

# NEWSLETTER

## Weekly Office Update



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

Dear Parents,  
Somewhere between the teachers' notes home, conversations at our recent parent information night, notes from the office, and our open house assembly you may have heard the term "Discipline with Purpose" or better known as DWP. This is the new curriculum that we have instituted at school this year. DWP is a program by which we teach our students to be self-disciplined learners in their personal behavior and in their academic responsibilities. The curriculum consists of a focus on 15 major skills. Self-discipline can be taught just like any other subject by practicing actions that challenge people to wait. Self-discipline is a person's ability to wait: to delay impulsivity before acting. Through this program we hope to form a culture in our school where students have an appreciation for and value work as a productive activity. We will teach students to relate to others in a cooperative manner. Students will be moving through the skills and participating with age appropriate lessons and expectations. When a student makes a mistake, they will also be instructed by the teacher in skill areas at their age level so that they may learn and move forward. DWP takes many years to fully embrace. We are excited to get started.

### Upcoming Activities

- 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.
- Thursday, September 22 - Home Volleyball Game 4:30/5:30.
- Friday, September 23 - NP Homecoming - Wear Trojan colors. No Uniforms. We will watch the 1:00 Parade
- Saturday, September 24 - Paper Drive 9:00-10:30
- Monday, September 26 - Home Volleyball Games 4:30/5:30/6:30.
- Wednesday, September 28 "Feast of St. Wenceslaus" - Gr. 6 plans
- Wednesday, September 28 Grade 5 Field Trip to Water Festival 7:50-2:15
- Wednesday, September 28 - Picture Day  
Grades PreK, K, 1,2,3, 4
- Thursday, September 29 - Picture Day Preschool 3/4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- 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
- Tuesday, October 4 - Home Volleyball game 4:30
- Friday, October 7 - Climb Theatre - "Shattered" - Drug prevention presentation.
- Looking Ahead:  
Oct 17 AND 18 - Parent/Teacher conferences  
Oct 18 - Early Release Day - No school Oct 19-21

### 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.

### *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.*

**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](http://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.

**Pizza Sale Success**

Thanks to all who participated in our recent pizza sale fundraiser.

Congratulations to the top sellers:

Amy and Pat Friedges and family who have won the pizza oven for the 2nd round of sales. We will have sales 4 times each year. The next one will be scheduled around the first week of the 2nd school quarter. - November 10th!

100 % of profit goes straight to school computers. Our goal is to get more interactive white boards known as SMART boards.

**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 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.

**Sports at SWS**

We have developed a great sports program here at SWS in the last 5-6 years. All players get to play and learn the skills of the sport: volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball. Teams are small and the coaches are awesome as they care about the students learning and having fun.

**We need parent assistance to continue.**

Assistance Athletic Directors for each sport.

A few to serve on an newly forming Athletic Board.

Coaches and team helpers.

Please contact Kris Beatrez, our Athletic Director or contact Kim Doyle if you are interested in keeping the momentum on SWS sports going.

**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.

**Fall Book Fair**

The school fall book fair will be taking place beginning on Saturday, October 1 after the school marathon!

This is a great chance to look at and purchase some great new books for your family. The book fair is optional but a fun way to get kids excited about their reading. Students in grades 5-8 have the 40 book challenge this year. Younger students are also required to read to specific goals.

ALL PROFIT GOES TO BUY NEW BOOKS FOR OUR OWN SCHOOL LIBRARY

Saturday, October 1 - beginning at 10:30

Also Monday, October 3 - Cocoa and cookie night at the book fair 4:30-6:00 PM



**Another Day in Paradise - School Marathon for Non-public Education**

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!**

**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.

**Paper Drive this Saturday - 9:00-10:30**

Since we started collecting paper and cardboard, we have received \$6,378.75 and collected 371,680 lbs of paper. That's a lot of money for something we may not care too much about and toss in the trash. Paper and cardboard is collected every 2nd and 4th Saturday fro 9:00-10:30. Thanks to Eric and Lisa Schmid who have taken charge of this service. They can always use help on these days so all volunteers are welcome to join in the efforts on paper collection days.

### **Birthday Treats and Parties**

There is no expectation for any child to have to bring something for their birthday but many like to do so.

#### **Here are a few guidelines on birthdays.**

- Treats should be store bought
- Treats should be individually wrapped
- Treats should be easy to hand out and eat in school
- A treat should be small
- Provide enough treats for everyone in the class

#### **Do NOT**

Do not bring a pizza or a cake to the school cafeteria at lunch time where many kids have to watch and only a few get to eat the treat

Do not bring homemade items

Do not bring cans of pop

Do not bring very sweet items that many kids react to because of the high sugar content

#### **We Prefer**

That you send a small wrapped treat that can easily be eaten or put in the back pac and taken home - **DO NOT big frosty cup cakes, donuts and full sheet cakes, and messy items, etc...**

Please keep in mind: some kids in our school have food allergies and are left out when you bring some kinds of treats! Keep it simple.

#### **Birthday parties and sleepover events**

Do not pass out invitations in school.

Do not have the whole birthday group go home with your child directly after school - other kids see this and do feel left out.

Please have the kids go home after school and have their own parents drive them to your house at a later time.

When a bunch of kids bring sleeping bags and pillows to school - the entire class sees what is going on.

### **Adoration in the Chapel**

If you have never tried this - it is highly recommended. Adoration is a private time for you to spend in the chapel. Adoration takes place every Friday in the chapel but there is a special time every first Friday of the month from 11:00PM -8:00 AM for school families to pray.

We need 5 more people:

Open hours = 11pm, Midnight, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM

We need to arrange for two of more people each hour.

Think about doing this with a friend or a spouse. You can even bring an older relative or an older child with you.

One hour of quite prayer and reflection will affect your life. Contact Kim or Diane Trettel - 758-5688

### **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

Cambells 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.

### **Mass Clothing - Grades 7 and 8**

Since the 7th and 8th grade students do not wear uniforms to school , we area asking them to select their clothing for School Masses very carefully. Boys are required this year to wear pants or nice jeans with a collared shirt: dress shirt or polo shirt. Girls should wear nice slack or jeans with a nice top or sweater, skirt, or dress.

Thanks to all of our Dozinky Helpers: The Hot Dog Stand done by our School Board, The Vomachka Booth done by our Home

an School

Association.

The parade

unit sponsored

by the Alumni

Association.

Pictured are

the Parade

helpers.

