – 11:10 Prayer Service led by Mrs. Wolf's K5 A class – ***in the Parish Hall***

February 25th – JumpBunch program begins Mondays 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

February 27th – No Uniform Day

March 1st – St. Joseph students to visit SW campus for Dr. Seuss celebration

March 8th – **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

Included In This Packet

Parent Celebration Invitation