

SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS

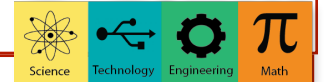


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Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School

Weekly Office Update

St. Wenceslaus Catholic School



From the Office of the Principal ...

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of SWS;

This week our Home and School Association is celebrating staff appreciation week. The H&S Assoc. is a representative group of parents who try to do nice things for the school, the kids, and the teachers throughout the year. They will be appreciating our school staff this week with an official SWS Staff Appreciation Week. Feel free to join in and offer your appreciation for the people who are closest to your children day in and day out, to those who work behind the scenes to make sure things run smoothly, and to all staff members of SWS no matter what their job is. As the leader of this school, I can testify to you that we have a very dedicated and passionate staff. They are employed at our school because of their love for their work and their drive to fulfill the mission of providing a Catholic Education that is academically excellent for the families who choose it. Each and every one of them is talented in so many ways. They sacrifice their own lives to do the good work that God has called them to and that they so strongly believe in. Let's all show appreciation and thank God for each one of the SWS staff members.



Special Guest Day

Thursday, May 3 - 9:00 AM

Students can have as many adult guests as they wish.

- 9:00 - Living Rosary - Meet school children in Church
- 9:30-11:30 Visit classrooms
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch at school - Cost \$4.00 per adult
- 1:00 - Spring Concert (K-8)
- 6:30 PM - Spring Concert (including PreK students)

Sign-up sheets have been sent previously for special guests to attend. Please register ahead of time and pay for lunch.

Lunch tickets will be given to guest upon check in on this day.

Calendar of Events:

- Mon., April 23 - Staff Appreciation Week begins
- Wed., April 25 - 8:00 School Mass (Gr. 1 plans)
- Thurs. April 26 - Gr. 2 and 6th gr. Buddy B-fast.
- Fri., April 27 - PreK trip to Como Zoo
- Fri., April 27 - Family Group Lunch and Recess
- Wed., May 2 - 8:00 School Mass (Kindergarten plans)
- Thurs., May 3 - Special Guest Day - Pre - 8**
- Thurs., May 3 - Spring Concert 1:00 and 6:30 PM**
- Fri., May 4 - Special Guest Day for Pre-K**
- 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
- Thurs., May 10 - Gr. K-2 Trip to MN Zoo
- Thurs. May 10 - Last day of 3/4 preschool Class
- Fri., May 11 - Gr. 3 Mothers day presentation 8:30 AM
- Fri., May 11 - 4th grade leaders presentations-1:00 PM
- Mon., May 14 - K-8 Field Day
- Mon., May 14 - Last day of PreK
- Tues., May 15 - Field day alternative
- Tues., May 15 - Home and School year end meeting
- Wed., May 16 - Preschool Graduation at 8:00 Mass
- Fri. May 18 - Gr. 3 trip to Mala Strana
- Fri., May 18 - Gr. 2 to the bank
- Mon., May 21 - School Advisory Meeting 6:30 PM
- Tues., May 22 - Gr. 5/6 to Grand Slam
- Tues., May 7 - Gr. 7 to Gymnastics Studio
- Tues., May 22 - Gr. 8 to Valley Fair
- Wed., May 23 - Gr. 8 Graduation-6:30 PM
- Thurs., May 24 - 8:00 School Mass and year end picnic
- Thurs., May 24 - Last day of school

NWEA testing begins this week

Students in K-8 will be doing the spring NWEA testing . These tests are done within the classrooms and in the computer lab. Each class spends about 1-2 hours on Math, reading, and writing over the course of 2 weeks. Tests help the school see the strengths and the areas in which we need to improve our program.

Baskets, Baskets, Who's got a Basket?

If you came to the Starry Night and got a basket, we would love to get the empty ones back so we can use them again next year! Just bring to school office or church basement.

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.



227 East Main Street
New Prague, MN 56071

★ *A Starry Night at* ★
ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 15TH ANNUAL AUCTION BENEFIT EVENT
THE BIG GAME *vs Saints*

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make *The Starry Night at the Big Game* a success. There were hundreds of people who worked very hard for many months planning and organizing. There were many donors and sponsors. There were many who came to the event and generously made donations to help the school. For each and every person, we are thankful. We are currently finalizing our financials for this event, but despite the huge snow storm we did excellent!

The following people worked very hard to plan and execute the various areas of this event. A very special thanks to each of them:

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| Joan/Dean Blenker | Rhonda Pauly |
| Kate/Jon Colling | Meggie Pelowski |
| Bob/Kelly Connelly | Cheryl/Don Plaisance |
| Connie Geis | Andria Reiland |
| Shannon Giesen | Jen Shepard |
| Sarah Gullickson | Brett/Tammy Simon |
| Sherry Hartman | Shelly Tuma |
| Brianne Jirik | Kristen Tupy |
| Katie Johnson | Janelle Tupy |
| Paul Kratochvil | <u>Kyle Wieskus *** Lead Organizer</u> |
| Emily Millard | Gretchen Ykema |
| Kelli Otremba | <u>Lead Zvanovec ***Lead Organizer</u> |

(And anyone else who worked hard and may not be mentioned above - we appreciate you!)

And - to everyone who worked on the various crews and teams behind the scenes making this event so wonderful!

A very special thank you to George Kukacka from Lakeside Supper Club who worked tirelessly to help arrange the food for our delayed event.

Club House Director Wanted:

Please pass the word. We are seeking a new person to run our Club House for the next school year. This could be a full time or a part time position for the right person. This position will start on August 15.

We are thankful for having Jessie Bohnsack, our current director, on staff this year. Jessie will be leaving us at the end of May. She has been a wonderful addition to our school and we are sad to see her leave. She has done many great things with our Club House program and we are grateful. Good Luck Jessie in your new adventure!

First Communion

In the next couple of weeks the 2nd grade students will be receiving their First Communion. This is a very special time for them and we are proud to have them be able to more fully participate in the Mass with the rest of the Church. They will receive this sacrament at one of the weekend Masses with their families. The school will host a special Mass where we will celebrate with them being a part of the faith community of the school. That will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at our 8:00 am Mass.



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.

Summer Club House

Please let us know if you are interested in summer care. Open 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM Open May 30 to August 17 (possibly closed July 2 - 6)
Cost:\$36 per day or \$20 for days less than 4 hours -- plus \$5 per pool visit each week. Negotiated fees for multiple children or financial assistance must be done directly with the principal.
Bag Lunch required. Snacks provided.



<https://goo.gl/forms/ne4jdjlljvloYVnz2>

Wanted:

Seeking new members for our **Home and School Association**. Join other school parents to plan fun events for the school. Meetings take place once each month. This is a great way to get to know other school parents. We really do need your help on this committee. Please let us know if you are willing to join in. Seeking 4-5 new members. Get for younger moms to join in.

Wanted:

Seeking two people to serve on the School Advisory Council. This council meets once each month with several small meetings in-between. The council works on school policy, marketing, fundraising, budget, and planning. We need strong people who serve in this leadership role that keeps the school viable and accessible to all students. Please call Kim to get more information.