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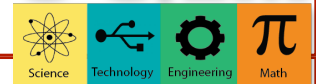
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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School

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From the Office of the Principal ...

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends;

Our school faculty and staff attended the Summit of Excellence on October 18 with 2,000 other Catholic school faculty and staff. This was a fantastic event that enhanced excellence in our school through professional development and collaboration, particularly focusing on 21st century learning. The areas of focus included integrating STEM learning, going green, serving students with disabilities, early childhood classrooms and school safety. The conference was unique because it included all the levels necessary to ensure student success, from the maintenance and front office staff, to the teachers and administrators. It is very rare to have all in the same room to collaborate for student success. It shows the comprehensive manner in which our school is pursuing excellence and ensuring quality in order to create the best possible environment for your child to grow and learn. Please take a moment to enjoy this video recap of the Summit of Excellence:

<https://cscoc-mn.org/summit-of-excellence/>

Sweepstakes Tickets are NOW Due!



All ticket 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!

Santa Workshop for Preschool and Kindergarten

**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!



Calendar of Events:

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

Advent Opportunities



Family Group Advent Project - Nov. 29
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

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.



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. 6:00-7:30PM.
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.



Car Drop off in the Morning

Please do not drop your child off in the morning too early or too late. The best time for cars to drop off is 7:20-7:35. Busses are dropping off earlier. Staff supervision is not available before 7:10 but we would like to get the busses in and out first so if cars come just a bit later that would be great.

The doors get locked at 7:40. So please do not drop your child off at the main PAC doors later than this time. Make sure you see a staff person at the entrance or your child will enter the lobby by the chapel but WILL NOT be able to get into the next set of doors.

Head Lice Checks

Now that kids are back in jackets and hats be sure to do a regular check of their heads for head lice. This is a common problem in schools and spreads to even the cleanest of heads and homes. We notice a considerable outbreak often after a holiday weekend! Encourage your kids to keep their hats and coats off of a big pile and watch out for sleepovers, pillows belonging to others, movie theatre seats, and shared stuffed animals.

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.

The Starry Night Auction

We still need a few more leaders

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!

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!

Last chance Two Minute Parent Survey

<https://goo.gl/forms/36XpPj7A2cOczAPwI>

Please click on this link to answer a few questions about how you think the school is doing this year! The survey will lock down on Wednesday.