



## **Campus Connection**

**Issue #3**

**September 19, 2018**

### **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**

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**September 20** - Lock down drill

**September 21** – Mass at SJC 8:35 a.m., Mass at SMC 9:00 a.m., Prayer service at SWC 11:10 a.m.

**September 24** - Scrip Order by 9:00 a.m.

**September 26** - Board of Directors meet at 6:00 p.m. SMC

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

Dear Parents:

As with any organization, it is imperative that we, as a school, are continually examining our practices and participating in ongoing school improvement. As an elementary school in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee we are required to participate in an accreditation process that provides us the opportunity to explore every aspect our school program, receive valuable feedback from a team of impartial educators, and develop school improvement goals. Elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are accredited by both the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation (WRISA).

Schools are accredited upon demonstration that specific standards have been met. The standards for which we are held accountable are: *The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*. Both the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and WRISA accredit schools on an annual basis.

Schools follow a seven-year accreditation cycle that is outlined below:

1. A school community takes an in-depth look at itself by conducting a very detailed *Self-Study* by which it examines the standards and honestly reflects, analyzes, and provides documentation on how well it meets each individual standard and benchmark. This comprehensive study requires a minimum of one year to complete.
2. Then, the school year after the *Self-Study*, a visiting team of professional educators visits the school and conducts a comprehensive review of the school, validates the finding of the *Self-Study*, and determines if the school is in substantial compliance with the standards and benchmarks.
3. The visiting team submits a report of its findings (commendation and recommendations) to the school and its jurisdiction. The school then creates a visionary plan for the future that merges the recommendations of the school with those from the visiting team. This plan becomes the centerpiece of the review process for the remainder of the seven year cycle.
4. The school submits all review documentation and their School Improvement Plan to the jurisdiction's office. These documents are reviewed by the jurisdiction and schools are notified of their status.
5. Accreditation is granted on an annual basis. A school reports its compliance with the standards and benchmarks along with its progress towards the school improvement goals to its jurisdictional representative prior to September 30th each year.
6. Each school must conduct a self-study, host a visiting team, and submit a new Visiting Team Report and School Improvement Plan every seven years.

During the 2017-18 school year, we, Waukesha Catholic, conducted our *Self-Study*. It was a lengthy, arduous process but also a very rewarding one. It allowed us to conduct an in-depth examination of our school from every aspect and provided us with incredible insights as to how successful we are at meeting the thirteen standards and seventy-three benchmarks outlined in *The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*.

This school year we have our Accreditation Visit. A team of approximately 10-14 educators will be visiting Waukesha Catholic from October 9th-11th to complete step 2 of the process outlined above. They will meet with students, staff, parents, committee members, and other various stakeholders. They will examine documentation, evidence, and artifacts that we have provided. They will review our *Self-Study* in order to validate our findings and determine our compliance with the standards. It is a very extensive process which in the end will provide us with valuable feedback and areas of improvement.

Staff and committees have worked incredibly hard in preparation for this visit. Countless, countless hours have gone into this process. We are now ready and eager to host this visit and show this team how truly proud we are of our school, our students, our staff and all that we accomplish. And, if I am being honest, we are eager for it to be over too!

Please keep us in your prayers as we begin the final weeks of preparation!  
Sincerely,

Lisa Kovaleski

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY OF THE WEEK:**

##### **Grandparent's Day at Waukesha Catholic**

Home and School is excited to celebrate Grandparent's/Special Person's Day with all of our students and visitors. Please consider helping out with our celebration. We are still in need of several volunteers, *especially* coordinators for the St. Mary and St. Joseph Campuses. The coordinator position includes overseeing the event and delegating responsibilities to other volunteers. The coordinator will be provided additional information to help them with this assignment. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the event, including setup and cleanup. Some set-up will be done in the evenings prior to the events; this is a great opportunity for older students to get service hours. If you can help, please see the links below to sign up:

St. William: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-stwilliams5>

St. Mary: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-stmarys4>

St Joseph: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-stjosephs1>

If you have any questions, please contact Jacque Metoff at 262-894-6204 or [jimetoff8@gmail.com](mailto:jimetoff8@gmail.com). Thank you so much for helping the Home and School Committee run a fantastic event!

## Creating a Safe Environment

### Be Vigilant

It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant—that we always observe the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them—at every opportunity.

Source: [www.virtusonline.org/virtus](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus)

## Weekly News

### Grandparent's Day

Just a reminder that there is a change to the Grandparent's Day events at St. Mary and St. Joseph Campuses. These are the correct dates and times.

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary Campus Grandparent's Day 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – St. William Campus Grandparent's Day 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph Campus Grandparent's Day 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

- Please make sure to turn in the responses for Grandparent/ VIP day so that we may plan for refreshments. Contact the school office if you have misplaced your copy.

### Upcoming Lock-down Drill

Waukesha Catholic has a strong commitment to the safety of its students and staff. For that reason, each year, we rehearse the steps that are taken in the event that our buildings need to enter a lock-down. On Thursday, September 20th we will be conducting our annual lock-down drill. In the days preceding the drill, the teaching staff will be reviewing with the students the steps that we take during a lock-down and the reasons why we go through this exercise. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the administrative team.

### Campus Substitute Teachers

We are in need of substitute teachers. If you know of anyone who might be interested please have them contact Lisa Kovaleski at 262-896-2929, ext. 1318 or [lkovaleski@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:lkovaleski@waukeshacatholic.org).

### Scrip

*Kwik Trip* bonus rebate! Order *Kwik Trip* gift cards (available in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100) before September 28th and you will receive a 9% rebate instead of the normal 4% rebate. It's a great time to stock up!

If you are new to the scrip program you will need to create an account at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and use our Waukesha Catholic identification #8AL3CL461142 to register. Do you have questions about the Scrip program? Contact Charlotte, our Scrip Coordinator, at [scrip@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:scrip@waukeshacatholic.org) or 262-896-2929, ext. 1331 for more information.

Place your Scrip Order by 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 24th for delivery on Thursday, September 27th.

### **Home & School - Corrected date below**

**Culver's Night:** Each month H&S organizes a fundraiser at a local restaurant. On Thursday, September 27th there will be a Culver's Night at the Grandview location. From 5-8:00 p.m. a portion of all your purchases will earn a donation to Waukesha Catholic's Home & School organization. No coupon is necessary and you can meet up with other parents and students and have a night out!

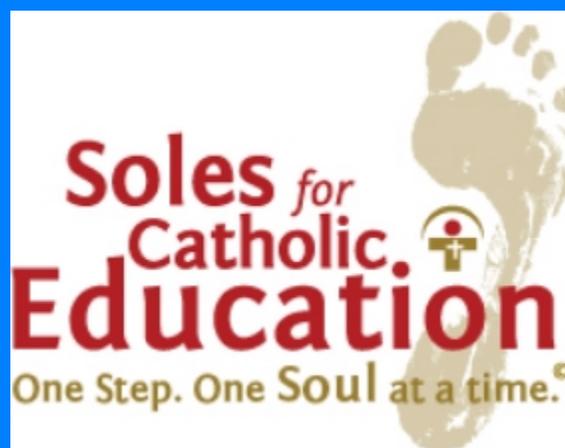
### ***Items Needed For The Knights Trading Post (PBIS Store)***

Over the last few weeks, our students have been busy earning Knights Kash by demonstrating positive behavior in a wide-variety of ways. Soon, our students will have their first opportunity to visit the Knights Trading Post, using their Knights Kash as currency to purchase various items. Each campus will have its own Trading Post, which will be open twice a month.

If you've been looking for a good reason to do some fall cleaning and have been wondering what to do with things your children no longer play with, we could use some help stocking each of the Knights Trading Posts! If you have anything at home that would make a fun item for a student to purchase, we will gladly take it! Some items that our students would enjoy include:

- Play jewelry, small games, Hot Wheel cars, sports themed items, dolls, gently used sporting quipment, like-new and cleaned stuffed animals, books, toys, coloring and puzzle books, pens, pencils, markers, small denomination gift cards to places like Culver's, Barnes and Noble, Target, Jimmy Johns or any other business that would be of interest to our students, any other items you think our students may like.

Items can be sent to any of the campus offices. Please mark them "Knights Trading Post." Thank you in advance for your donation!



Please join us for the sixth annual Soles for Catholic Education Walk on October 20th starting from Mount Mary University in Wauwatosa! If there is enough interest, we will charter a bus that will leave from St. Mary Campus.

**IMPORTANT DEADLINE**

Registration for the walk is free until next Tuesday, **September 25th**. This is a great family event with activities that bring Catholic school students and their families together from across the Archdiocese. **After September 25th, the fee will be \$10, so please do this right away.**

You can register online at [www.catholicschoolswalk.org](http://www.catholicschoolswalk.org) under Waukesha Catholic (Careful – Wauwatosa Catholic is listed right below our school.)

Money raised by our team stays right here for our school.

When you or a friend makes a donation in your family name, each student within the family will receive a non-uniform day pass. **When donating online please put the names of your students in the Recognition Box.**

Make note of your login information in case you wish to donate later.

Stay tuned for more information about special incentives for participation!

The word "Community" is written in a bold, red, serif font. The letters are closely spaced, and the overall appearance is that of a classic, slightly stylized typeface. The text is centered within a white rectangular box that has a thin blue border.

## **Catholic Memorial Open House**

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Mass 10:00 am & Open House 11am-2pm

*All Prospective Families are invited to visit CMH and see why You Rise at Catholic Memorial!*

\*Meet teachers\*

\*Meet coaches\*

\*Meet current students and parents\*

\*Tour the school\*

\*Learn about the CMH curriculum\*

\*Learn about the NEW bus transportation to CMH\*

\*Learn about financial pathways to a CMH education\*

To learn more about Catholic Memorial visit: [www.catholicmemorial.net](http://www.catholicmemorial.net)

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

Soles for Education Information and Collection Envelope

**Parent Help Needed For Lunch Hour Supervision**

St. Joseph Campus is looking for parent volunteers to help supervise our Open Gym times from 11:42 a.m. to 1:02 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please contact Mrs. Dunk at [ddunk@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:ddunk@waukeshacatholic.org) or 262-896-2930 if you are interested. Having enough parent volunteers helps ensure a safe play environment during Open Gym.



**Summer Service Hours Due September 28th**

 Service hours your student(s) completed over the summer are due to their religion teacher by September 28th. Students can submit their service hours using the paper form available from their religion teacher or use the online submission form found; <http://waukeshacatholic.org/resources-0>.



**Parent Meeting for the Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. Trip -  
Wednesday, October 3rd**

The first parent meeting for this year's eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. will be held in the Community Room at St. Mary's at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3rd. It is strongly recommended that at least one parent attend this meeting if their student(s) is/are interested in being part of the trip.

Students may attend this meeting if they wish, however, this meeting will be more geared toward parents. If you have any questions about the meeting or the trip, please contact Mr. Heinecke at 262-896-2930, x331 or [jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org).

**A Great BIG Thank You**

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support of the 2018 St. Joe's Back to School Beach Bash! The dance was a huge success and the kids had a great time. The Home and School Association would like to thank all the families who generously donated raffle items, soda and volunteered during the event. These events are not possible without you! Thank you so much!

## **St. Mary Campus**

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### **September Benefit Night Change**

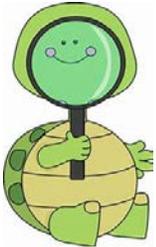
The Campus Connection listed the wrong date for the September Culver's night. It should be Thursday, September 27th...not the 20th. Please update your calendars and plan on taking the family out to dinner to support Waukesha Catholic!

### **Lunch Reminder**

Please remember to check a.) that your child has their lunch when they leave the house, and b.) if they don't have hot lunch that they bring a cold lunch. We can only offer minimal food at school and we certainly don't want anyone to go hungry!

### **Grandparents' Day**

We look forward to welcoming the grandparents when they visit next week on Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:30am. When you arrive please go to the church and join your grandchildren. They will be seated alphabetically by the child's last name. The pews will be labeled.



### **Looking Ahead**

Friday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>: School liturgy at 9:00am, 4-1

Wednesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>: Board of Directors Mtg. at SMC, 6:00pm

Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>: Grandparents Day, Mass at 9:00am, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Included in Today's Packet**

Soles for Education flyers

## St. William Campus

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### Construction

Thank you for your attention and patience with the change in procedure during the construction, and above all – safe dismissal of our children! The construction in front of the school is expected to last through October.



### Grandparents Day

On Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, grandparents should arrive by 10 a.m. for the prayer service. They should come into the school building and go to the classroom of their youngest grandchild. Students and grandparents will be dismissed to go into the church for the prayer service.

Following the prayer service, grandparents and students will be directed where to go –

- 1/2 to the parish hall
- 1/2 to the cafeteria or tour the school building

An announcement will be made to switch group locations.

Dismissal for grandparents/special guests is at 11:30.

**K3 & K4 ½ day students may leave with their guests at that time. Please notify the teacher.**

### School Pictures

Pictures were sent home in last week's packet. If you are not happy with the photos, there is a picture re-take day scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> at which time you will return the pictures you wish to have redone.

This morning will also be for any students that were not present at packet turn-in to have their picture taken.

### JumpBunch

There has been a tremendous interest in the JumpBunch program this fall. The class is filling quickly and is almost full! Please register soon if you would like your child to participate in this program.

### Included In This Packet

Soles For Education Brochure and Pledge Envelope

### Looking Ahead

September 27<sup>th</sup> – H & S Culver's Night 5 – 8 Grandview Location

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents Day 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – JumpBunch program begins 3:45 – 4:30

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – K5 Field Trip to Ebert's Greenhouse

October 4/5<sup>th</sup> – No School - Teacher Convention