

# NEWSLETTER

## Weekly Office Update



### Calendar of upcoming activities

Wednesday, October 21 - Climb Theatre  
Presentation on Drugs for Grades 6-8.

Wednesday, October 21 - Grade 2-Parent First  
Reconciliation meeting at 6:15

Wednesday, October 21 - Home/School Meeting at  
7:30

Wednesday, October 21 - Preschool Halloween  
Activities evening 6:30

Sunday, October 25 - School Book Fair begins

Monday, October 26- Climb Theatre presentations  
on Respecting the Environment K-5.

Wednesday, October 28 - Student Council Red  
Ribbon Day.

Thursday, October 29 - Grade 7-8 to Art Museum.

Thursday, October 28 - Grade 4 to Bell Museum

Friday, October 30 - Student Council Halloween  
Costume Ball - for K-8th students 1:00-2:30.

Sunday, November 1 - Korean Host Family Party -  
5:30 PM in PAC

Monday, November 2 - All Souls Day Rosary at the  
Cemetery Chapel - Grades 3-5.

Tuesday- Thursday, November 3-5 - School  
Accreditation Visit

Friday, November 6 - Staff Retreat

Tuesday, November 10 - Kindergarten Parents 6:30  
- Snowman Celebration planning meeting

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL...

#### News from Kim Doyle

Dear Parents,

I am continually reminded of the blessings that we have here at St. Wenceslaus School. The greatest of these being our superior teaching and support staff. I too am a parent looking out for the best interests of my children and my family. As your school principal, I am honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of not only making sure my own children have the best education, but also to make sure that all children in the school are receiving the care and concern of a staff who are dedicated to their positions in our school and to their students in all ways. Our recent conference days brought to light this care as staff carefully tried to describe what they see in each child to parents. I hear the teachers as they discuss learning strategies and approaches which they will try with individual children who need more. I take note of teachers who continue to education themselves through classes, workshops, their own study and research, and reading so that they can give children optimal learning opportunities. This staff is truly a gift to all of us as they try to partner with parents for the sake of the children. We are very blessed to have these dedicated and spiritual persons working with our children. This is unusual as I see it. I have worked with many groups of teachers in the past. This group is by far the best teaching and support staff group I have been privileged to lead in many years. This is a hard working caring group of people who keep striving to be even better. We are all truly blessed to have these people here at St. Wenceslaus to work with us and our children.

#### ***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.*

**School Book Fair Coming soon!**

We have changed the date of our book fair this year. Normally we hold this fair during Catholic schools week, but this year we will have it in fall. The book fair will begin on Sunday, October 25 and go throughout the last week of October. The profits from the book fair are used to purchase new books and supplies for our own school library.

Come after the Sunday Masses or on our special Cookie and Cocoa night on Monday, October 26 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

**The Paper Drive . Let's make this a Success!**

The truck will be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The time to drop off will be 9:00 am -10:30 am. This Saturday!

We can use your help by collecting paper but also by helping us load the truck. If we have lots of help - we will be able to have the truck open more often making it easier for all people to drop off. If you can volunteer your time for a few hours each month - contact Eric and Lisa Schmid at 952-758-5553.

Here a list of what we can collect-

**magazines, catalogs, business paper, junk mail, telephone books, folding cartons (cereal, cake mix, crackers, cookies, tissue, pasta, etc.) cardboard, paper egg cartons, and paper bags.**

Before you bring paper, save the box tops for education, Our Family and Food Club labels, soup labels, etc.

**Student Council Halloween Costume Ball**

Friday, October 30, the Student Council will host a Halloween Costume Ball for the school. All parents are welcome to join but only if wearing a fun costume, hat, or mask. Students will join in the PAC for music, dancing, and a display of costumes. **NO SWORDS or WEAPON LIKE OBJECTS ALLOWED.** The party will last from 1:00- 1:30. Classes will come and go as teachers desire.

**Climb Theatre Presentations**

Scott County offers programs in the schools on using the Climb Theatre on several topics each year. They will be coming to our school to present this month.

**Wednesday, October 21**

Grade 6 - Gateway Drugs

Grade 7 - "Shattered" - A presentation on Methamphetamine - 9:00 (Parents Welcome)

Grade 8 - Gateway Drugs

Grade 8 - Global Warming/Respecting the Environment

Monday, October 26

Grades K-5 - Respecting the Environment

**Korean Host Family Party**

All families hosting one of the Korean students this year - we are having a party! Join together for a pot luck on Sunday, November 1 at 5:30 in the PAC. Each family is to bring one Korean Dish to share (time to experiment with Korean cooking) and one American dish to share. YuSoon Rondorf, our Korean area coordinator, will be there. Families can share concerns, successes and stories. Join us!

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Looking for more volunteers to help with Liturgy of the Word of Children on any Sunday. This program is only possible with the help of parents and others interested in taking the children out of Mass for a short time to read a child's version of the bible readings. All materials are set up and provided for you. No experience necessary. Basic responsibilities include reading a bible story and answering a few questions with a small group of children. Contact Chris Tupy if you can help. 952-758-4794 or [christupy@yahoo.com](mailto:christupy@yahoo.com)

**Welcome to our School the following Accreditation Team Members on November 3,4,5**

Karla Cross (team leader)

Nick Dittrich

Lisa Reichelt

Sr. Mary Margaret Murphy

Carol DeSmet

Amy Peterson

Shannon Calice

Janet Sletten

Bob Seidel

New Ulm Diocese (New Ulm ) Superintendent of New Ulm Schools

Shakopee Area Catholic School (Shakopee) - Teacher

Holy Cross (Webster) - Principal

Most Holy Redeemer (Montgomery) - Principal

Holy Redeemer (Marshall) - Principal

St. Michaels ( Prior Lake) - Teacher

St. John the Baptist ( Savage) - Teacher

St Dominic (Northfield) - Teacher

Divine Mercy Catholic (Faribault) - Principal

**Pray for our staff**

School and Parish Staff will be spending one of their workshop days this year on retreat. The staff retreat will take place on Friday, November 6 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. Please pray for our staff. Pray for relaxation, bonding, and spiritual guidance as they continue to fulfill their ministries within our parish community.