



12/19/2011

NEWSLETTER



Weekly Office Update

Hail Mary Full of Grace, The Lord is with You.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

On behalf of all faculty and staff here at Saint Wenceslaus Catholic School, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank you for entrusting us with the faith and academic development of your precious little children and young teenagers. We thank you for the spiritual, verbal, physical, and monetary support that you give to us day after day. We thank you for being a part of our school because you are truly blessings and wonderful gifts to us during this Holy Christmas Season and all year long.

We love our parents, grandparents, friends, and other supporters. Christmas Blessings and Miracles to all of you!

Upcoming Activities

- Monday, December 19 - Advent Prayer Service 8:00 AM
- Monday, December 19 PreK Red Program 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, December 21- School Mass - Gr. 8 plans
- Wednesday, December 21 - Kindergarten play 10:00AM
- Thursday, December 22 - Last Day before break
- Friday, December 23 - Monday, January 2 - No School
- Tuesday, January 3 - School Resumes
- Wednesday, January 4 - School Mass - Gr. 7 plans
- Tuesday, January 10- It's a Snowman Celebration! 6:00-7:30 PM for preschool and kindergarten children
- Wednesday, January 11 -School Mass - Gr. 6 plans
- Wednesday, January 11- 7:00 PM Home/School meeting
- Monday, January 16 - No School/Teacher Workshop
- Wednesday, January 18 - School Mass- Gr. 5 plans
- Saturday, January 21 - Korean Lunar New Year Party for all host families - 4:00-6:00 PM
- Saturday, January 21 - 1st Reconciliation 9:00 or 10:15
- Monday, January 23 School Board meeting 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, January 24 Knowledge Bowl Meet
- Tuesday, January 24 - end of 2nd quarter
- Wednesday, January 25 School Mass with Archbishop Flynn - Gr. 3 plans
- Wednesday, January 25 - Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM
- Thursday, January 26 - Early release at 11:00 - Conferences 12:00-8:00 PM
- Friday, January 27 - No School/Teacher comp day
- Sunday January 29-Saturday Feb 4 - Catholic Schools Week

Congratulations Mr. Thietje and his wife, Nicole

They are the proud parents of:
Jude James Thietje
Born 12/15/11 at 1:48 pm
7 pounds 3 ounces. 19.5 inches



Mr. Thietje will be out on a short paternity leave this week.

A visit from Archbishop Emeritus Harry Flynn on January 25

We are very excited to have Archbishop Flynn join us for our school Mass on January 25 at 8:00 AM. The Archbishop will tour the school and visit all of the classrooms with Fr. Kevin when he spends the morning with us. Please mark your calendar and join us for our school Mass on this day.



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.



Ice Fishing Event

Our second annual Ice Fishing Contest will take place on February 19. We are sending tickets home THIS WEEK so that you can advertise it to your relatives during the holidays and sell some tickets for the raffle on the lake that takes place on the day of the contest. Every family will be getting 50 tickets to sell - \$1.00 each. The tickets are put into a drawing and names are pulled out every few minutes for prizes during the ice fishing contest. The Ice Fishing Contest is a FREE event but there is so much to win that you want to have your name in the barrel.

Last winter, nearly 800 people came out to fish at our contest. It was lots of fun. All you need is a small jig stick fishing pole with a hook. - All the rest is provided for you. Holes are dug ahead of time, minnows are provided. Kids can learn to fish and parents who never tried it can feel a part of the action as well. Plan to attend and help us sell our tickets ahead of time. Ticket sales are the key to the success. Ticket sales create the profit for the event with our goal of reaching \$10,000. Non-mandatory participation!!!



Parish Finance Talks

If you want to make a comment about the talks that you heard about parish finances or if have a good solution that may be helpful to the parish, there is a specific email address setup to give your feedback. We encourage you to give this feedback to parish leadership. The email address is

momentum@saintwenceslaus.org.

It's a Snowman Celebration

Plans are well underway for the 4th annual Snowman Celebration!

All preschool and kindergarten children are invited. Pass the word! This party is open to all children in the New Prague area who are age 6 and under.

Mark your calendar.

Tuesday, January 10 6:00-7:30

(in case of snowstorm 1/12/12 is the alternate date)

Snowman helpers are students in grades 5 and 6 are now making snowman games for the party.



A School Full of Champions!

Lego League goes on to State Tournament

3 - 2 - 1 - LEGO! That's what these boys heard on Saturday, Dec. 17 during their High Tech Kids Minnesota FLL Regional Tournament held at Century Middle School in Lakeville. With 27 teams competing for a chance to advance to the State Tournament, our St. Wenceslaus 7th/8th grade team (Robo Revolution) was one of them! Teams compete in five different categories: Project, Core Values, Programming, Design, and Performance. Robo Revolution took 1st place in the Performance category and scoring high in all other categories, was able to advance to the State Competition in January. Congratulations to Eric Chromy, Christian Gage, Christof Barrier, Jack Siegle, Jeremy Schmid and Amir Chraibi.

St. Wenceslaus School also had a 6th grade team compete in the tournament this year. They took 5th place but unfortunately they did not qualify to advance to the State Competition. Congratulations to the "Saints" team members, Drew Grams, Nick Friedges, Will Colling, Cameron Bible, and Hyunwoo Koo.



Lego League 7th /8th grade team who placed 1st in robot performance will advance to the Sate Tournament in January. Amir Chraibi, Christian Gage, Christof Barrier, Jeremy Schmid, Jack Siegle, and Eric Chromy



Lego League 6th grade team with their coach, Becky Smisek. Hyunwoo Koo, Will Colling, Cameron Bible, Nick Friedges, and Drew Grams



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Knowledge Bowl Team places 5th

New at Saint Wenceslaus School this year is the Knowledge Bowl Team. Students compete by quickly and correctly answering academic questions from a large array of topics. Saint Wenceslaus students have recently participated in their 2nd tournament on Tuesday, December 13.

They placed 5th out of 35 teams from both public and private schools across the metro area.

Pictured left to right: Joseph Yetzer, Christof Barrier, Christian Gage, Andrew Capaul, Eric Chromy, Nathan Schoenbauer, Matthew Schoenbauer



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District Spelling Bee Qualifiers

The following students will participate in the district Spelling Bee on January 21 at 11:00.

All students in grades 5-8 took a spelling qualifying test. These are the students who we will be sending on:

Grade 8:

Tom Halloran
Katie McGannon
Matt Schoenbauer
Anna Wondra
Frank Zvanovec

Grade 7

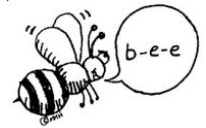
Andrew Capaul
Michael Geiger
Joe Yetzer
Christof Barrier
Shannon O'Rourke

Grade 6

Annie Schoenbauer
Maggie O'Neill
Emilee Wondra
Blake Prochaska
Andy Dalsin
Carter Seymour
Sam Baetz

Grade 5

Anna Lundeen
Mary Jo Dalsin
Nora Zvanovec
Luke Schoenbauer
Aidan McLoone



School Geography Bee

will take place on January 12 or 13. Students in grades 5-8 will participate. The classroom winners will then compete as the school Champion in an assembly. The champion will be entered into the Regional Geography Bee. Students are encouraged to study maps, countries, continents, rivers, oceans and geographical features of the earth.

Paper Drive

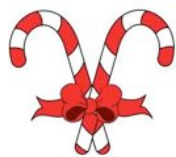
Please note: The paper drive will not be held on December 24th. We will begin again on January 14th, 2012 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM and continue every 2nd and 4th weekend of the month. Thank you Thomas Halloran for volunteering, and thank you to all those that offered to stay and give a little extra hand when we needed it last Saturday. A big thanks goes out to Calvin Capesius for being such a great help the last couple of months. Questions- call Eric or Lisa Schmid 758-5553

A special word of thanks for Time, Talent, and Service

We would like to thank school parent Paul Kratochvil from Mach Lumber and Jim Rosen, husband of teacher Jen Rosen. They made the beautiful manger that we have in the PAC Atrium area. We have been using this for our school Advent prayer services and it creates a beautiful display for all to see. Paul donated the lumber and Jim built the manger.

Christmas Concert DVD's

DVD's are available for \$5.00. Order forms are attached or can be downloaded from the school web site.



Catholic School Week is coming!

A time for celebrating our Catholic Education. What makes us different? A fully infused incorporation of our faith life as we go about our daily academic studies. This is a holistic approach: spiritual, social, physical, intellectual skills all taught together and not in isolation. We train the heart and mind to who we are and who we want to become.

SWS Christmas Concert 2011 DVD Order Form

While not a professional copy, it does include the written program incorporated into the movie.

If interested, please fill out below & send back to the school office. The DVD will be delivered to you via your student. *Available Thursday December 22.*

- Includes Band and Vocal concert, as well as Preschool and Kindergarten performances

Please make checks payable to St. Wenceslaus School



Family Name	
Student Name	
Teacher Name	
# of DVDs @ \$5.00 each	
Total included	