

NEWSLETTER

Weekly Office Update



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL... NEWS FROM KIM DOYLE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back once again to a new year at SWS. I am so happy that you have chosen to join our school community as we work together to teach our children about a life focused in our faith and service as God's people while also maintaining high expectations and standards for a great academic education.

The first week of school went rather smoothly as the children and their teachers began new routines and schedules and got to know each other.

This year we kicked off the year with our new DWP curriculum (Discipline with Purpose) all across the school from preschool to grade 8 and in every homeroom as well as every specialist's classroom and even into the office, stairwells, and hallways. You will be learning more around DWP throughout the year and also getting tips to incorporate this program at home with the guiding principle that we are teaching our children to be self-disciplined learners in behavior and in their academics.

We do want to work side by side with you, as school and parents, together helping our children grow. Please let us know along the way if we can assist and help you and we will do the same as we guide our children forward this year.

Upcoming Activities

Wednesday, September 14 - First School Mass 8:00AM.
Planned by Grade 8

Wednesday, September 14 - Home/School Meeting 7:00 PM.

Thursday, September 15 - 6th Grade Field Trip - to farm
8:45-11:45.

Thursday, September 15 - Gr. 1-8 Parent Information Night at School. See schedule of class times.

Thursday, September 15 - Pizza delivery in back parking lot at 7:00 PM.

Friday, September 16 - Dozinky Car Parade and Celebration.
"Jumbo Dogs, drinks and Popcorn for sale -on the front lawn"

Saturday, September 17 Dozinky Parade and Celebration.

"Vomachka, bread pudding and Mac/Cheese, drinks served downtown by Home/School" by Tupy Insurance

Monday, September 19 - School Board 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, Sept 21 - School Mass - Planned by Gr. 7

Thursday, September 22 - Grade 5 field trip to River Rendezvous 7:50 - 2:15.

Friday, September 23 - NP Homecoming - Wear Trojan colors.
No Uniforms.

Wednesday, September 28 "Feast of St. Wenceslaus" - Gr. 6 plans

Wednesday, September 28 Grade 5 Trip to Water Festival
7:50-2:15

Wednesday, September 28 - Picture Day

Thursday, September 29 - Picture Day

Saturday, October 2 - SCHOOL MARATHON - 9:00-11:00

Saturday, October 2 - School Book Fair Opens- Books for sale

Monday, October 3 - Cocoa and Cookie Book Fair Night

Saint Wenceslaus School Mission Statement

The St. Wenceslaus School community is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment so that each individual's potential can be realized. We are life-long learners called to make a difference in our changing world, as we are shaped by our Catholic faith and challenged to embrace the Gospel.

Future Newsletters

We will send all weekly newsletters out electronically. Please let us know if you need a paper copy. Do you know a grandparent or friend who might like a newsletter? Send Kim the e-mail address and they will be added to the list.

Parent Handbooks are On-line and are located on the school website. Due to the length of the book and the large amount of information, paper copies of the book will only be sent home by special request.

Attention all Volunteers

All school volunteers from preschool - 8th grade need to follow Archdiocesan mandatory policy before you are able to help/ volunteer or work, in the school.

1. Volunteers must complete a background check from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Get these forms in the school office or download them from our website under .
2. Volunteers must attend a 3 hour training course called Virtus. To register for this course go to www.Virtus.org, then scroll to Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and pick a class and location. You MUST register on-line as they limit spaces and YOU MUST NOT BE LATE FOR THE CLASS. Class is 3 hours long and if you come late and are not in attendance for the full 3 hours - this class will not count for you.

Preschool volunteers will need an additional background check required from the Department of Human Services as required by our licensing. Forms can be completed in the school office.

Volunteer Wanted:

We are in need of a few more kitchen helpers. Volunteers needed mostly on Tuesday and Thursday, but also on a few other days. Please contact Mary Wick in the kitchen if you can help. 758-3935. Volunteers can be any adult: parent, grandparent, neighbor, or friend.

Testing Weeks

Students in Grades 3-8 will be taking important standardized academic tests during the weeks of October 3rd and 10th. These tests take many hours to complete and will be spread out over the course of two weeks with the first testing day on October 4th. Please DO NOT schedule doctors/dentist appointments in these weeks. We want all children in school and healthy for the best test results.

**End of Day Announcements**

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY LUNCH TIME IF YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE CHANGES FROM WHAT YOU SET UP WITH THEM.

Calls after the 1:00 will not be easily transferred to all the students especially the older students.

These include ----- going home on the bus, ----- needs to go to Club House, ----- will be picked up in the car line, etc....

Parent Information Night at School – For Grades 1-8

Thursday, September 15

Teachers in Grades 1-8 will hold information sessions about what happens in their classrooms throughout the year. This event is for parents only. Club House will be open from 6:00-8:00 free of charge so that parents can attentively listen to the teachers.

Grades 5-8 parents will move from room to room following your child's daily schedule. Teachers will inform you of our curriculum, about any special projects and field trips, about the expectations for schoolwork and behavior, and other items specific to their classrooms.

Please come at the following times:

Please come on time for your session because teachers will be giving a presentation and will want to begin on time.

6:00-7:00 - Parents of students in grades 5 and 6 meet in homerooms for class rotation schedule to (Stavos, Zwirner, Malecha, and Smisek)
7:00-8:00 - Parents of students in grades 7 and 8 meet in the homerooms for class rotation schedule to (Schoenbauer, Tschimperle, Christy, and Stavos(gr.7 only))

6:00 - 6:30 - Grade 1 parents meet in classroom (Jeffrey)
6:30 - 7:00 - Grade 2 parents meet in classroom (Rosen)
7:00 - 7:30 - Grade 3 parents meet in classroom (Kreger)
7:30 - 8:00 - Grade 4 parents meet in classroom (McNamara)



Pizza Delivery - also on this night beginning at 7:00 PM at the entrance of the PAC.

If you ordered, you must pick up or make your own arrangements to pick up between 7:00 and 8:15 PM.

Another Day in Paradise

Another Day in Paradise is our marathon theme. Marathon takes place on Saturday, October 1. This day is a fun family activity which joins all of us together in high spirits and energy as we work to support the school. October 1 9:00-11:00.

Check in will begin at 8:30. All parents and students in Preschool - Grade 8 will walk around the perimeter of our campus for one hour. Students will earn prizes as they walk on this day. Treats will be available for everyone after the walk including a hot dog meal provided by the Knights of Columbus from New Prague..

Remember, this fundraiser is a very important means of funding our school. Collecting pledges is a key to the success of this event. This is not meant to add to your tuition but for you to have the opportunity to ask friends and relatives to support our Catholic School Mission. It is a well known national event which has taken place for years. Most people are happy to offer support.



All preschool children are expected to raise \$50 in pledges while the students in K-8 are required to raise \$150 each in pledges each.

**See you at Another Day in Paradise in a few weeks.
Rain or Shine - be prepared to spend the time outside!**

The **school fall book fair** will also be taking place on this day in the gym. Stop by after the marathon to look at and purchase some great new books for your family.



Good- Bye Mrs. Bachman.

Our school counselor has resigned from her position at St. Wenceslaus after serving the school families for the past 9 years. Mrs. Bachman was offered a full time position with Dakota County Services in her field as a social worker and family/ child counselor. Mrs. Bachman not only served the families of our school as a counselor but was also the interim principal for one year. She brought much energy, love and concern for the students and the staff here and we have been blessed and fortunate to have her with us. Her departure is a great loss for our school. We will miss you dearly Mrs. Bachman.

Beginning in late September, a new counselor will be introduced to our school. We have made an arrangement with Dr. Steven Kahn and Associates for counseling services. The new counselor will be at our school for one day each week. Her duties will continue with some of the same services as Mrs. Bachman such as friendship groups, one-to-one meetings with students, and advising teachers in difficult situations. Some services will no longer be offered due to the lessened time that the counselor will be in the building.



Dozinky Weekend. - September 16/17

The school is involved in 2 events for the Dozinky celebration.

On Friday night our School Board members will offer a small concession stand on our school property. This will be open during and after the car parade. **Soda, candy, chips, popcorn, and jumbo hot dogs will be sold. Meal Deals!** Plan on dinner for the family while watching the cars or before heading downtown.

On Saturday the Home/School Association will once again offer a booth with the famous Czech soup called Vornacka. **Vornacka, Bread Pudding, and Macaroni and Cheese, soda, and water will be sold.** Our booth is located by Tupy Insurance.

2nd Annual Dozinky Brain Power Walk/Run

8:30 - 5K Run

9:30 1 mile Walk /Run

Starting at the New Prague Community Pool.

All proceeds go to New Prague Area Education Foundation "To provide funds for innovative and creative grants above and beyond the typical school budget."

See Attached Flier to sign up!

Club House Registration

The Club House Program is off to a great start. This program is open to anyone who needs the extra care. It is also available on a drop in basis for parents who may be late in picking children up. All students who are not picked up by 2:45 will be sent to the Club House program for the drop in rate fee. Club house will register students in advance each month so that you can have a flexible schedule from month to month. Pick up doors for Club House are at the far end of the school campus closest to the school playground. Contact Mrs. Pauly with question.

Preschool Club House Participation

Child care will be provided for the preschool families from 11:00 - 5:00 on M/W/F. Students will have the option of buying lunch from school or bringing a bag lunch. Preschoolers may use this program beginning at 11:00 or directly following their preschool class. Contact, Mrs. Barrier or Mrs. Chromy if interested. The students will be joined by the older kids in grades K-4 at 2:30. It is not too late to sign- up up or use as needed throughout the year.

Wanted: Athletic Board Members and Assistant Athletic Directors for volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball. Please come forward to help so we can keep our sports programs going strong. Call Kim Doyle or Kris Beatrez

Ways to help the school by collecting Trash

Newspaper and Card board are collected on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month in the back lot. Aluminum cans can be placed in the trailer in the back lot.

Turn in to the office:

- Colborns "points for education" on your receipt
- Kemps Milk Caps
- Cambellls soup labels
- Box Tops for Education
- Computer cartridges and cell phones



Also use you Target Charge Card - be sure to check if your point are assigned to St. Wenceslaus When shopping on line - go to Schoolstore.com, then St. Wenceslaus button, then to most any store to shop

St. Wenceslaus School benefits by the New Prague Education Foundation

Two of our teachers were the recipients of two grants given this summer from the NP Education Foundation. Mrs. Wetschka and Mrs. Christy wrote winning grants which totaled more that \$1100. The kindergarten will have some new math programing from an online subscription for our computers and the 7th and 8th grade will be using a new editing technology in their English classes with a class projection unit. Congratulation to these two teachers and to our school. Thanks Foundation Leaders for choosing these grants giving us these new tools.

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications - Important! Forms are NOW Due!

PLEASE APPLY for this **if you qualify**. Our school receives federal dollars and services - the more who apply - the better it is for our school. These applications are held strictly confidential. Your children will receive a lower price or a free lunch program and our school gets benefits. Fill out the form and return it in a sealed envelope to "Kim Doyle". Please apply if your salary falls within the guidelines. Forms were in the back to school packets but can also be picked up at the school office.

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	20,147	1,679	840	775	388
2	27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
For each additional household member add:	7,067	589	295	272	136

Nondiscrimination Statement

This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly: In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

2nd Annual

Brain POWER

Walk-Run
for
Everyone!

New Prague Area Education Foundation

**Get your friends,
teachers, parents,
grandparents,
neighbors...Everyone
can be a part of
something that will help
make a difference!**

**One-mile Walk/Run
& 5K Run!**

**Sat., Sept. 17, 2011
8:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.**

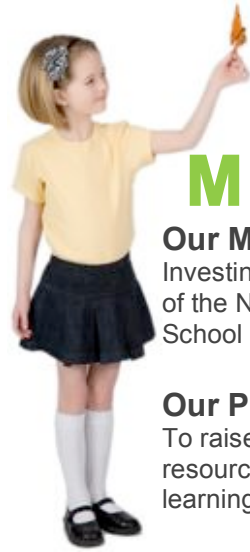


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Our Mission

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Investing in the education
of the New Prague Area
School students.

Our Purpose
To raise funds and provide
resources that enrich
learning opportunities.



To fulfill our mission, we will depend on invested support from individuals like you in our communities, as well as area businesses, alumni, grandparents and corporate sponsors.

NEW PRAGUE AREA
EDUCATION FOUNDATION



The Roots to Grow...

NPAEF P.O. Box 171
New Prague, MN 56071

952-758-2000

Brain Power Registration (one registration per participant) 1 Mile Walk/Run 5K

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Male Female

Age on Sept. 17 _____ Shirt Size YS YM YL YXL

School Representing _____ AS M L XL 2XL

Parent/Guardian Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Don't forget to sign the waiver and include your check. Thank you!

Join us everyone...

On Dozinky Saturday as we gather together with students, teachers, friends, neighbors, grandparents and anyone who wants to support education in the New Prague Area Schools!

WHAT?

One-mile Walk/Run and 5K starting and ending at The NP Community Pool.

WHEN?

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011.

7:30-8:15 a.m. Check-in and registration

8:30 a.m. 5K Run

9:30 a.m. 1 mile Walk/Run
(Strollers welcome. No pets please.)

WHY?

To provide funds for innovative and creative grants above and beyond the typical school budget.

Together may we give our children the roots to grow...
and the wings to fly!



NEW PRAGUE AREA
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Roots to Grow...

www.therootstogrow.org

WHO ARE WE... A non-profit initiative that will empower teachers to add enriching curricula to their classrooms or create programs for District 721 students that go above and beyond the classroom experience.

What can we achieve by having a foundation?

We are providing opportunities to our kids! Students will benefit from every gift...large or small! Donors benefit by contributing to something so powerful and important to the future citizens of our communities!

1 mile
WALK/RUN
\$10

(\$15 after September 12th)

5K RUN
\$15

(\$20 after September 12th)

WAIVER. I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release, and discharge New Prague Area Education Foundation, the counties, cities and villages in which the race is conducted, any other organization associated with the race, race officials, volunteers, any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting for or on their behalf, from any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury, or property damage of any kind or nature arising out of, or in the course of, me or my child's participation in this event. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind of nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown.

The undersigned further grants full permission to the race and any organization conducting the race and/or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any record of this event for any purpose.

I have read the foregoing and certify my agreement by my signature. -----

Parent signature if under 18. -----

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH FEE TO: NPAEF, P.O. BOX 171, New Prague, MN 56071
Or drop off at any of the school's main offices.

Entry fees: 1 Mile Walk/Run \$10 (\$15 after 9/12) 5K Run \$15 (\$20 after 9/12)

Pre-registered participants are guaranteed a t-shirt.