

# SAINTS WEEKLY NEWS



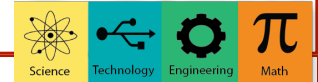
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*Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School*

*Weekly Office Update*

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## From the Office of the Principal ...



### From the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City

The picture above is the ORIGINAL IMAGE at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The image is incased in glass and hung above the altar in the main church. This is a life size image that was imprinted on the tilma (cloak) of Juan Diego. The cloak is made of woven cactus which would normally disintegrate and crumble quickly with the elements of time. This cloth is in perfect shape 480 years later. Visitors can stand directly below this image to view it all day long. A small chapel is built on the top of the hill where the Virgin appeared. A long prayerful walk takes you there.

Tomorrow in Mexico, millions of people will be on this pilgrimage. **We celebrate the patroness of the America's on December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

### Picture Retake Day - Tomorrow December 12

This day is for any student who did not get their picture taken in the first round of picture taking back in November. Retakes are allowed for those who wish. Please bring back the unwanted picture packet. There is a \$10 charge for picture retaken due to expressions, hair, clothing, eyeglasses or dental changes.

### Calendar of Events:

Mon., Dec. 11 - Home Basketball Game 4:30  
 Tues., Dec 12 - Adoration for students 9:00-11:00  
 Tues., Dec. 12 - Grades 7/8 to Bethlehem Academy  
 Tues., Dec 12 - Picture retake day  
 Wed., Dec. 13 - 8:00 School Mass ( Gr. 6Z plans)  
**Thurs., Dec. 14 - Christmas Concert 1:00 and 6:30 PM**  
 Mon., Dec. 18 - Adoration for students 9:00-11:00  
 Tues., Dec. 19 - Home Basketball Game 4:30 and 5:30  
 Wed., Dec. 20 8:00 School Mass ( Gr. 5 plans)  
 Wed. Dec. 20 - PreK Christmas program 10:00 AM  
 Wed., Dec. 20 - Kindergarten Play 1:00 in church  
 Wed., Dec. 20 - Cardboard Box City  
 Thurs., Dec 21 - Preschool 3/4 Christmas program 10:00 AM  
 Thurs., Dec. 21 - Gr. 3 to Mala Strana - 9:30  
 Thurs., Dec. 21 - Advent All-school Prayer Service 1:40 PM  
 Fri., Dec. 22 - No School through Mon., Jan. 1  
 Mon., Dec. 25 - Dec. 29 - Club House Closed  
**January Events**  
 Tues., Jan. 2 - School back in session  
 Wed., Jan. 3 - 8:00 School Mass ( Gr. 8 plans)  
 Wed., Jan. 3 - School Marketing meeting 6:00-7:30  
 Mon., Jan. 8 - 8th Grade orientation meeting at NPHS 6:30  
 Mon., Jan. 8 - School Advisory Board 6:30  
 Tues., Jan. 9 - Home Basketball Game 4:30 and 5:30  
 Tues., Jan. 9 - Home and School Meeting 6:00 PM  
 Wed., Jan. 10 - 8:00 School Mass ( Gr. 3 plans)  
 Wed., Jan. 10 - School Technology meeting 2:30  
 Thurs., Jan. 11 - Geography Bee - 9:30  
 Thurs., Jan. 11 - Home Basketball Game 4:30  
 Fri., Jan. 12 - End of 1st Semester  
 Mon., Jan. 15 - NO School/Teacher Workshop Day  
 Tues., Jan. 16 - Home Basketball Game 4:30  
 Wed., Jan 17 - 8:00 school Mass ( Gr. 2 plans)  
 Thurs., Jan., 18 - Snowman Celebration 6:00  
 Sat., Jan. 20 - District Spelling Bee  
 Sun., Jan 21 - K of C Pancake Breakfast for school  
 Wed., Jan 24 - 8:00 School Mass ( preK and gr. 4 plan)  
 Thurs., Jan 25 to Tues., Jan 30 — School Book Fair  
 Sat., Jan 27 - Ice Fishing Contest  
 Sun., Jan. 28 - Catholic Schools Week begins

### **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.

**Thursday after the Concert.....**

You may take your kids home with you after the afternoon concert — BUT PLEASE send a note in the AM with so that we know who will be picked up and who is picking them up - Grandparents, aunts and friends may only pick up with a note signed by you!  
After the evening concert - please pick your child up in their classroom.

**Club House will be closed over Christmas Break**

Open - Friday, Dec., 22 only  
Closed-Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

**Job Opening**

Love your faith? Like working with children? Want a fulfilling part-time job? Become a classroom substitute at your Catholic school - SWS!  
Apply today to attend the classroom substitute training: <http://bit.ly/2jGvjDG> Apply before December 30!

**We are creating a Marketing Team of Parents**

Looking for a creative group of parents to come together to help promote the school. Meetings will take place once per month and will not exceed 1.5 hours per meeting.  
1st Wednesday of the month 6:00PM - 7:30 PM  
Please contact Kim if interested and willing!

**Cardboard Box City**

Once again this year the students in grades 7 and 8 will be learning about homelessness. They will participate in an evening of activities about poverty/homelessness. Then they will sleep outside of our school in a cardboard box. This will take place before Christmas on December 20. In doing so the students are trying to raise money to benefit organizations working to alleviate homelessness.

**Sweepstakes Winners**

Thanks to everyone who participated in a chance to win a little cash for Christmas. This important fundraiser is necessary to support our school budget for the current 2017-18 school year. The winners were drawn today by a selection of non-reading kindergarten students who reached down deep into the barrel for one ticket at a time. Pictures were taken to record the accuracy.  
\$3000 - Shelly and Dick Tuma  
\$1000 - Anita and Jim Kratochvil  
\$250 - Kurt and Danielle Kruger  
\$100 - Brad and Katie Novak  
\$100 - Leah Grisim  
\$100 - Barb and David LeCuyer  
\$100 - Ryan and Dana Klein  
\$100 - Kurt and Danielle Kruger

**School Concert Details**

**Thursday, December 14**

1:00PM performance K-8 only  
6:30PM performance PreK-Gr. 8

1. Students can wear Christmas outfits to school this day. No uniforms on this day.
2. All students should meet their teachers in their classrooms no later than 6:00 PM for the night concert.
3. The church is very crowded during these concerts. It is nearly impossible to get pictures and record at the evening concert. We recommend that you just sit back, relax and enjoy the show. The school tapes the show each year and sells copies to parents for \$5.00
4. The front benches in the middle aisles are designated to the Starry Night Auction bid winners. Their seats are reserved.
5. We ask everyone to try to fit at least 6 people in a bench so that as many people can get as close to the front as possible.
6. You may NOT save benches early with coats and personal items. If you would like to arrive early to get a better seat you are welcome to do so by coming and sitting in the seat.
7. Enjoy the show. This is a very special time in your child's life and in your life as a parent/grandparent/relative/friend.

We are proud to welcome the Christ Child to our community as an expression of our faith in song!

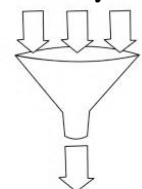


**"Fill The Funnel" with Endowment Fund Donations**

Please consider a Year-End Tax Deductible Donation to the SWS School Endowment Fund. The school endowment helps provide financial support year after year with contributions earned through the endowment investments with Catholic Community Foundation.

Please send donations to:  
SWS School  
227 East Main,  
New Prague, MN 56071  
Questions :  
(952) 758-3133, Kim Doyle,  
Principal or  
(612) 384-6170 Tom Chromy,  
Chairman of SWS Endowment  
Board of Directors

**Donations Today!**



**SWS Kids Benefit Every Year**

## Snowman Celebration

**Join in the Snow Fun!**  
**Thursday, January 18**  
**6:00-7:15PM**

This party is free and open to any community children age 2-6. Fun filled indoor snow games and prizes.



Sponsored by the Kindergarten parents. Games designed and run by Students in Grade 5 and 6.

### Starry Night Class Baskets

Each year we ask every school family to donate one small item that will be put together in a class basket for the school auction.

Although the auction is in April, we would like to get this part of planning completed **by January 30.**

Please note your class theme and pick up a small item to add to the basket while shopping this month.

Preschool	Gardening Basket
Kindergarten	Barbie/Lego Basket
Grade 1	The Latest and Greatest Toy Basket
Grade 2	Nerf Basket
Grade 3	Summer Fun Basket
Grade 4	Super Fan Basket
Grade 5	Baking/Cooking Basket
Grade 6	MN Sports Basket
Grade 7	Fishing Frenzy Basket
Grade 8	Trojan Basket

### Starry Night Auction Team

We are still seeking people to serve on our main planning team for the Starry Night Auction. The event takes place on April 14. This team will meet only 2-3 times as a group in the evening and the rest of the work is done outside of school with others. Must be available to set up during the week of the auction especially April 12, 13, and 14. Please step forward if you can help. Many hands make the work load lighter. Contact Kim

### Amazon Smile Program

<http://smile.amazon.com/>

**Remember, always start at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)** and Amazon will donate 0.05% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. When shopping on line always go to Smile Amazon first!

### Required Fundraisers

- Marathon - Sat., September 30  
\$150 per child K-8 \$50 preschool
- Sweepstakes - Tues., Dec. 5  
\$300 per family K-8 \$50 per preschool
- Fish Fry - March 9  
10 ticket per K-8 family 5 tickets per preschool

### Optional Fundraisers

- Handmade Market - Sat. Oct. 28
- Ice Fishing Contest - Sat. Jan 27  
\$25 per family in tickets to sell
- School Auction and Dinner Event - Sat. April 14  
One item for the class basket
- Golf Tournament - Fri., June 8

### SWS Saints Boys Basketball

December 11 - Home vs St. John's Jordan - 4:30  
 December 19 - Home vs. Bethlehem Academy - 4:30/5:30  
 January 9 - Home vs. Holy Cross - 4:30/5:30  
 January 11 - Home vs. St. Dominic Lutheran - 4:30/5:30  
 January 12/13 - B team Tournament - Faribault Lutheran  
 January 16 - Home vs. Faribault Lutheran - 4:30  
 January 22 - at St. Mary's, Owatonna 4:45/5:45  
 January 30 - at Bethlehem Academy 4:30/5:30  
 February 1 - at St. John's, Jordan - 5:15  
 February 6 - at Faribault Lutheran - 4:30  
 February 12 - at Holy Cross 4:30/5:30  
 February 15 - at St. Dominic's - 4:30

### Adopt-A-Family Results

The Adopt a Family for Christmas program in LeSueur County was successful again this year due to the generosity of so many. There are 734 children from 301 families that will experience a happier holiday because of the help and support from so many benefactors. We are very grateful for this generosity. Thank you!

### Poster Contest

#### Keep Christ in Christmas

All students are welcome to join the poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Posters must be done on 11x17 size paper. Student name and age should be on the back side of the poster. The poster must be student original work and must reflect the theme — "Keep Christ in Christmas". Posters should be turned in by December 21.



### Ice Fishing Contest Tickets

Watch for your packet to come home. Every family will get \$25 worth. 25 \$1.00 tickets to sell or buy.