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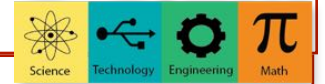


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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School



From the Office of the Principal ...

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of SWS;

This month is significant for SWS for several reasons. One reason is that we will be doing our spring round of NWEA testing in K-8. We hope to see growth in each and every classroom. It is great if every student shows growth too but that doesn't always happen. For example, if your child scored super high in the fall or winter, they might not grow very much since they have exceeded the expectations for their ability level. In other words - do not panic! We are more concerned with classroom and overall school growth at this point in the year. One goal of our staff was to increase our student's vocabulary development scores over the year. We have had plans in place all year to work on the goal in all areas of our curriculum. We believe that growth as a school in vocabulary development will lead to growth in overall reading comprehension, oral communication, and skill in writing. As a staff, we look at full class scores as a group and individual scores of students and put plans in place for next fall with goals for improvement.

Another reason why April is significant has to do with our upcoming auction which is essential to the health of our school. Thanks to everyone who contributed a product or service, made a donation or has volunteered to help in any way. The Starry Night is expected to bring in a total of \$60,000 to meet the budget of the current year. Things will start to ramp up in the next two weeks and we hope for a successful event to take place on April 14. We would love to have a full house. Please send in your reservation and sign up online to attend. We need lots of volunteers April 11-April 15. Please sign up to help if you can. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated.

Finally, April is a great month as we work hard with the children to teach them as much as we can before the heat and sunshine distract them away from being in school because they are dreaming of their summer break!

Smile Network Results

Piggy Banks were emptied and shared as part of our Lenten offerings. We donated \$1020 to the Smile Network. This will help two children get surgery. We will be seeing the before and after pictures of our two children soon.

Calendar of Events:

- Wed., April 4 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 4 plans)
- Wed., April 4 - Marketing meeting 6:00 PM
- Tues., April 10 - 6:00 PM Homeland School Assoc. meeting
- Wed., April 11 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 3 plans)
- Sat., April 14 - Starry Night Event 5:00 PM - Midnight**
- Mon., April 16 - School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM
- Wed., April 18 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 7 plans)
- Thurs., April 19 - Gr. 6 trip to State Capitol/JJ Hill House
- Sat. April 21 - STEM Big Bang Fair 8:30-1:30 at Holy Family Catholic High School
- Wed., April 25 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 1 plans)
- Fri., April 27 - PreK trip to Como Zoo
- Wed., May 2 - 8:00 School Mass (Kindergarten plans)
- Thurs., May 3 - Special Visitors/Grandparents Day
- Thurs., May 3 - Spring Concert 1:00 and 6:30 PM
- Wed., May 9 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 2 plans/1st communion celebration of entire class)
- Wed., May 9 - Thurs., May 10 - 8th gr. Retreat
- Fri., May 11 - 4th grade leaders presentations-1:00PM
- Mon., May 14 - K-8 Filed Day
- Tues., May 15 - Field day alternative
- Tues., May 15 - Home and School year end meeting
- Wed., May 16 - Preschool Graduation at 8:00 Mass
- Mon., May 21 - School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM
- Tues., May 22 - Gr. 5/6 to Grand Slam
- Tues., May 22 - Gr. 8 to Valley Fair
- Wed., May 23 - Gr. 8 Graduation
- Thurs., May 24 - 8:00 School Mass and year end picnic
- Thurs., May 24 - Last day of school

Golf Committee is Seeking a Few more people to be on the planning team!

This is a great way to get to know other SWS parents and help the school. The golf tournament always takes place in June. You do NOT need to be a golfer to be on the committee. Call Kim if interested.

March Madness Results

Thanks for participating by sending food on Friday's. We donated 844 pounds of food to the local food shelf. It was greatly appreciated.

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.

Registration is now open for Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)

program for families who want to learn ways to help create a Catholic home through hands-on activities and discussion modeled after Early Childhood Family Education, but with an intentional Catholic perspective. St. Wenceslaus' ECFL is offered 9am - 11am on Saturdays, April 14th - May 5th. Cost is \$35/family. To learn more, call 952-758-3133 or e-mail info@swsaints.org. Space is limited, so register soon. Click on the link on the school website to register. www.swsaints.org



This program is for parents and their children ages 0-5.

Please pass this information on to a friend!

MVEC Energy Challenge Sign up Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative

<https://www.mvec.net/our-community/challenge/sign-up/>

Join the SWS if you have MN Valley Electric in your home. This will give our school a chance for a winning grant.

Yearbook orders are due on Friday

An order form is attached for preschool - grade 8. All classes are included in the yearbook. We only order what has been paid for so if you miss the deadline, we usually do not have extras. Cost is \$20 per book. Due on Friday, March 6

SWS T- Shirts for Sale

In the spirit of our Starry Night at the Big Game, we are selling these shirts. **Orders are due on Wednesday, April 4.**

Adults, you can wear these to the event on April 14.

Kids can wear them on Friday's from now until the end of the school year!

The order form is attached!



Peanut Aware School

Reminder, we have kids in school with significant food allergies including peanuts. These allergies can be life threatening. We ask you to be aware and to NOT send peanut items to school. Some of our classes are Peanut FREE so please pay attention to snacks.

School actions:

- Peanut free classrooms are designated. (ask your child's teacher if their classroom is peanut free and you are not aware)
- Lunchroom tables where allergy kids eat are specially washed.
- Cold lunch kids are separated from others when there is a peanut allergy in the classroom.
- The school does not serve any peanut products for lunch.

We ask everyone to be more aware and do not bring any treats for staff or classrooms in that contain peanuts/nuts!

Birthday Treat Reminder

Must be a store bought individually wrapped item with the ingredients listed on the packaging. No cupcakes, donuts, and cans of pop! Make sure treats are peanut/nut free in designated classes!

Mark your Calendars

Special Guest Day is On May 3 beginning with the Living Rosary at 9:00 in the church!

Students can have as many adult guests as they wish. Please share this with the people who might want to come!

- 9:00 - Living Rosary
- 9:30-11:30 visit classrooms
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch at school
- 1:00 - Spring Concert

Sign up sheets and invitations will come home next week.