



Alumni Association & Friends

SWS CONNECTIONS

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SWS welcomes technology upgrades

The SWS technology committee has been a true blessing over the summer. With the financial support of the school endowment, a spring pizza sale and other donations, they have been able to refresh the SWS computer lab. Students will be coming back to SWS this fall to work on 24 new Apple iMac computers that are powerful and capable of many new functions.

To support the lab, the parents on the technology committee have rewired it, brought in updated equipment for administration, and installed a new school server. School administrative staff including the SWS technologist, have also been busy implementing the new Student Information Handling System. This has been a monumental task as all information needed to be re-entered and set-up for use.

Thank you to all of the SWS alumni and friends who helped to make these technology upgrades possible.

Currently a second Shirk's Pizza Sale is underway with 100% of the proceeds going toward technology costs. If every SWS alumnus bought and ate one pizza each week for a year, imagine how much funding for SWS technology could be generated?

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SWS Golf Tournament raises over \$15,000

The 10th Annual SWS Golf Tournament held on June 17th at CreeksBend Golf Course in New Prague raised more than \$15,000 for SWS. A big thank you to Queen of Peace Hospital & Clinics (now Mayo Hospital & Clinics) for sponsoring the \$20,000 Putt-for-Cash Contest again this year plus the many hole sponsors, cash and prize sponsors, volunteers and golfers who came out and played. Make your calendar for June 15, 2012. Five of the six tournament committee members are SWS alumni. See photo at right.



Special thanks to the '11 Golf Tournament Committee! Members include: **Sean O'Neill '83**, **John Coldagelli**, **Ann Marie Witt '76**, **Tom Mach '89**, **Jeff Schoenbauer '78**, and **Kevin Solheid '84**.

Support SWS ~ it's easy and FREE!

You too can help raise money for SWS this school year with very little time or effort and often at no cost. Simply collect the following items and drop them off at SWS during school hours. Items include: **Box Tops for Education**, **Campbell's Soup Labels**, **Land 'O Lakes** or **Kemps** milk caps, and **Coborn's "Food Club Labels for Learning"**. SWS will also take your old **toner and printer cartridges** and **used cell phones** for recycling through the Funding Factory Recycling Program.

Aluminum cans, paper and cardboard can also be turned into cash for SWS.

Open a **Target Visa Card**. Their "Take Charge of Education" program sends 1% of your total purchases back to SWS.

Shop on-line at schoolstore.com. Choose "Saint Wenceslaus New Prague, MN" for SWS to receive credit.

Purchase SCRIP from SWS. Shop both locally and at your favorite national stores. See details at SWS's website or <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>.

If **Friday night is Pizza Night** in your home, order a **Shirk's** frozen pizza while supporting the SWS technology fund. Order forms are available on the school's website. Orders and payment due on Sept 8th. Pizza must be picked up on Sept 15th. Call 952-758-3133 for complete details.

Alumni News

Joseph Pexa Sr '24, age 101, passed away on June 16, 2011. Joe was truly a life-long supporter of SWS. You may recall his photo a time or two in past issues of SWS Connections. He spoke at the All-School Class Reunion sharing with the crowd some of his most notable memories of SWS from more than 90 years ago.

The **SWS Class of 1938** mourns the loss of four classmates since early spring. They include: **Arlene (Wood) Mach, William E. Kohout, Wilfred L. "Willie" Bisek** and **Raymond T. Bruzek**. Alumni **Marion (Bisek) Giesen '40, Nathan Wagner '59** and **Richard Schoenbauer '58** will also be sadly missed by their family and friends.

Congratulations to beautiful brides **Kenzie (Wilcox) Inebrand '00, Kristin (Busch) Yahnke '01** and **Christine (Higgins) Diaz '98** who were married earlier this spring/summer. **Scott Ceplecha '01** made a handsome groom as well!

Kimberly (May) Pettinelli '99 and husband Steve are proud parents of baby boy, Oliver. Other proud parents include: **Crystal (Pexa) Dohlman '95** and husband Adam, son Tyler. **Angie (Studer) Gjerde '91** and husband Brian, son Ethan. **Maggie (Wolf) Goldade '97** and husband Matt, daughter Elsie and **Todd Wagner '97** and wife LaRissa, daughter Emelynn.

Plenty of college hoops were played this past season by SWS alumni, **Maggie Weiers '06**, Rookie of the Year for the West Region at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, and **Connor O'Brien '05**, Minnesota State University-Mankota Mavericks' starting forward, that advanced to the NCAA Division II national semifinals.

Bravo! To **Danny O'Neill '08** and **Michael Beatrez '08** who made the Minnesota High School All-State Choir. This coming winter the All-State Choir will perform at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

Thank you SWS alumnus, **Leonard Korbel '68**, for donating the semi-trailer used by SWS to store paper and cardboard for recycling. The bimonthly SWS Paper Drive happens on the 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings of the month from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the church parking lot. Both the parish and the school community benefit from this effort... not to mention our earth. SWS continues to Go Green.

SWS received a generous memorial gift in honor of Milo Schmitz who passed away in June. All six of Milo and Gen's children graduated from SWS; **Karen (Spear) '73, Ken '74, Bob '76, Kim (Wagner) '79, Brad '80** and **Tami (Anderson) '86**.

Send us your alumni news to annmarie.witt@saintwenceslaus.org.

Mark your calendar for SWS 2011-2012 special events

September 6

First Day of the 134th School Year at SWS

September 17

Dozinky! in New Prague

Visit the Home & School Booth for a bowl of Vomacka

September 28

Feast of St. Wenceslaus

Attend the 8 AM All-School Mass

October 1

SWS Marathon

Suggest a Community Service Project

Sponsor a Student

December 2

SWS Sweepstakes Drawing

Buy a Raffle Ticket ~ Win a great prize

December

SWS Annual Christmas Program TBA

January 10, 2012

Snowman Celebration

Party for Preschoolers ~ Invite the neighbors' kids

January 29 to February 3

National Catholic Schools Week

Watch for a week's worth of activities

Donate to the Tuition Assistance Fund

February 16

Kindergarten Round-Up

February 19

SWS Ice Fishing Contest

Join the fun on Cedar Lake

March 3

SWS Auction ~ *A Starry Night in the Wild, Wild West Dinner, Entertainment, Silent & Live Auction*

March 9 & 23

SWS Fish Fries

Buy tickets in advance or at the door

Dine-In or Carry-Out

April 28 & 29 & May 5 & 6

First Communion

Saturday 5 pm or Sunday 8:30 or 10:30 am Masses

May 1

SWS Spring Concert

May 1 & May 2

Grandparents' Day

Schedule of Events TBA

June 6

SWS Graduation

Graduation Mass begins at 7 pm

June 7

Last Day of School

June 15

SWS Golf Tournament

Noon Shotgun Start at CreeksBend Golf Course

Thanks for the many gifts from SWS alumni and friends...

Contributors to the Alumni Assn:

From April 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011

- Margaret (Matyas) Antony '39
- Violet Bachman
- Ambroz Barten '43
- Jean (Johannes) Becker '77
- George '61 & Jane Brezina
- Nancy (Busch) Buczek '63
- Deborah (Kratochvil) Carpentier '67
- Fran (Schoenbauer) Christian '48
- Mary (Bilek) Cleveland '69
- Mary (Mach) Fitzgerald '43
- Annella (Schoenecker) Gibney '45
- Marie Kajer
- Kathryn (Nickolay) Kramer '67
- John "Jack" Lepaska '45
- Will '46 & Marilyn Lepaska
- Patricia (Rathmanner) McDonald '47
- James & Bernadine McGivern
- Irene Michel '60
- Dave & Julie (McBroom) Miriovsky '93
- John "Jack" Murray '53
- Lucille Nickolay '36
- Lois (Bedore) Novosad '47
- Renee Pint '56
- Genevieve (Lepaska) Rockwood '41
- Sr. Catherine Schoenecker '43
- Nancy (Novak) Vescio '58
- Dick & Mary Ruth (Cervanka) Zweber '51

Memorial Gifts to the Alumni Assn:

From April 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011

- **In Memory of Arlene (Wood) Mach '38** from Bob '46 & Marilyn (Rehor) Bednar '45
- **In Memory of Joseph Pexa Sr '24** from Doug & Jean (Kocina) Zimanske '73 & Ann Marie Witt '76
- **In Memory of her Father, Leonard Kubes '34** from Bonita "Bonnie" (Kubes) Peterson '60

SWS Tuition Assistance Fund:

From April 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011

- Anonymous
- John & Joney Coldagelli
- Kathy McNamara
- Norbert '67 & Arlene Sticha
- Joe & Sue Wondra

Memorials to Tuition Asst Fund:

From April 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011

- **In Memory of Joseph Pexa, Jr. '53** from Richard Carlson, Al '41 & Virginia (Layne) Mahowald '41, Ron & Kathy McBroom, Glen '51 & Margie Schoenbauer, Richard & Marilyn Kes & Jim & Carole Lang
- **In Memory of Joseph Pexa, Sr. '24** from Arv & Carol (Maruska) Olson '72, Jim & Carole Lang & Dave '56 & Kitty Bruzek
- **In Memory of Edwin Topic** from Roger & Linda (Beckius) Smisek '73
- Tom '55 & Margie Pexa & Joyce (Lambrecht) Hertaus '59
- **In Memory of Elsie Vanasek Richard** from Al '41 & Virginia (Layne) Mahowald '41 & Jim '62 & Anita Kratochvil
- **In Memory of Diana Johnson** from Roger & Linda (Beckius) Smisek '73
- **In Memory of Arlene (Wood) Mach '38** from Al '41 & Virginia (Layne) Mahowald '41, Paul '89 Kratochvil ~ Mach Lumber, William Scheidt & Pat (Maruska) O'Neill-Scheidt '62
- **In Memory of Kevin McCormack** from Al '41 & Virginia (Layne) Mahowald '41
- **In Memory of Jon Holmes** from Roger '62 & Beverly Zvanovec
- **In Memory of Judy Layne** from Al '41 & Virginia (Layne) Mahowald '41

Honor gifts to Tuition Asst Fund:

From April 1, 2011 to August 1, 2011

- **In honor of her godchild, Kristy Benzick SWS Class of 2011,** from Mary A. Benzick '70
- **For a special intention** from Al '41 & Virginia (Layne) Mahowald '41

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**We congratulate the  
 SWS CLASS of 2007  
 New Prague High School  
 Class of 2011**  
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** = 3.9 or higher GPA

* = 3.5 of higher GPA

+ = National Honor Society member

Zach Algren, Paul & Sue Algren, **St. Mary's Winona**
 Scott Allar, Mike & Julie Allar, **U of MN, Duluth**
 Abby Ambroz, Paul & Darla Ambroz, **MN State U, Mankato**
 Molly Amundsen, Doug & Mary Amundsen, **U of MN, Twin Cities * +**
 Jill Beckius, Marty & Pam Beckius, **MN State U, Mankato**
 Kyle Becker, Jim & Jean Becker, **Bemidji State U**
 Kellie Bohlke, Steve & Carmen Bohlke, **Winona State U * +**
 Paulina Briggs, Tim Briggs & Martha Briggs, **College of St. Scholastica**
 Alyssa Chromy, Tom & Diane Chromy, **College of St. Benedict * +**
 Adam Corr, Matt Corr & Beth Corr, **U of MN, Duluth**
 Jacqueline Dols, Jeff & Cathy Dols, **U of WI, Stout * +**
 Andrew Geiger, Joe & Angela Geiger, **U of MN, Morris * +**
 Melissa Hanson, Tim & Sue Hanson, **Winona State U * +**
 Kelsey Hennes, Dean & Lois Hennes, **MN State U, Mankato**
 Sean Ingebretson, Rick & Mary Ingebretson, **U of MN, Duluth ***
 Rochelle Koehnen, Dan & Peg Koehnen, **U of ND, Grand Forks * +**
 Jed Kreuser, Steve & Linda Kreuser, **Gustavus Adolphus College * +**
 Kaitlyn Kveene, Mike & Missy Kveene, **Normandale Community College**
 David Lim, Meng & Jean Lim, **Gustavus Adolphus College * +**
 Jennifer Natole, John & Karen Natole, **Undecided**
 Elizabeth Northrup, Jerry & Beth Northrup, **U of MN, Duluth * +**
 Katie Jo Olson, Arv & Carol Olson, **U of WI, Eau Claire * +**
 Sawyer Rademacher, Wayne & Teresa Rademacher, **College of Visual Arts St Paul**
 Shannon Russell, Dave & Therese Russell, **U of MN, Duluth ** +**
 Trevor Schmitz, Bob & Tami Schmitz, **U of MN, Duluth * +**
 Justine Shimota, Jim & Marge Shimota, **Normandale Community College ***
 Joe Soderlund, Pat & Ann Soderlund, **U of MN, Duluth ***
 Caitlin Solheid, Greg Solheid & Carol Sery, **Winona State U ****
 John Solheid, Ken & Patty Solheid, **Winona State U ***
 Katelyn Sticha, Dave & Jean Sticha, **U of MN, Duluth +**
 Jackie Tupy, John & LuAnn Tupy, **Winona State U ** +**
 Andrea Wick, Jeff & Mary Wick, **College of St. Scholastica ***

My God continue to bless you on the next leg of your journey.

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**Thank you to Jean (Kocina) Zimanske '73,
George Mikiska '59 and Dave Bruzek '56.
Wanting to get involved with the Alumni Assn?
Contact Ann Marie Witt above.**

John Harty retires from SWS



*After 36 years as a dedicated employee of St. Wenceslaus School, **John Harty** retired in June 2011. At SWS Harty served as a junior high religion teacher, principal and most recently, a German language teacher.*

*Pictured above is SWS principal, **Kim Doyle '72** with **Herr Harty** at his farewell student assembly.*