

SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS



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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School

C-STEM



From the Office of the Principal ...

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends;

How thankful are you for what God has given you? Our world today is so materialistic and more is often never enough. How do we teach our children to be thankful for what they have without whining for more? The good news about your child's day at a Catholic School is that we can focus on being thankful by teaching our students to open their hearts to God above all, to focus on the good, to reach out to those who have less, and to think about others instead of ourselves. Granted this does not always sink in but we hope that over time and through the years in our preschool to 8th grade, kids learn these virtues of life and that they stick within their souls. Everyday we see kids with hearts filled with generosity. They are good to each other and helpful. They do not discriminate between those in class with more from those of who have less.

They are good to all and try to be inclusive. This is what we want to encourage. This is also an area that we work very hard at when we find it not lived out. Let's all be thankful for all that God has given and share God's gifts with others.



Food Shelf Collection!



Collection to take place at Mass this week-November 15! We are collecting food, household items and personal items such as toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, tooth paste and tooth brushes. These items will be taken to the Peace Center after Mass

Two Minute Parent Survey

<https://goo.gl/forms/36XpPj7A2cOczAPw1>

Please click on this link to answer a few questions about how you think the school is doing this year!

Calendar of Events:

Tues., Nov. 14 - Home and School Assoc. Meeting 7:00PM
 Wed., Nov. 15 - School Mass (gr. 1 plans) Food Drive
 Sat., Nov. 18 - Lego League Competition in Prior Lake
 Sat., Nov. 18 - Yoga Fundraiser for Cancer 9:30-10:30
 Mon., Nov. 20 - School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM
 Wed., Nov. 22 - School Mass (gr. 7 plans)
 Thurs., Nov. 23 - No School Thanksgiving
 Fri., Nov. 24 - No School
 Mon., Nov. 27 - Adoration for students 9:00-11:00 AM
 Wed., Nov. 29 - Penance Service 9:30-11:00 (gr. 3-8)
 Wed., Nov. 29 - Family groups 12:45-1:30

December Events

Mon., Dec 4 - Advent all-school Prayer Service 9:20 AM
 Mon., Dec. 4-5 - Santa Secret Shop open
 Mon., Dec. 4 - Preschool and Kindergarten Santa Craft Night and visit with Santa. 6:30 PM
 Tues., Dec. 5 - Sweepstakes Drawing 1:00 PM
 Wed., Dec. 6 - Saint Nicholas Day
 Wed. Dec. 6 - No Mass - Adoration for Students 9:00-11:00
 Fri., Dec. 8 - Holy Day Mass-Feast of The Immaculate Conception 8:00 AM (8th gr. plans)
 Tues., Dec 12 - Adoration for students 9:00-11:00
 Wed., Dec. 13 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 6Z plans)
 Thurs., Dec. 14 - Christmas Concert 1:00 and 6:30 PM
 Mon., Dec. 18 - Adoration for students 9:00-11:00
 Wed., Dec. 20 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 5 plans)
 Wed. Dec. 20 - PreK Christmas program 10:00 AM
 Thurs., Dec 21 - Preschool 3/4 Christmas program 10:00 AM
 Thurs., Dec. 21 - Advent All-school Prayer Service 1:40 PM
 Fri., Dec 22 - No School through Mon., Jan. 1
 Tues., Jan., 2 - School resumes

Cash for Christmas!

Sweepstakes Tickets Reminder

Due on December 1

All tickets must be sold. Those not sold will be charged to your tuition account. Seek out family and friends for a small donation with a chance to win big cash!



Our School Mission Statement

St. Wenceslaus School is a family centered faith community committed to the intellectual and spiritual formation of our students. We provide a high quality academic program that builds leadership and self-confidence while nurturing a loving relationship with God and encouraging service to others.

The Starry Night Auction cannot take place this year without more school parents stepping up to get involved in the planning.



This fundraiser has brought in nearly \$125,000 to the school for each of the past 3 years and over \$60,000 per year for the past 14 years. Those who have attended know how much fun the night is for adults as we raise funds for the school. Most school parents know that the money raised in this event has generously added to the vitality and strength of our school directly affecting the students and their education.

Our planning committee is short staffed this year and we need new people to step forward to take on small roles that will fit into this big picture. We are seeking 5-6 new committee member for our Starry Night Auction. Please consider this opportunity of working behind the scenes to put together this extraordinary event.

Please contact Kim to discuss this possibility. Yes, we really do need you!

Yoga of Hope
Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer

SWS parent and local yoga instructor Jen Shepard is participating in a global yoga charity event this coming **Saturday, November 18th**. She is offering a beginner yoga class from 9:00-10:30am at the St Wenceslaus PAC. No previous yoga experience necessary but participants do need to bring their own yoga mat. All proceeds go directly to childhood cancer treatment and research. To participate go to www.yogaofhope.com and choose join a class. The donation is \$12, to participate you must join online. No money is taken at the door.

Amazon Smile Program

<http://smile.amazon.com/>

Remember, always start at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.05% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. When shopping on line always go to Smile Amazon first!

Advent Wreath at Sunday Mass

Advent is right around the corner and we are looking for volunteers to light our Advent wreath! Please consider being a part of this important ritual. A sign up is in the back of church or you can email Lynn Sticha at lynn.sticha@npcatholic.org to sign up!

Student Prayer Opportunities in Advent

Penance Service - Grades 3-6 - Nov. 29
Holy Day - Immaculate Conception Mass, Dec. 8 at 8:00
Advent Wreath prayer services, Dec. 4 at 9:20 and Dec. 21 at 1:40
Free choice Adoration Time (9:00-11:00)
Nov. 27, Dec. 6, Dec 12 and Dec. 18



Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program

SWS classes are participating in this program. These items will be distributed through the LeSueur County Santa Anonymous Program.

Santa's Secret Shop in coming!

A great place for kids to go shopping all by themselves!



Who? Open to all Kids. Preschool - Grade 8
What? A special two-day store full of little Christmas gifts.
When? **Monday, December 4th and Tuesday, Dec 5th - During school hours and open Monday evening during the Santa Craft night. 6:00-7:30.**
Where? In the Art Room at SWS
Cost? Kids pick gifts from tables with different priced gifts (\$1.00-\$ 15.00 per gift)

Kids can purchase gifts for family members, have them wrapped, tagged, and ready to put under the Christmas tree. They can keep them a surprise to everyone.

Here is how it works:

- You put money in an envelope with your child's name and shopping list. (names of who they should buy for and how much you would like them to spend-example Mom - \$2.00, Dad - \$1.00)
- Kids go to the shop and pick out the gifts according to your directions on the envelope.
- Their gifts will be wrapped and tagged.

Thanks to our Home and School Association for planning this fun activity.



SWS Improvement Goals! (Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association)

We are in the process of revising our goals for improvement to put into our MNSAA plan. You are welcome to provide feedback on any of these areas. E-mail kim.doyle@swsaints.org with your comments.

Our school curriculum will provide a relevant experience for our 21st Century learners.

STEM education will be infused into the curriculum.

Faith development of students will be taken to a deeper level.

Curriculum standards will be reviewed for quality programming.

Cutting edge curriculum goals will meet a variety of diverse learning levels, interests, and needs.

The curriculum will focus on developing the students into responsible citizens.

Our school will meet diverse needs of all learners.

Individualized plans will be determined for struggling students.

Additional resources will help meet the needs of students.

Additional programs will be added to the school to add to the diverse interests of the students.

St. Wenceslaus School will attract students and benefactors to our school community.

A plan will be developed to increase enrollment.

An alumni outreach plan will be formulated and instituted.

Revision and management of school website.

Administrative structures will ensure that SWS is a growing and thriving school community for future generations of students.

The School Advisory Council will provide an informed and active role in appropriate advisory responsibilities.

Budgets will be set to sustain goals for growth in enrollment, curricular development, and staff compensation.

School administration will ensure that the highest quality staff is employed.

Administrative support will be enhanced.

The school will have a visionary technology plan in place.

The school will develop financial sources for new and emerging technologies.

Staff development and training in areas of new technology will take place.

**Christmas Craft and visit with Santa**
Monday, December 4 - 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us in the Atrium Area of the Parish Activity Center for a craft and a visit with Santa. This event is for all current preschool and kindergarten kids and their parents. You are invited to bring a guest family who does not have kids enrolled in our school to this event!



Santa Secret Shop will also be open for kids shopping opportunity. Watch for more news to come!

**Look who came for Lunch?**

Some things just do not change! They might look a little older and a little smarter, but these NPHS seniors fit right back into the place where they all started their educational journey SWS. It has been a long tradition for high school students who once attended the school to come back for lunch. Getting permission from their parents and from school administration, 17 students checked in for Italian dunkers for lunch. These students were so polite when they came for their visit. They remembered the lunch routines when they were little kids and they told all kinds of elementary and junior high stories from the days when they were students here. The entire staff enjoyed seeing the students back in the school building again. It was like they never left. Our school alumni both young and older will forever be a part of the school.

Substitutes needed to fill in at school!

We need people who are willing to fill in at SWS when any staff person needs a day off. We are looking for all areas.

Classroom Teachers (Must have at least a BA)

Aides - for preschool and K-8.

Office - as needed.

Club House - need early morning and after school.

Kitchen - as needed.

These are paid positions. Please apply to have your name on a list of possible substitutes.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

You're Invited to a **Packing Party**

Sunday, November 19th

at 9:30am (between Masses)

St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center

Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.



Shoe boxes will be provided!
Please bring the following to pack:

A "wow" item (something that will capture the child's attention), personal care items, clothing and accessories, crafts and activities and toys. Donations for shipping costs would also be greatly appreciated.

For suggestions and a list of items not to include, please visit:
www.samaritanspurse.org



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