

SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS



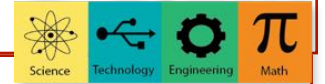
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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School

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From the Office of the Principal ...

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Friends;

Pray! Fast! Give!

This is our school theme for the 6 prayerful weeks of lent. We are focused on these three words to bring the meaning of Christ's life, His crucifixion, and His death that leads to the glorious Resurrection to our students. We will have weekly all-school prayer services, adoration is offered for students in K-8 who want time to pray in silence and we have "family group" activities where they can connect with their buddies in prayer. We are encouraging students to select a fasting goal. We will continue to raise donations for the Smile Network as our giving action to others in need around the world. We will conclude the lenten season with the annual Living Stations performed by the 8th graders on the last day before our break. Pray! Fast! Give!

Calendar of Events:

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
 Fri., Feb. 23 - Lenten Prayer Service 9:30
 Mon., Feb 26 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
 Mon., Feb 26 - School Advisory Meeting and Annual Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
 Tues.,-Wed., Feb. 27-28 - Gr. 5 Science Fair
 Wed. Feb. 28 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 6z plans)
 Fri., March 1 - Lenten Prayer 8:00AM
 Mon., March 5 - Big Bang STEM Competition at SWS 8:00-9:00
 Mon., March 5 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
 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
 Thurs., March 8 - Lenten Prayer 10:15 AM
 Fri., March 9 - Bring a friend to School Day - Grades K-5
Fri., March 9 - School Fish Fry Dinner
 Mon., March 12 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
 Tues., March 13 - Conferences 4:00-8:00PM
 Wed., March 14 - School Penance Service 9:00-11:00 AM
 Thurs., March 15 - No School/Conferences 12:00-8:00PM
 Fri., March 16 - Lenten Prayer 12:45
 Mon., March 19 - Student Adoration 9:00-11:00 AM
 Mon., March 19 School Advisory Meeting 6:30
 Tues., March 20 - Home/School Meeting 6:00 PM
 Wed., March 21 - 8:00 School Mass (Kindergarten plans)
 Wed., March 21 - Technology Meeting 2:30 PM
 Wed., March 23 - Living Stations of the Cross 1:00
 Mon., March 26 - Mon., April 2 - **No school Spring Break**
 Tues., March 3 - School Resumes

Buy Tickets Now

to attend
The Big Game
 on April 14.

We are seeking many **Donations** to make this night a success!



<https://saintwenceslaus.ejoinme.org/biggame>

Annual Parent Meeting - State of the School

You are invited to join the School Advisory Council for a "Q & A" session. We will summarize the school annual report. This report is being sent to you in a separate e-mail this week. Join us on Monday, February 26 at 6:00 PM for a short review of the items in the report. You will also have the opportunity to discuss any workings of the School Advisory Council in the areas of finance, fundraising, policies, marketing, and technology.



Parent/Teacher Conference link:

<http://signup.com/go/rVbtQOy>

Tuesday, March 13 - 3:30-8:00 PM
 Thursday, March 15 - 12:00 - 8:00 PM



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.

GET INVOLVED!

SWS HOME & SCHOOL COME CHECK US OUT!

The Home & School committee is a group of parents who are excited to meet you and introduce you to a few of the additional events that support our school, staff and students. We hope that you'd consider joining our group and getting involved with the extra events that make SWS so special! Our school family prides itself on the warm and inviting atmosphere around school and Home and School is no exception! All are welcome and your help throughout the year is so appreciated.

We continue to support our students with fun events like the all school **Marathon** where we organize the pep-fest, prize rally and little treats to keep the kids motivated to hit their goals! We also host the annual **Santa's Workshop** where the kids get to shop til they drop and surprise their loved ones with the gifts they so carefully selected.

Our parents put on the annual **Handmade Market** with our very own concessions and market booth, raising funds for special needs or causes within the school. We also support our school staff with **conference meals** each semester and by adding extra meals and treats to show our parents overwhelming appreciation for the staff during **Teacher Appreciation Week**.

Please consider getting involved – our school is a better place because of the support and dedication of our school parents!

Join us at a
meeting:

March 20th

6pm

April 10th

6pm

All meetings held
in the uniform
room in the lower
level of the
school!

We look forward
to seeing you!

Home & School
Committee:

3 Year Term

Monthly Committee
Meetings

Small Group Teams

School Registration

Forms were sent home. Please complete them before March 1! Thank you very much for cooperating to get this task done on time. If you cannot find the forms, please contact Sherry Hartman. sherry.hartman@swsaints.org

Financial Assistance for next school year.

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.

Looking for Parent Testimonials

We are developing a new website and on the website we will have some parent testimonials. We are looking for 2-3 sentences about the school and your family picture. We have some but need more. Please consider saying something nice about the school. Send to kim.doyle@swsaints.org



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

- 1: Photos with people (students, teachers, staff, etc.)
- 2: Photos without people (buildings, classrooms, students with class projects, etc.)
- 3: Photos taken by pre-K through 8th grade students

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.

Smile Network Fundraising

We will continue to collect coins during our Lenten time. \$500 covers one surgery.



Little Saints Preschool

We are still taking reservations for our preschool classes for next fall.

Please spread the word to those with little ones looking for a great program.



School Fish Fry Tickets!

Look for your tickets this week to come home with your youngest child. Preschool families will receive 5 and K-8 families will receive 10. We ask you to sell these to family and friends.

Details: Friday, March 9th, 2018

Lunch 11:00am-1:00pm

Dinner 4:30pm-7:30pm

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door



Fish Fry Volunteer Sign up

<http://signup.com/go/PthBCpg>

Volunteer Reminder:

Every family is required to volunteer for the following school events:

- 1. Fish Fry
- 2. Starry Night Auction
- 3. Golf Tournament
- 4. Or serve on Home/School Association
- 5. Or be one of the planning committee members for other main fundraising events.

Preschool families must help with one event and K-8 families must help with 2 events or help with at least two shifts at one of the above.

Please watch for sign up opportunities. We need you!

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

All students in grades K-5 can bring one friend to school on Friday, March 9. **Permission slips are due by March 5.**

The friend must be in the same grade or in one grade higher or lower. NPAS does not have school on this day. There might be a NPAS friend who would like to check out our school. This event is NOT meant to bring guests/relatives from far away but only local kids.

Big Bang STEM Fair

We will hold the SWS competition on March 5 with judging to take place between 8:00 - 9:00 AM. The top projects will be sent to the Archdiocesan Big Bang STEM Fair held at Holy Family Catholic High School on April 21.

Incentive for Current School Families
\$250 Tuition Credit

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. Help us introduce and recruit new families for our school.



We Need Donations for the Starry Night

1. Live auction: Trips, cabins, services, sporting tickets, larger products. If you have access to anything that could work for the live auction, please come forward.
2. Smaller ones to make a basket for the silent auction tables. A basket full is great or one item to add together with another to make up a basket is awesome.
3. Be willing to sponsor an event to take place at a later date such as a dinner, a party, a dance, a hayride, or many other ideas.
4. Certificates: We need lots and lots of gift certificates for one of our event ideas.
5. Alcohol - lots of it! - - - - to put into adult gift baskets. One basket will contain everything to make a "certain" drink.

Word of Mouth Marketing is the best!

Please share why you send your kids to our school with everyone! We would love to offer many more kids an opportunity for a wonderful Catholic Education. Please pass these video links:

General PreK-Grade 8 Video Link

<https://youtu.be/CcqsR9v4Pg4>

Special Preschool Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMpir2LrRDg>

Book Fair Follow-up

Thank you to all those volunteers that helped with the book fair! This is a huge undertaking and I am so grateful for all the help. Setting up the book fair and taking it down usually is very time consuming but this year, many hands made light work. I am so grateful for the volunteers that ran the registers on the days that I couldn't be there and also on Sunday when we had the huge crowd. I also want to thank everyone for buying books! We were able to get \$124.00 worth of books from Scholastic and \$782.48 in cash profits to buy new books for the library. That's over \$900.00 for books! Wow! Thank you all again!!

God bless you,
Mrs. Stavos

Lenten Prayer opportunities for students

Prayer Services:

Friday, February 23rd - 9:30 (with preschool)

Friday, March 2nd - 8:00

Thursday, March 8th - 10:15

Friday, March 16th - 2:00

Adoration:

Monday, February 26 - 9:00 - 11:00

Monday, March 5 - 9:00-11:00

Monday, March 12 - 9:00-11:00

Monday, March 19 - 9:00-11:00

Living Stations

Friday, March 23 - 1:00



Bring a Friend to School Day - Grades K-5

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

Reservations are required for friends. (Due March 5)

Bring a Friend to School Permission Slip

SWS Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Current Grade Level of Guest: _____

I, _____, grant permission for _____
Guest Parent or Guardian Name Child Name

to participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify St Wenceslaus School and Church and the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis from any claims or law suits brought against the St Wenceslaus School and Church /Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis by myself, my child or others, that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by the parish/school and the Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/suit.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of any emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact

Emergency Contact Name Phone Number

As Guest Parent or Guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

Guest Parent Signature Date

Guest Parent Contact Information: Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parent email: _____