

NEWSLETTER

Weekly Office Update

Calendar of upcoming activities

Wednesday, October 7 - MARATHON MONEY DUE.

Friday, October 9 - Dance for grades 6-8 2:30-5:00

Sunday, October 11, Preschool Donut Hole Activities after Sunday Masses.

Monday, October 12 - Conferences -4:00-8:00

Tuesday, October 13 - Early Release at 11:00
Conferences - 12:00-8:00

Wednesday, October 14 - No School/Teacher Comp. Day.

Thursday, October 15 - MEA - No School

Friday, October 16 - MEA - No School

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

Wednesday, October 21 - Home/School Meeting at 6:30

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

Sunday, October 25 - School Book Fair begins

Monday, October 26- Climb Theatre presentations on environment K-5.

Wednesday, October 28 - Red Ribbon Day.

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

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

November 3-5 - School Accreditation Visit



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL...

News from Kim Doyle

Dear Parents;

Over the weekend we held our first ever all-school reunion. The evening was filled with stories, laughter, and hugs from people who have been students in this school in the past. It was a very good evening and successful in connecting our past with our present and our future. The energy was incredible as folks remembered and reminisced about days gone by. I was most struck by the emotions that guests had and the commitment that they appeared to still share for the mission and the purpose of our school. They were noticeably grateful to have had the opportunity to attend a Catholic school and used the words "Gift of education" often. How lucky we are to also give this "Gift" to our children of today. Although it may often seem a struggle, I am sure that our alumni families made sacrifices and struggled as well. Thank you for giving you children the Gift of Education at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School. May they grow up to have the same sense of love and care for the school that the past generations have shown. I am proud to be part of our successful and grateful alumni group, our supportive parent group, and our committed staff. I am one of few who can share in all of these roles, and that has been an overwhelming and most incredible gift of me.

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.

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

Monday, October 26

Grades K-5 - Respecting the Environment

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.

8th Grade Standardized Tests

Tuesday, October 6 - Math Procedures / Social Science

Thursday, October 8 - Spelling / Science

Monday, October 12 - Language

Tuesday, October 20 - OLSAT Ability test.

Club House - Next Week!!!

If you would like to use Club House on our Early release day next week (11:00 school dismisses on Tuesday) or if you plan to use the Club House during the MEA break (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) -- PLEASE call to make a reservation for your child. We need to schedule appropriate staff for these days. Must have 5 children to stay open.

\$14 for 4 hours or less/\$28 for 4 hours or more.

Take time to pray for our school

Eucharistic Devotion for the school will be held once a month on the first Friday from 11:00 PM - 8:00 AM. The first night took place over the weekend. This is a quiet personal prayer time to come before the Blessed Sacrament in Eucharistic Devotion. All are welcome any time, but if you would like to be added to a monthly schedule please contact Diane Trettel.

Beginning Wednesday October 7th, join many parents and friends after school Mass to pray a Rosary for the school.

Rockin' Out Marathon

MARATHON MONEY IS DUE THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Save the following items:**

Kemps milk caps

Box Tops for Education

Campbells Soup Labels

Coborn's UPC labels on Food Club items.

Use your Target Charge Card but don't forget to assign the point to St. Wenceslaus School

Conferences

Your conference schedule has been sent to you in the mail. We have pre-scheduled all school families using our best guess on when you may be able to attend in combination of when we could schedule families of multiple children together.

Conferences for Pre-Kindergarten - grade 6 are 15 minutes long. Conferences for grades 7 and 8 are 10 minutes long due to the large number of students who need to be fit in to the teachers schedule.

If you need to change the times of your conference - please feel free to contact the main office. Gail and Lisa will help you find open times to meet with the teachers. We do not mind making changes and hope to be accommodating to everyone.

Goals of our School Improvement Plan. - Accreditation Reports

Next few objectives:

OBJECTIVE 4

The school will adopt a philosophy of school discipline and will incorporate procedures to enforce common school rules appropriate to the needs of students at each grade level.

STRATEGY 1

All school staff will participate in discipline related staff development.

STRATEGY 2

The school will publish and enforce current common school rules.

OBJECTIVE 5

The school will upgrade technology for improved use for students as a tool for learning, for teachers and school administration in developing advanced educational delivery and school wide administration.

STRATEGY 1

The school will assess the technology needs of the school.

STRATEGY 2

Staff will be trained to consistently use technology resources.

STRATEGY 3

Technology funding will be secured.

OBJECTIVE 6

The school building will reflect appropriate changes as the needs of the school community changes and student educational programming advances.

STRATEGY 1

School rooms will be assigned based on program needs, school growth, and accessibility.

STRATEGY 2

Cooperative efforts will be made between school personnel and parish personal for the cleanliness of shared and common spaces.

OBJECTIVE 7

The school will improve relationships with various constituents and stakeholders in the community so as to foster the outreach, mission, and cooperative spirit as we work to build God's Church together.

STRATEGY 1

The school will be an inviting and cooperative force in the parish community.

STRATEGY 2

School parents will be encouraged to be active members of the parish community.

Thanks to the Home and School Association

Busy working behind the scenes of our school are our parents of the Home and School Association. They are one of the strongest assets to our school. Recently the Association worked the Dozinky Days booth, the Scott County Fair, and made sure that the teachers had lunch for their workshops days. They have planned all of the details of the School Marathon, are working on the Buddy Family manuals for new families, and are planning on making lunch for the staff for conferences. All of these events are planned by a small group of 10. We are very grateful so such a dynamic group of women who organize these activities. Thanks so much. We can always use more help so if you would like to get more involved with them let us know.

Accreditation Visitation Team Visit

The accreditation team will arrive at our school on November 3 and they will spend 3 days with us. During their stay they will be interviewing all staff, will observe in the school, will meet with children, parish staff and school board members. **School families will be getting phone calls from the team.** They will want to know what you think about the school. They will ask various questions trying to get a feel and general opinion of the school. They will ask what things you might like changed as well as what things you think are great about the school. They may ask you why you send your children to the school. They will try to call approximately 10% of our parent community or more during this time. Heads up !