

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;

Catholic Schools Week is a special time when we can recognize our school in many special and fun ways. It is a week of celebrating with each other. It is a week when we realize that our school is different from another local school. It is a week when we put our priorities out there and tell the facts that God is the reason for our existence. We celebrate our faith, our academics, our service, and our leadership. We celebrate our success.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!
Thank you for being a part of this wonderful school. Thanks you most of all for giving this wonderful gift of a Catholic education to your children. God has blessed us all very much,



See our days in action by clicking these links:

1. Preschool - Grade 8 School Movie:
<https://youtu.be/CcqsR9v4Pg4>
2. Preschool special:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMpir2LrRDg>



School Musical
February 8 - 6:00 PM
February 9 - 5:30 & 7:30 PM
Adults \$5 and Children \$3

Pay at the door or order ahead of time
(see attached order form)
SWS Parish Activity Center

Calendar of Events:

- Mon., Jan. 29 /Tues., Jan. 30 - School Book Fair
- Mon., Jan. 29 - Skiing Gr. 5-8/Gr. 4,1 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. - 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. 6z plans)
- Tues., March 6 - History Day Displays/Judging
- Wed., March 7 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 5 plans)
- Wed., March 7 - Marketing Meeting 6:00-7:30 Pm
- Fri., March 9 - Bring a fried to School Day - Grades K-5
- Fri., March 9 - School Fish Fry Dinner

Starry Night Class Basket Item are now

Due!!!! All families - please donate at least one item per child. We also will accept cash gifts instead of items and we will buy items for the baskets on your behalf.

Book Fair This Week



Open on Monday and Tuesday
Send money if you are interested in having your child buy a new book.

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.

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 was due on Friday, January 26 (see Kim ASAP if you child still wants to do it but has not signed up)

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!

Ice Fishing Contest

Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest on Saturday. A very special thanks to all the people who were on the planning committee and who worked so hard to sell the icehouse tickets, the fish contest tickets, and did all of the work to prepare the lake or work the event. We also thank all others who supported this event. There were many!

Friday Breakfast

Bring your K-8 kids to school on Friday. Breakfast will be served to all K-8 families in the gym before school 7:00-7:45. Have a quick continental breakfast with your kids and the teachers before you head to you own job. Please have the students bring a box of breakfast food to donate to the food shelf in the afternoon. PJ's are to be worn all day!

Skating on Thursday

All parents are welcome to join us for the skating outing. There will be no room on the bus so parents need to drive and/or car pool with others. All students must go on the bus! Parents - please inform you child's teacher if you are attending. The cost for parents is \$8 and includes lunch and skating. Please inform your child's teacher. No Rollerblades allowed on this trip.

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/LegoBasket
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 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



Special Guest Day on Wednesday

Here are some things that you should know. All guests will be sitting with the students at Mass - BUT guests should go directly to the church AND FIND A SEAT ANYWHERE - EVEN UP FRONT! The little people will come to church and find you. After Mass - we will all head to the gym. Kids will pick up a milk - and guests will get coffee in the gym. Donuts for everyone before bingo games.

Note - they Mass is being planned by the preschoolers. There will be some benches reserved up front for the preschool kids and their families.

★ *A Starry Night at* ★
 ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 15TH ANNUAL AUCTION BENEFIT EVENT

THE BIG GAME

go Saints

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2018



School Registration! Check out all of the specials this year!

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

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

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.

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! See e-mail sent with special incentive to stick with SWS!

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.

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 students 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
MWF - 4/5 PreK 9:00-12:00 (only added if enrollment requires an added session-wait list possible)
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.

\$100 tuition credit ends on January 31.

Saint Wenceslaus Junior High presents



Performances will take place February 8th at 6:00 pm and February 9th at 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Get your non-reserved tickets before the show and avoid standing in line the night of the play! Tickets for Friday are good for one or both performances. Please return the bottom portion completed by February 2nd to Mrs. McBroom. Checks can be made out to St. Wenceslaus School.

Name _____

Tickets	Price	#	Cost
Children-Thursday	\$3.00		
Adults-Thursday	\$5.00		
Children-Friday	\$3.00		
Adults-Friday	\$5.00		
Total			

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

By entering the photo contest, you are authorizing the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence, its partners and all Catholic grade schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to copyright, use and publish your photos in print or electronically with or without your name for such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising and web content.