

SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS



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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School

C-STEM



From the Office of the Principal ...

Prayers needed for one of our own!

Kathy McNamara, one of our SWS teachers, will be donating one of her kidney's this week. She will be giving this gift to her sister, Peg Clark.



We pray for a successful procedure and Kathy wishes that we especially pray for her sister. Peg's body will need to accept the donated kidney and take it on as her own. Please pray for both ladies as they go through this life saving act.

Kathy, we are very proud of you and wish you the best! Ms McNamara will be out on medical leave for the remainder of February and into the beginning of March.

Calendar of Events:

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

Did you forget?

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.



INFORMATION NIGHT!

Mon, Feb 12th, 6:00 PM Sharp!

All future Students and their Parents are invited to Learn More!
 Please RSVP to (952) 758-3133 or sherry.hartman@swsaints.org

Building a Foundation of Faith and Excellence!

This Week !



School Musical

February 8 - 6:00 PM

February 9 - 5:30 & 7:30 PM

Adults \$5 and Children \$3

SWS Parish Activity Center

Little Saints Preschool

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

For kids and parents! Spread the word to friends and neighbors.



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 at the **end of February**. 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.

SWS Saints Boys Basketball

February 6 - at Faribault Lutheran - 4:30
 February 12 - at Holy Cross 4:30/5:30
 February 15 - at St. Dominic's - 4:30



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. school year for any school expense).

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 Flier sent a few weeks ago.

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.

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.

Little Saints registering for SWS
Kindergarten

Have you 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! sent with Stick with SWS special incentive! \$200 tuition credit for kindergarten

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. 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.

School Registration

Registration forms are coming out to all families this week. Please watch for them to come home in your youngest child's back pack. We really need everyone to fill these out before the end of February and get them back to the office.

To all SWS Parents from the Principal:

It is so very important that I have accurate enrollment numbers as I plan for the next school year. I am given the task to juggle many pieces each year. I do not have the luxury of having excess staff and resources to put into a plan at a late date. The opposite is true here at SWS and I am challenged each year to develop a program to best meet the needs of our school and the enrolled students. Please turn your forms in by the end of February. If you cannot do so, I would really appreciate a quick note to update me on your family situation. I can make adjustments and accommodations, so the important part is to keep me informed. I am here to help you. I am very passionate about all children growing closer to God and I know that the Catholic School setting is an amazing place for that to happen. We work so hard to provide an environment grounded in our faith. SWS is a great place. Please help me to be able to develop our 2018-19 plans by getting your enrollment forms in on time.

Thank you so much for your cooperation,
Kim Doyle, Principal

A "State of the School" meeting summarizing our annual report will be held on February 26 at 6:00. All are invited to a Q and A session with our School Advisory Board.

Word of Mouth Marketing is the best!

Please share why you send your kids to our school with everyone! We would love to recruit many more kids and we certainly need the sponsors, donors and friends. Please pass these video links on to others and give an invitation to join YOUR SCHOOL

General PreK-Grade 8 Video Link

<https://youtu.be/CcqsR9v4Pg4>

Special Preschool Link:

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

Poster Contest Winners

The following students placed as winners for the recent "Keeping Christ in Christmas" contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

1st Place: Gabe Pumper, Mac Wieskus, Ella Hanzel

2nd Place: Allison Tobias, Elizabeth Smyth, Maria Schoenbauer

3rd Place: Landyn Anderson, Isabel Egan, Julianna Knettel

The students were given a cash prize last week of \$15, \$10, or \$5 respectively.

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.



Smile Network Fundraising

Keep the coins coming!

\$500 will give one child this life-changing surgery.



We had a wonderful presentation last week and we would like to help. After we make our donation, the Smile Network will give us pictures of the child/children that our school was able to help. SWS graduate, Joan Rynda Gunderson, and her Smile Network colleague, Maureen Cahill from Prior Lake were our presenters.

Food Shelf Follow Up

322 pounds of breakfast cereal was delivered to the Peace Center Food Shelf last Friday



We Need Donations for the Starry Night

1. Big ones to put on our 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.