



Saint Wenceslaus School

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Dear Parents of Preschool – Grade 8 Students:

St. Wenceslaus School Announces Two New Initiatives:

- 1. STEM Education Initiative**
- 2. Tuition Grants for New Students/Families – K-8**

St. Wenceslaus School (SWS) is announcing two exciting initiatives in STEM education and funding for new families wanting to enroll in our school. Thanks to two very generous grants, SWS will begin to offer a curriculum strong in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) coupled with a generous tuition reduction grant dedicated to new families enrolling in grades K-8. “We have been recognized and rewarded for our excellence in education by several organizations who want to see us reach more children in our community.” Says Father Kevin Clinton. “It is such an exciting time for our school.”

One of the STEM grants received was from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. In many aspects, we are already implementing STEM education in our classrooms. This grant allows our staff to complete the STEM certification program through graduate level courses at St. Catherine’s University. The staff will begin training in January 2016.

The demand for skilled workers in science, technology, engineering and math is closely linked with global competitiveness. “As professionals, we recognize this truth in the workforce every day, and that is why the School Advisory Council enthusiastically applied for grants to help take SWS down the path of STEM education,” said SAC Chair, Chad Wieskus. “We are so thankful for the support of the FCSLA and other donors for their generosity and support of our vision.” In subsequent years SWS will also implement the same STEM teachings to include Arts and Religion. We always talk about educating the “whole child” at SWS. The ability to integrate STEM along with our Arts and Religion curriculum will provide us a great opportunity.

SWS has also received grant funding to provide reduced tuition to new families. This grant comes from The Catholic Schools Center for Excellence. The New Family Discount Program will give any new family reduced tuition via the use of these grants. The reduced tuition will be available for multiple years and for all children in a family. “Our ability to secure grant dollars for new families is important. We have the funding available to help financially. Add that to our rollout of the STEM curriculum and it becomes a win-win for our children”, said Wieskus.

Please help us spread the news about these important developments. Current SWS preschool families who have their first kindergarten student in 2016-17 will qualify for the tuition grant. Please see the attached flier and also you may contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

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