

SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS



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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School



From the Office of the Principal ...

Dear Parents, Friends, and Grandparents;

This time of year is extremely busy at school. Catholic Schools Week helps us celebrate the unique educational program that we have at SWS. There is no other school in the New Prague community like ours. We are fully certified and accredited academically **plus** this is where the students come together in a small and close community of faith. The students love our family atmosphere. They know they are cared for, safe, and respected. They also know that they are challenged to be the best they can be as full persons with not only a mind and body but with a heart and soul that needs to learn and grow. We are indeed a family with core moral values and a trusting faith in God that guides and directs us as we move together. Parents are also linked in as our brothers and sisters in our faith. This school is like a home where we all join in to keep it running smoothly. That's what families do! Thanks for being a part of our family. Thanks for making SWS great!

Kim Doyle, Principal

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See our days in action by clicking this link:

<https://youtu.be/CcqsR9v4Pg4>

Ice Fishing Contest is on Saturday

Join us for the fishing contest on Saturday, January 27 1:00-3:00 on Cedar Lake.

Use the Access across for St. Patrick's Church.

- ★ Holes drilled for you
- ★ Free Minnows
- ★ Prizes given every few minutes - Bring you ticket stub for the barrel.
- ★ Grand prize raffles - turn these into the school office.
- ★ Ice House ticket drawn
- ★ Snacks for purchase

This is a great activity for families. No experience necessary.

Please turn in all tickets this week.



Calendar of Events:

Wed., Jan. 24 - 8:00 School Word and Communion Service (Gr. 4 plans)

Wed., Jan. 24 - 25 - Preschool conferences

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Thurs., Jan. 25 to Tues., Jan. 30 — School Book Fair Sat., Jan. 27 - Ice Fishing Contest 1:00-3:00

Sun., Jan. 28 - Attend 8:30 Mass/Cinnamon rolls

Mon., Jan. 29 - Skiing Gr. 5-8/Gr. 4,I Bowling

Mon., Jan. 29 - Preschool Registration and Open House 5:30-7:00 PM

Mon., Jan. 29 - School Advisory Meeting 6:30

Tues., Jan. 30 - Smile Network/STEM challenge

Wed., Jan. 31 - School Mass (PreK plans)

Wed., Jan. 31 - Guest Bingo

Thurs., Feb. 1 - Rollerskating K-8

Fri., Feb. 2 - Breakfast 7:00-7:45 - K-8

Fri., Feb. 2- Tours for PreK parents 8:15 or 9:15 AM

Sun., Feb. 4 - Mass at St. Scholastica or St. John's

Mon., Feb. 5-Annual Parent meeting - TBD

Tues., Feb. 6 - Preschool Registration and Open House 5:30-7:00 PM

Wed., Feb. 7 - School Mass 8:00 (Gr. 1 plans)

Wed., Feb. 7 - School Marketing meeting 6:00-7:30

Wed., Feb. 8 - 9 7th/8th Musical - Mulan

Mon., Feb. 12 - Kindergarten Registration 6:00 PM Tues., Feb 13 - 6:00 Home/School Meeting

Wed., Feb 14 - Ash Wed./Valentines Day

Thurs., Feb. 15 - Technology Meeting 2:30

Mon., Feb., 19 - No School/No Club House-Presidents

Day Wed., Feb 21 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 6s plans)

Wed., Feb. 21 - Gr. 7/8 Field trip

Wed., Feb. 21 - Auction Meeting 6:00-7:30 PM

Tues.-Wed. , Feb. 27-28 Gr. 5 Science Fair

Wed. Feb. 28 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr.

Catholic Schools Week

Activities

Please check the details of the plan. There are many things going on all week!



Don't forget to make your family poster!

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.

Important Events and Notes for School Registration!

Important New Family Events:

Mon., Jan. 29 - Preschool Registration and Open House
5:30-7:00 PM
Tues., Feb. 6 - Preschool Registration and Open House
5:30-7:00 PM
Mon., Feb. 12 - Kindergarten Registration 6:00 PM

Incentive for Current School Families **\$250 Tuition Credit**

Help pass on the word about SWS by recruiting a new family! Every new family that enrolls in our school in grades K-8 will have one opportunity to list a family that helped them make this important educational decision. If your family is the one listed by the new family then we will give you a tuition credit of \$250 for the following year. 2019-20. (Unless your last child is in 8th grade in which we will allow you to use this credit in the last quarter of the 2018-19.

Catholic Education is possible for every child!

Two Scholarships **Applies to tuition 2018-19**

The Aim Higher Foundation has two way to qualify for Tuition Assistance. You must apply for financial assistance by going to TADS.com. **When you complete the application there will be a section on the bottom to apply for the following two scholarships.**

Aim Higher Scholarship
Catholic Services Appeal Foundation/Aim Higher Scholarship

Due Date is Feb 15

If you would like more information go to this link to read more
<https://aimhigherfoundation.org/scholarships>

In filling out these forms, you will be applying for tuition assistance at SWS for the 2018-19 school year. Assistance will be given to families who qualify so that all children can receive a Catholic education. Regular SWS financial assistance deadline is May 1, 2018.

Financial Assistance

Time to apply to TADS.com. This is an outside agency that evaluates your family finances. Those families who qualify may be selected for a tuition reduction. This program is based 100% on financial need.

PreKindergarten Parents

Your tour time has been reserved for you

.....to see the K-8 program.

Friday, February 2

8:15-9:15 AM or 9:15-10:15 AM

Sibling Care Available

Little Saints registering for SWS Kindergarten

Been happy with the preschool program? More awaits you as your child enters kindergarten. Special incentives for you to stay with us! You and your family will love it here!

Bring a Friend to School Day - Grs. K-5

We are thinking ahead! All students in grades K-5 can bring one friend to school on Friday, March 9. The friend must attend one of the New Prague Schools, a school from another small community around the New Prague area or might be moving to New Prague and looking for a school. The kids in the NPAS do not have school on this day but SWS does so it is a great day for them to shadow in our school. The friend must be in the same grade or in one grade higher or lower. These kids will spend one full day in our school having a regular day with our kids, having a great lunch, and will be sent home with a special SWS gift. This is a great way for someone to "try out our school" for a day! SWS kids can bring kids that might not be interested in transferring to our school too! Spending the day will help spread the word about our school whether kids are interested or not in future enrollment! Reservations will be required for your child's friend closer to the actual date of the event.

This event is NOT meant to bring guests/relatives from far away but only local kids.

Little Saints Preschool Enrollment

We are now taking applications for the 2018-19 school year. We will be offering the following sessions.

MWF - 4/5 PreK 8:00-11:00

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T/Th - 3/4 year old preschool -9:00-11:30

T/Th - PreK STEM class - 8:00-11:00

Spread the word to friends and neighbors with young children.



Get your tickets for our 7th and 8th grade musical!

The order form was attached last week

The Play dates are February 8 and 9
Adults \$5 and Children \$3

February 8 at 6:00 PM
February 9 at 5:30 and 7:30

Big Bang Archdiocesan STEM Fair

Here is a chance for students in grades 3-8 to show off some of their STEM skills. Parents please encourage your child to do an engineering design project. The project can be a new invention or it may be a similar project to something that the students have done in school in the past but taken up a notch. We are asking anyone interested to submit their intention to do the project.

Letter of Intent Form is due on Friday, January 26
The project can then be worked on for a school competition on February 15. The six top projects will be sent to Big Bag Fair on April 21 at Holy Family High School in Victoria. There will be great prizes for the winners and lots of fun to see the Catholic schools come together.

Photo Contest from Catholic School Center Of Excellence - Due April 2. - Open to parents, students and staff. Take the best pictures of our Catholic School Two Categories to win.

1. Pictures with people
 2. Pictures without people - building and structures
- Pictures taken preK-8 students will be judged separately from adults.

1st place prize is \$1000 See Flier!

Field trips during Catholic Schools Week

See the Catholic Schools week schedule. There are some added costs for our fun activities. Permission slips were sent with the fees listed. Please let us know if you cannot meet this financial requirement and we will work with you.

Grades K-4 - Bowling and Rollerskating \$20

Grades 5-8 - Skiing and Rollerskating \$35

Parent rollerskating fee = \$8 (includes lunch)



Starry Night Class Baskets

All families - please donate at least one item per child based on theme below.

These items are due January 30.

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 Sports Fan Basket
Grade 5	Baking/Cooking Basket
Grade 6	MN Sports Basket
Grade 7	Fishing Frenzy Basket
Grade 8	Trojan Basket

SWS Saints Boys Basketball

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



Adult Lunch Price Increase

Due to federal regulations we need to raise the price of our adult lunches from \$3.50 to \$3.75. This change is immediately in effect.

Sick Kids ?

Please keep them home!

24 hour rule for: Fever, Vomit, and Diarrhea

Some virus's and germs are spread from a contagious child for 3-4 days!

Teach your kids to wash their hands often and to not touch their face, mouth, nose, etc...

Stay Healthy!

★ *A Starry Night at* ★

ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 15TH ANNUAL AUCTION BENEFIT EVENT

THE BIG GAME

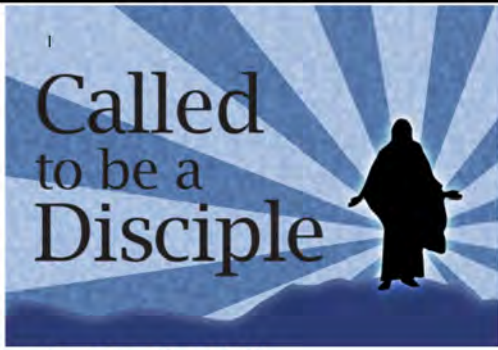
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SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2018



Holy Family Catholic High School Winter Open House

Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria invites families to attend our Winter Open House on Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. Families will learn more about Holy Family academics, arts, music, athletics, service and co-curricular clubs and activities. Transportation options, scholarship offerings, and tuition assistance information will also be presented. Visit www.hfchs.org/RSVP <<http://www.hfchs.org/RSVP>> to learn more.



Called to be a Disciple

Jesus is calling YOU!

What is your response?


Join us as we spend the five weeks of Lent getting to know Jesus a bit better!
Sign up today.

Who: Anyone who wants to be a Disciple of Christ

What: A five week Discipleship study;
sign ups in back of church and on line!

When: Days/times/sites vary to match your schedule
one group set to meet at 9 am after the School Mass,
facilitated by Michelle Redfean.


Why: Because it is what we are called to do!



SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2018
1:00-2:00
ALL AREA
Boys & Girls Ages 9-14
Registration and Warm Up begins at 12:30 pm

FREE THROW CONTEST
St. Wenceslaus Parish Activity Center


Sponsored by the New Prague Area



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Catholic Schools Week

Activities take place from
Thursday, January 25-Sunday,
February 4



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

School Book Fair

The annual school book fair will take place during Catholic Schools Week. 100% of the profits go to purchase more books for our school library. Every book purchased helps the school.

We need some helpers.

Thursday Jan. 25

8:00 am to 10:00 am - to set up

10:00 am to 12:30 pm

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Friday Jan. 26 - Mrs. Stavos

Sunday Jan. 28 (3-4 people needed)

8:00 am to 10:00 am

10:00 am to 12:00 noon (3-4 people needed)

Monday Jan. 29 - Mrs. Stavos

Tuesday Jan. 30

8:00 am to 10:00 am

10:00am to 12:30 pm

12:30pm to 2:30 pm - to take down

Please contact Annette Stavos directly if you can help during any of these times or days.

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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 – February 3 #CSW18

Saturday, January 27 - SWS Ice Fishing Contest 1:00-3:00 on Cedar Lake. What a great way to begin all of the festivities of Catholic Schools Week! Have fun with the school community and others. Lots of prizes, free bait, free holes drilled. No experience required. All you need is a small ice fishing pole and warm clothes! Food is served. This event is free but drop your \$1.00 tickets in the barrel to win prizes.

Sunday, January 28 - Lead and Succeed Day. All school families are encouraged to **attend the 8:30 AM Mass** this weekend at St. Wenceslaus Church. Grades 7-8 wear your “Red SWS Service Shirt” to church. Students in K-6 are to wear uniforms to church! Parents, please wear any St. Wenceslaus Spirit Wear that you may have! Students will take parts in the Masses. **Grade 3** will sing in the choir at the 8:30 and 10:30 Mass. (Meet at 8:00 in the church basement choir room) **Grade 1** will sing “The Creed” after Communion at the 8:30 Mass. **The School Staff will serve delicious cinnamon rolls in the cafeteria after the Masses.** **School Book Fair** takes place from January 25-30. The Book Fair will be open during the Sunday festivities. Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest takes place 1:00-2:00 in the gym.

Monday, January 29 - The school **Medallion Hunt** begins. **Ski Trip to Hyland Hills** in Bloomington for the 5-8 grades. **Bowling** - Grade 4- 11:45-12:45, Grade 1 - 1:00-2:00
Student Dress Up - Color Day - dress from head to toe in your favorite color.

Tuesday, January 30 - Learn and Serve Day. We will have a presentation from the Smile Network at 8:00-8:30. Students bring your pocket change this week to play a game of Plinko. All donations go to the Smile Network. **Bowling** - Grades 2 and 3 - 9:00-10:00, Grade Kindergarten - 10:15-11:15
The school will have an all school STEM challenge hour in the afternoon.
Student Dress Up - Mismatch/Mixup Day - you can wear any clothing items that do not match.

Wednesday, January 31 - School Mass and Bingo with an adult special guest. Mass at 8:00 - students will meet guest in church and sit with them. Then to the gym for some games of SWS special bingo. 9:00-10:00. Mass and Bingo for Preschool - Grade 8.
Student Dress Up: Dress your Best Day. No jeans, shorts, sweat pants or t-shirts.

Thursday, February 1 - K-8 Rollerskating Fun. We are taking a field trip together to Skateville in Burnsville. The bus ride, skating and lunch are all included. All parents are welcome to come along for a fee of \$8 but must drive to meet us there. Hot dog/pizza/chips and a drink are for lunch. No bag lunches are allowed except for extreme allergies. (Must notify the school office if your child is bringing a bag lunch because of an allergy). 9:30-2:00
Student Dress Up - Sports Day - Dress in your favorite sport outfit.

Friday, February 2 - We will begin our day with a continental breakfast in the gym for all K-8 parents and students. Parents bring your children to school on this day and we will serve you **7:00- 7:45 AM**. Bring a box of cereal or two to donate to the food shelf. Each class will walk their food items over to the food shelf at 2:00 PM.
Student Dress Up: - Pajama Day - Any PJ's that are school appropriate, slippers, and robes are all great.

Sunday, February 4- All School Families are encouraged to go to Mass at one of these parishes. **St. Scholastica Mass 8:00 AM or St. John's Mass 10:00 AM.** Wear your SWS Uniforms and Spirit Wear to church. Teachers will be recognizing parish members after both Masses with a treat.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

2018 PHOTO CONTEST

WIN
\$1,000!

Calling all Catholic School Supporters
(Students, too!)

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SNAP A CATHOLIC SCHOOL PHOTO

CATEGORY 1: Photos with people (students, teachers, staff, etc.)

CATEGORY 2: Photos without people (buildings, classrooms, students with class projects, etc.)

CATEGORY 3: Photos taken by pre-K through 8th grade students

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ENTER THE PHOTO CONTEST BY APRIL 2, 2018

- Email your photos to CatholicSchoolsPhotoContest@gmail.com.
- Include your name, the name of the school pictured and which category you are entering in the body of the email for each photo submitted.
- Each entrant may submit multiple photos, but can only win once.
- The subject matter of the photo must have something to do with Catholic grade schools.
- Photos of Catholic high schools/students will not be considered.

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CONTEST WINNERS NOTIFIED BY APRIL 16, 2018

JUDGES:

Auxiliary Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Annemarie Vega, Director of Enrollment at CSCOE

Melissa Hamilton, Communications Manager at CSCOE

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PRIZES MAILED TO WINNERS BY APRIL 30, 2018

PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY

1ST Place Categories 1 & 2: \$1,000

2ND Place Categories 1 & 2: \$500

3RD Place Categories 1 & 2: \$250

1ST Place Category 3: \$100

2ND Place Category 3: \$50

3RD Place Category 3: \$25

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NOTE ABOUT PHOTO RIGHTS

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