

SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS



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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, Friends, and Grandparents;

Merry Christmas to you and your family from our school family. We truly are a school community that reflects the family spirit of giving, sharing, and learning from each other. We share the same spirit of education by way of our Catholic faith and that sets our direction to all that we do. Our staff and students move through each day and activity together. We are connected because we intentionally work to make our atmosphere one that is group/family orientated. We are small and intimate with each other so our students feel safe, known, and cared for. We are blessed to have parents who stay connected to their children and to the school as a whole by the volunteer work and support that you give. We have friends, grandparents and others who also value the belief of a faith-filled environment and the impact that it makes with our students for a life time.

Yes, we are truly a place of blessings. Christmas Blessings to all!



Cardboard Box City

Once again this year the students in grades 7 and 8 will be learning about homelessness. They will participate in an evening of activities about poverty/homelessness. Then they will sleep outside of our school in a cardboard box. This will take place before Christmas on December 20. In doing so the students are trying to raise money to benefit organizations working to alleviate homelessness.

We would like to support the CAP (Community Action Partners) agency of Carver/Scott/Dakota work to support people in need by creating hygiene kits.

We are in search of toothbrushes/toothpaste/soap and deodorant type hygiene supplies. Travel size work great.

Students will assemble the kits. Thanks for your help.

Calendar of Events:

Mon., Dec. 18 - Adoration for students 9:00-11:00
 Tues., Dec. 19 - Home Basketball Game 4:30 and 5:30
 Wed., Dec. 20 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 5 plans)
 Wed. Dec. 20 - PreK Christmas program 10:00 AM
 Wed., Dec. 20 - Kindergarten Play 1:00 in church
 Wed., Dec. 20 - Cardboard Box City
 Thurs., Dec. 21 - No Uniforms / Red and Green Day
 Thurs., Dec 21 - Preschool 3/4 Christmas program 10:00 AM
 Thurs., Dec. 21 - Gr. 3 to Mala Strana - 9:30
 Thurs., Dec. 21 - Advent All-school Prayer Service 1:40 PM
 Fri., Dec. 22 - No School through Mon., Jan. 1
 Mon., Dec. 25 - Dec. 29 - Club House Closed



January Events

Tues., Jan. 2 - School back in session
 Wed., Jan. 3 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 8 plans)
 Wed., Jan. 3 - School Marketing meeting 6:00-7:30
 Mon., Jan. 8 - 8th Grade orientation meeting at NPHS 6:30
 Mon., Jan. 8 - School Advisory Board 6:30
 Tues., Jan. 9 - Home Basketball Game 4:30 and 5:30
 Tues., Jan. 9 - Home and School Meeting 6:00 PM
 Wed., Jan. 10 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 3 plans)
 Wed., Jan. 10 - School Technology meeting 2:30
 Thurs., Jan. 11 - Geography Bee - 9:30
 Thurs., Jan. 11 - Home Basketball Game 4:30
 Fri., Jan. 12 - End of 1st Semester
 Mon., Jan. 15 - NO School/Teacher Workshop Day
 Tues., Jan. 16 - Home Basketball Game 4:30
 Wed., Jan 17 - 8:00 school Mass (Gr. 2 plans)
 Thurs., Jan., 18 - Snowman Celebration 6:00
 Sat., Jan. 20 - District Spelling Bee
 Sun., Jan 21 - K of C Pancake Breakfast for school
 Wed., Jan 24 - 8:00 School Mass (preK and gr. 4 plan)
 Thurs., Jan 25 to Tues., Jan 30 — School Book Fair
 Sat., Jan 27 - Ice Fishing Contest
 Sun., Jan. 28 - Catholic Schools Week begins

Club House will be closed over Christmas Break

Open - Friday, Dec., 22 only
 Closed-Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

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.

Health Para Job Opening

We are searching for a new person for our health office. This position takes place for approximately 2.5 hours per day. Hours are somewhat flexible with hope of getting a person to be around during the lunch/recess time if possible. This position is posted on the New Prague Public Schools career site and will be open for anyone to apply before January 5. This is a public school position but we hope to have someone who is connected to SWS in some way apply for the job.

A Special Thanks to Rhonda Pauly

We are extremely grateful for the years that Rhonda has given while working in this position. She has added so much to our school and has really kept all of our health services so professional and helpful to the teachers, parents and especially the children. Rhonda has accepted a new position but we will see her from time to time helping out during her time off in our office or in our classrooms.

Job Opening - Substitute Teacher Training

Love your faith? Like working with children? Want a fulfilling part-time job? Become a classroom substitute at your Catholic school - SWS!
Apply today to attend the classroom substitute training: <http://bit.ly/2jGvjDG> Apply before December 30!

We are creating a Marketing Team of Parents

Looking for a creative group of parents to come together to help promote the school. Meetings will take place once per month and will not exceed 1.5 hours per meeting. 1st Wednesday of the month 6:00PM - 7:30 PM
Please contact Kim if interested and willing!

Starry Night Auction Team

We are still seeking people to serve on our main planning team for the Starry Night Auction. The event takes place on April 14. This team will meet only 2-3 times as a group in the evening and the rest of the work is done outside of school with others. Must be available to set up during the week of the auction especially April 12, 13, and 14. Please step forward if you can help. Many hands make the work load lighter. Contact Kim

Ice Fishing Contest Tickets

Watch for your packet to come home. Every family will get \$25 worth. This is only 25 tickets that sell for \$1.00 each. The key to success for the fishing contest is the sale of these tickets so please try to sell them and not return them to school (Although this is an optional fundraiser). See details in the bright orange ticket packet coming home.

Snowman Celebration

Join in the Snow Fun!
Thursday, January 18
6:00-7:15PM

This party is free and open to any community children age 2-6. Fun filled indoor snow games and prizes.



Sponsored by the Kindergarten parents. Games designed and run by Students in Grade 5 and 6.

Starry Night Class Baskets

Each year we ask every school family to donate one small item that will be put together in a class basket for the school auction. The auction is in April, but we would like to get this part of planning completed **by January 30**. Please note your class theme and pick up a small item to add to the basket while shopping this month.

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| Preschool | Gardening Basket |
| Kindergarten | Barbie/Lego Basket |
| Grade 1 | The Latest and Greatest Toy Basket |
| Grade 2 | Nerf Basket |
| Grade 3 | Summer Fun Basket |
| Grade 4 | Super Fan Basket |
| Grade 5 | Baking/Cooking Basket |
| Grade 6 | MN Sports Basket |
| Grade 7 | Fishing Frenzy Basket |
| Grade 8 | Trojan Basket |

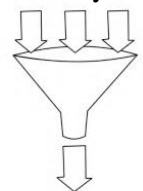
"Fill The Funnel" with Endowment Fund Donations

Please consider a Year-End Tax Deductible Donation to the SWS School Endowment Fund. The school endowment helps provide financial support year after year with contributions earned through the endowment investments with Catholic Community Foundation.

Please send donations to:
SWS School
227 East Main,
New Prague, MN 56071

Questions :
(952) 758-3133, Kim Doyle,
Principal or
(612) 384-6170 Tom Chromy,
Chairman of SWS Endowment
Board of Directors

Donations Today!



SWS Kids Benefit Every Year



Poster Contest

Keep Christ in Christmas

All students are welcome to join the poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Posters must be done on 11x17 size paper. Student name and age should be on the back side of the poster. The poster must be student original work and must reflect the theme — “Keep Christ in Christmas”.

Posters should be turned in by December 21.



SWS Saints Boys Basketball

December 19 - Home vs. Bethlehem Academy - 4:30/5:30
 January 9 - Home vs. Holy Cross - 4:30/5:30
 January 11 - Home vs. St. Dominic’Lutheran-4:30s - 4:30
 January 12/13 - B team Tournament - Faribault Lutheran
 January 16 - Home vs. Faribault Lutheran-4:30
 January 22 - at St. Mary’s, Owatonna 4:45/5:45
 January 30 - at Bethlehem Academy 4:30/5:30
 February 1 - at St. Johns’, Jordan - 5:15
 February 6 - at Faribault Lutheran - 4:30
 February 12 - at Holy Cross 4:30/5:30
 February 15 - at St. Dominic’s - 4:30

Required Fundraisers

- Marathon - Sat., September 30
\$150 per child K-8 \$50 preschool
- Sweepstakes - Tues., Dec. 5
\$300 per family K-8 \$50 per preschool
- Fish Fry - March 9
10 ticket per K-8 family 5 tickets per preschool

Optional Fundraisers

- Handmade Market - Sat. Oct. 28
- Ice Fishing Contest - Sat. Jan 27
\$25 per family in tickets to sell
- School Auction and Dinner Event - Sat. April 14
One item for the class basket
- Golf Tournament - Fri., June 8

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!

Christmas Concert DVD’s for sale

Mrs. May recorded the show. She is happy to make a copy for anyone who wants one. \$5 will cover the cost. The order form is attached. Send it back to school this week and we will send a copy home when they are available.



Homelessness is Real

Pray for those who do not have what we have. Christ loves all of us! Help support our 7th/8th homeless night experience with a gift to the poor.



No Uniforms on Thursday

Dress in Red and Green !

SWS Christmas Concert 2017 DVD Order Form

Is the evening performance video taped from the choir loft. The 2nd part of the movie includes the microphoned audio tracks & still photos.

If interested, please fill out below & send back to the school office. The DVD will be delivered to you via your student.



Please make checks payable to St. Wenceslaus School

Family Name	
Student Name	
Teacher Name	
# of DVDs @ \$5.00 each	
Total included	