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Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Catholic Schools Week Field Trip: The PTO is planning a field trip on **Wednesday, January 31st**, as a fun way to celebrate our Catholic School. We will be going to Whitetail Ridge near Ft. McCoy for a day of tubing. The weather promises to be warm so we should have a great day!

Everybody Has a Story (Author's Chair writing): The students will once again be showcasing their writing talents during Author's Chair on Friday, **February 2nd**. Please check your calendar and RSVP as soon as possible so that we can add to our lunch count.

Sledding: the students would love to go sledding down the hill during Catholic Schools Week. A **permission slip along with a waiver is included**. Please take time to read and sign, send back to school as soon as possible. Students can bring sleds to school next week. Another possibility is to bring the sled when you come for weekend Mass, then pick it up the next weekend.

Aquinas Bible Bowl: We've been invited to the Bible Bowl taking place at 6:00 on Wednesday, January 31st at the Aquinas High School Theater. Our St. Charles team will be Bayne Venner, Ari Trussoni, Shelby DeGarmo, and Ezio Olsen. Congratulations and good luck!

Save your pennies!: Our service project for Catholic Schools Week will be a Penny War to raise money for Project Heifer. We decided to pick teams this year: The Unstoppables, SCWPC (St. Charles Penny War Champions), and the Money Makers. Each team will have a jar set up in the hallway leading into the cafeteria. Let the war begin!

Wisconsin Family Connections Center: Included today is information from Melissa Bowe at the Wisconsin Family Connections Center. This program is designed to provide services and support to individuals, families, and caregivers involved in foster care, adoption, reunification, and guardianship care. Please check it out for yourself or pass it on to others you know who might need these services.

PTO Updates:

Reminder: Please send your \$10 for wine for Sip and Paint to Jessie - only 3 parents left to turn in money. Again, all left over wine will be used for upcoming events!

Spring Carnival - April 21st: Set up Friday April 19 & Saturday April 20. Volunteers will be needed for all 3 days! If you know any kids/adults looking for hours, ask them now and get it on their schedule too! Poster is ready, but finalizing a few raffle ticket items yet so waiting to post since it says "tickets available" and we don't have them printed yet! If you are trying to get donations for the carnival from a company and need to submit the poster, let me know and I'll get you a copy.

PTO meeting February 6th at 5:30 PM in the gym. Main topics are Fish Fry, trivia night (thanks Donovan's), and the Spring Carnival.

Questions: Text/Call Jessie Cina at 608-780-1146

Scrip (Megan Olson): Thanks to everyone who has been using the Scrip program. If you haven't already, it is easy to join and start earning money for our school while you shop. You purchase gift cards at face value, and we earn a certain percentage back. Either create an account on [raiseright.com](https://www.raiseright.com) or download the Raise Right app. You can use the app or website to immediately buy and use E-gift cards. Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 or ormjtrussoni@gmail.com. Thanks!

Taking Care of the Body God Gave Us: In case you haven't noticed--Winter is here, some days more forcefully than others! So full winter gear is necessary to enjoy the cold and snow. Spare socks and pants might be a good idea to tuck into the backpack just in case kids step in melted snow as they change after recess or get snow down their boots. The little knit gloves may be cute and comfortable, but really do not hold up well with the cold, wind, and snow, so please avoid them. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in once again collecting for the local food pantries! Bring in a nonperishable food item every Tuesday to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

RootinCrown Consignment Store: Have good used items you no longer need? Please consider donating them to the RootinCrown Consignment Store **now located at 980 Hwy 16 in West Salem.** Let them know your donations support the St. Charles PTO and a percentage of the sales go to PTO. They are taking donations NOW; however, they **WILL NOT** accept them during the month of **February.** Please consider shopping there and liking them on Facebook as this supports the PTO. (www.rootincrown.com)

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert: If you would like a message alert from De Soto concerning school closings or early dismissal due to inclement weather please go to the De Soto Area Schools website. Click on "for parents" at the top of the page. The pull-down menu should show "alert sign up". Follow those directions.

St Charles Facebook Page: "Like" the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events.

Enclosures:

Catholic Schools Week list of activities
Penny War flier and rules
Permission slip/Waiver for sledding during PE (only CSW)
Wisconsin Family Connection Center Handout
I Love St. Charles because..... (flier)

Dates to Remember:

January 28: Start of Catholic Schools Week, Open House, All School Mass
January 31: Field Trip to Whitetail Ridge for tubing
February 03: Author's Chair, family lunch, early dismissal
February 09: Confession at 8:45 (3-6th), Adoration at 2:30
February 13: No Children's Mass, Bake Sale
February 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:15, Valentines' Day
February 16: Stations of the Cross at 2:30 (4-6th grade readers)

January Birthdays

January 17: William Mitchell
January 26: Thomas Mitchell
January 30: Isabella Trussoni
January 31: Arianna Trussoni

CELEBRATE!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE GREAT!

January 28th-February 3rd

Sunday: All School Mass, Students will sing

Monday: PJ Day, bring a blanket and stuffy
Start of the Penny War!
Read Bible stories

Tuesday: Dress your best for Mass, Boardgame Day

Wednesday: Field Trip to Whitetail Ridge for tubing.

Thursday: Guest Reader

Sledding on the Hill

Wear Comfy Clothes (school appropriate
sweatpants and sweatshirt)

Friday: Author's Chair, Family Lunch, Early dismissal
(De Soto buses are not running at this time)
Dress as an author!

Sledding during Catholic Schools Week

Dear Parents:

We would like to offer the opportunity for the kids to enjoy a sledding day with all that lovely snow and ice on the hill during PE on Thursday, February 1st.

Please read and sign the waiver below, return it to the office as soon as possible. Students are welcome to bring their own sleds that day.

Thank you,
Patti Hytry
phytry@stcharle.org
608-689-2642

I give my permission for my child _____ to bring a sled to school and slide down the hill.

contact phone number

DIOCESAN NOTICE WISCONSIN'S RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY LAW

Participants (not property owner) in Diocesan-sponsored recreational activities should be aware of Wisconsin's Recreational Immunity law which limits claims and recovery for death or injury while engaging in recreational activities and which imposes legal duties on participants. These legal duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Acting within the limits of his or her ability;
2. Heeding all warnings regarding participation in the recreational activity;
3. Maintaining control of his or her person and equipment devices or animals the person is using while participating in the recreational activity; and
4. Refraining from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the death or injury to himself, herself or to other persons while participating in the recreational activity.

PENNY WAR!

- *When?* Monday, January 29th, to Friday, February 2nd .
- *Where?* St. Charles School
- *Why?* Money will go towards Project Heifer, purchasing the gift of a farm animal, clean water, tree seedlings, or milk for a needy international family.
- *How?* Save your pennies! Earn more pennies! Put the pennies in the jar for your team, these will be added to your total. Put silver coins in the jars for the other teams, these will be subtracted!

(Please limit any paper money to one per jar to avoid overwhelming your opponent)



GIFTS CASE MANAGEMENT INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

What is GIFTS?

Through the Wisconsin Family Connections Center, a short-term case management program (GIFTS – Giving Incredible Families Tools for Success) is available to those who meet the eligibility requirements. The GIFTS Program is designed for caregivers with adoption or out-of-home care experience (this includes reunified, post-adoptive, or post-guardianship families) who are identified as having a high need for services. Families may self-refer or be referred by a community service member.

What should attendees expect?

Join the Wisconsin Family Connections Center for an information session on GIFTS case management program. This session will provide an overview of the program, outline eligibility requirements, and provide insight into services that could be offered. Please note this will be an informational session and not a specific case consult, but there will opportunity for Q&A. Sessions will be facilitated by GIFTS Case Managers.

When are the sessions?

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 8:00pm

Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 8:00am

Please note: This is not a series.



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GIFTS

Giving Incredible Families Tools For Success

CASE MANAGEMENT

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any post-adoptive, post-guardianship, and/or reunified family residing in Wisconsin
- Participation is voluntary and caregivers must be willing to engage in the program
- GIFTS is not intended for families who wish to have the child removed from their care
- GIFTS is supportive and educational and will not take the place of counseling services

WHAT IS CASE MANAGEMENT?

Voluntary, short-term case management services include but are not limited to:

- Ongoing support with an assigned case manager via phone, online, or in-person
- Family needs assessments and parent/caregiver stress assessments
- Plans to work on specific concerns
- Individualized parent/caregiver coaching
- Referrals based on the identified needs of the family

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

USE THE QR CODE TO REQUEST A FREE GIFTS CONSULTATION

 INFO@WIFAMILYCONNECTIONSCENTER.ORG

 1-800-762-8063

 WIFAMILYCONNECTIONSCENTER.ORG





Providing services and support to individuals,
families & caregivers with past or present involvement in:

FOSTER CARE ADOPTION REUNIFICATION KINSHIP CARE GUARDIANSHIP



FREE

- Trainings
- Support groups
- Family events
- Conferences
- Information and referrals
- Case management

Use the QR code to visit our website
and learn more about our services!





ONGOING VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Date and times of groups are subject to change. Check the calendar of events on the WIFCC website for the most accurate schedule. Registration is required to attend.

COFFEE TALK



A relaxed chat with other Wisconsin adoptive, foster, kinship, and/or guardianship parents to connect and feel supported. This group meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 AM.

BIRTH PARENT SUPPORT



Open to any birth parents who have had a child placed for adoption, no matter what type of adoption or agency involved. This group meets on the second Tuesday of odd months at 6:30 PM.

ADULT ADOPTEES



Connect with other adult adoptees from around Wisconsin. This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

WAITING TO ADOPT



A welcoming space to discuss adoption-related questions, stressors, and needs with fellow pre-adoptive families. This group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT



This group is designed to offer support to Wisconsin foster parents focused on various topics each month. This group meets monthly. Visit the calendar for details on time.

OPEN MIC TEEN SUPPORT



Designed for teens in foster, adoptive, kinship, and/or guardianship families to socially connect and discuss topics related to family dynamics. This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING



Designed for Wisconsin foster, adoptive, kinship, and guardianship caregivers with a high level of need due to complex trauma histories. This group meets on the third Monday of each month at noon.

KINNECT RELATIVE CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN



Designed for grandparents, uncles/aunts, siblings, or other relatives acting as the primary caregiver for children. This group meets on the last Thursday of every month at 11:00 AM.