



SCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2023

Dear SCS Families,

I want to thank all of you for donating to the Knights of Columbus Marathon. We are truly blessed to have such support from our parents and community! If you haven't heard, we raised over \$13,000.00! Kimber Elg was the Home and School Grand Prize Winner, and Gavin Chirpich and Leona Bushlack won prizes in the H & S student drawings. We will continue celebrating our accomplishment on November 17th during the school prize program with cookies at lunch and a movie and popcorn in the afternoon. Also, qualifying students will be allowed to wear PJs to school and twelve of the students who met last year's average student donation will also receive the "privilege" of showering me with silly string!

In regard to the upcoming fall parent-teacher conferences, please note that conferences will only be held on one night, November 20th. A conference schedule has been created for this event as shown on the right. If the time assigned to your family does not work for you, please contact your child's teacher to make alternate arrangements.

Have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy time with your family!

Principal John Hengel



November
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect joy. Be positive.
Serve with compassion.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give thanks for everything.
See goodness in others.

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Time Slot	Jinger Woodring Gr. K-2	Ethel Aranda Gr. 3-5
3:15		Chirpich Family
3:35	Courrier Family	Feist Family
3:55	Feist Family	Mullery Family
4:15	Mullery Family	Bushlack Family
4:30	Bushlack Family	Dulas Family
4:45	Dulas Family	Elg Family
5:00	Elg Family	Jewison Family
5:15		Koziolek Family
5:30		Loyd Family
5:45		Scheid Family



October Rewind



Fire Station Field Trip: Our thanks go out to our Wells Fire Department members for the invitation to our kindergarten – second grade students to visit the fire station during National Fire Prevention Week that occurred October 8th-14th. The kids had a great time!

Our thanks also go to all of the volunteer firemen for their outstanding service to our community. May the Lord continue to bless them and keep them safe.



Fall Fest



Knights of Columbus Marathon for Nonpublic Education:

Well, the third time is the winner! After two postponements, we FINALLY had a beautiful day for our Knights of Columbus Marathon for Nonpublic Education! After meeting in front of school for a prayer send off, the Knights, students, faculty and parents paraded through downtown Wells, singing all the way! Once at the park, the students ran/walked a set route until 2:00 when they returned to school for the Knights prize program.

Thank you to all who have been so generous! 100% of the funds raised from pledges sought by the students go directly to St. Casimir's School to fund various programs and events that will enhance the learning atmosphere for the students.



The remainder of the prize program will be awarded on November 17th as follows:

- A **Cookie at Lunch** prize was offered to each student who brought in \$75 or more, and this year every student reached this goal!
- **PJ Day** was earned by any student who brought in \$150 or more. Wearing PJs on prize day will be Liam Courier, Vella Goette, Logan Mullery, Emily Aranda, Jane Aranda, Pixel Feist, Grayson Dulas, Kimber Elg, Gavin Chirpich, Loxlee Feist, Tillea Goette, Ayden Koziolk, Carson Mullery, Nic Scheid, Harrison Loyd, Abby Chirpich, Juliana Dulas, Zoey Elg, Lennox Feist, Cavin Jewison and Colton Mullery.
- **Student Goal Prize:** Each student who met or beat this year's individual student goal of \$370.00 earned the right to...Silly String the Principal! Students who will be participating in this fun prize on November 17th are: Logan Mullery, Pixel Feist, Grayson Dulas, Gavin Chirpich, Loxlee Feist, Ayden Koziolk, Carson Mullery, Abby Chirpich, Juliana Dulas, Lennox Feist, Calvin Jewison and Colton Mullery.
- **Movie and Popcorn Afternoon:** This treat will be enjoyed by all of the students as we met (and beat!) our 2023 goal of raising \$10,000.00.
- **\$1,000.00 Monumental Marathoner Plaque:** We will be adding three additional names to our Monumental Marathoner plaque as the following students brought in donations of \$1,000.00 or more: Grayson Dulas, Ayden Koziolk and Juliana Dulas. Well done, super marathoners!

Current Total: \$13,362.85—GREAT JOB, SAINTS!



Fire Prevention Poster Winner!

Congratulations to Grayson as the winning artist in the Wells Fire Department coloring contest for Fire Prevention Awareness with the theme of "Hear the Beep!" Great job, Grayson!



Ben Bushlack Scholarship Award: Congratulations to Abby Chirpich and Calvin Jewison who were named this year's Ben Bushlack Scholarship winners during the morning presentation on October 17th. Ben's family and friends offer this memorial scholarship to students who exhibit the qualities that represent Ben's infectious personality including his strong faith-filled life, the giving of self to others and his love of the educational environment. Ben was the perfect example of how we must face adversities in life in an enthusiastic, optimistic and unselfish manner.

Ben's family chose his former teacher, Linda Raimann, to present this year's awards. In doing so, she stated, "The Lord gave Ben so many special blessings that continue to live on in the lives of those he touched, and I am blessed to be one of them. Ben was a friend to everyone—young and old alike. He was always there to offer a helping hand and occasionally get into a bit of mischief himself! When we have the love of Jesus, Jesus will use us to be a blessing to others, even when things get difficult. Ben had that love."

Ms. Raimann went on to present the awards saying, "The first award goes to a young lady whom I have seen grow in her faith through the years and now also as an altar server. I watched her one Sunday skipping down the aisle with a big smile on her face as she headed to the altar to serve. It made me smile, and I am sure Jesus smiled, too! I have seen her thoughtfulness in helping others in school, in her classroom and with her family. I am very honored to award the first scholarship to Abby Chirpich."

"The second Ben Bushlack award goes to a young gentleman that I have had the opportunity to watch grow into a young man of faith. One whose words and actions, enthusiasm and effort reflect the kind of person he is—responsible and helpful. When I first met this young man, he would speak with love and pride for his family. Family is very important to him. I often see him proudly serving at Sunday Mass. Ben's second award goes to Calvin Jewison."

The Ben Bushlack Scholarship award comes with a financial gift that is applied to the selected student's family tuition.



Band and Typetastic and S.T.E.M.



With so much going on during the first few months of this school year, there really hasn't been time to share much with you the exciting new opportunities for our SCS students this year. After being absent from the SCS course line up for a number of years, we are so happy to extend band class to our fifth grade students once again. The class is taught by Ms. Jinger Woodring who was a music major in college, so this opportunity meshes perfectly with her skill set. Although the students are new to their instruments, they are working hard to be ready to play a few selections for our Christmas program.

With Ms. Woodring teaching band during the last class period each Friday, you may wonder what her kindergarten-second grade students are doing at that time. They are joining the third-fourth graders to receive keyboarding instruction from Ms. Aranda. Again, this program had been absent from the SCS line up for several years. Ms. Aranda is using the Typetastic program with the kids, along with additional help from Miss Heather, one of our instructional assistants.

Miss Heather is also coordinating our S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, math) projects for all of our students. The K-2 and 3-5 students meet separately in order to better address their learning levels. Recently, the kindergarten, first and second graders had the fun opportunity to build better bubble blowers (say that three times fast!) by engineering their own blower. Would the biggest bubbles be best or should they go for quantity of bubbles? Check with one of the students to find the answer!



Chess Club: Our thanks go out to Eric Woodring who is serving as the students' coach for the after school chess club. The plan is for the club to meet Thursdays on an every other week basis. So far, the club has met once, and Eric had the following to say about their activities, "We did mini-games to learn planning and thinking ahead and then moved into groups to play games. As you can see in the photo, several of the student have already learned that chess takes concentration!



If your child is not currently participating in this club, there is still time to sign up. Please contact the office for a registration form.



Teacher Talk



Grades K-2: Hello from the *Mary, Mother of God* Room! Our eclectic group includes kindergarten, first and second grade students, and together we are thriving in our multi-level classroom and becoming one big family. While teaching a multi-level classroom may be a unique experience in our modern culture, I've already experienced the benefits of what SCS can provide for our students in this setting. The older children have stepped up to model good behavior and leadership skills for the younger children, while the younger children quickly picked up school rules and expectations that normally take a few weeks to implement. We've also been able to combine children into classes that meet their current educational needs rather than having to hold them at their grade level. One of my favorite experiences occurred while I was teaching Math to the second graders. I noticed a kindergarten student was paying very close attention to the instructions I was writing on the board. Before the second grade class could answer my question, the child correctly blurted out the answer. Imagine everyone's surprise to hear that! These children are listening and learning even if they are not actively being taught a lesson at their level. I'm excited to see the potential and the opportunities that our students will have this year.

Our daily schedule includes a heavy emphasis on reading and phonics first thing in the morning with the younger children learning sounds, blending letters and starting to read while the older children are refining their reading skills, learning grammar and spelling rules. We read aloud longer books and do individual reading with each child daily on their own level. Math is our second biggest subject and one that all the children get excited about. Our religion class is broken up into several small segments throughout each day. This allows us to focus on prayer, memorization, Bible stories, learning hymns and studying the Saints. Our day is rounded out with social studies, art, science, music, phy. ed. and the all-time favorite class of recess! I guess some things really never change!



Ms. Jinger Woodring ~ K, 1 & 2 Teacher



November News to Know



Advent Family Night: As we have just celebrated Halloween, it seems VERY early to begin thinking about plans for Advent. However, it will be here before we know it. As you may have noticed, this event is listed on our school calendar for November 30th. In the past, this night has been such a great time to gather together as families to learn about the season of Advent and how we can create that experience of creating spiritual light within our homes. As with all school-wide events, many hands make light work. Therefore, we would love to have a few willing parents to serve on an Advent committee for this event. Linda Raimann and Lea Nowak, former SCS teachers and past event volunteers, have once again offered their help, so you will be in great company! If this is something that interests you, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!



More November News...

- **All Souls Day Mass:** Since the beginning of Christianity, people have honored the dead. The three days of All Hallows' Eve (Halloween), All Hallows' Day and All Souls' Day are collectively referred to as "Allhallowtide" and are a time for honoring the saints and praying for all recently departed souls. The term "hallow" means holy, and you may recall reciting it in the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name" (Mt 6:9). On November 2nd, the school children will be attending All Souls Day Mass at St. Casimir Church at 10:00 AM. Please feel free to join us!
- **SCS Chess Club:** If your child has registered to participate in this after school club, the meeting dates for this month will be November 2, 16 and 30.
- **End of Daylight Savings Time:** On Sunday, November 6th, make sure to set your clocks back one hour due to the end of daylight savings time. This day is also a convenient time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as the batteries should be replaced annually for optimal safety performance.
- **Jack-o-Lantern Contest:** Just a quick reminder that photos of your child's pumpkin are due at 11:00 AM, November 8th, if they would like to participate in Mr. Roberts optional contest.
- **End of Second Quarter:** Thursday, November 9th, marks the end of the first quarter of the school year. The teachers will be entering the final grades for their students, and the report cards for your family will be sent home with your oldest SCS student the following week on November 15th. The individual NWEA student reports will also be included in your family envelope.



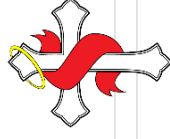
- **Veteran Appreciation Day Program:** Our K-5 students will be celebrating our community veterans and their families during this special event which will be held on Friday, November 10th, from 2:00-2:30 PM in our school gymnasium. We invite all of you to join them in showing appreciation to those who have served our country. For easy access, please use the northwest corner door to the gym. Hope to see you there!
- **Second Sunday Social:** Our Home and School Association will be hosting a coffee and rolls event following the St. Casimir 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 12th. This event has really encouraged a sense of community between the parish and the school as parishioners have even commented that it is so nice to see the families working together and they place the event on their calendar every month. Thanks to all who have made this event possible!
- **Home and School Meeting:** The quarterly meeting of the H & S will soon be upon us as the date is set for November 14th. Understanding that child care may be an issue, we hope to see at least one parent from every family in attendance as your input is valued. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM in Fr. Mikolai Hall.
- **Two Hour Early Out:** Please remember that there is a scheduled early out on Wednesday, November 15th, when the students will be dismissed at 12:50 PM.
- **Wells Does It Bright:** The city of Wells will be hosting its annual Christmas celebration on Friday, November 17th, from 4:00-7:00 PM, and the school has been invited to host a float in the Holiday Glow Parade that begins at 7:15 PM. If you are interested in joining the efforts to create a colorful float or even a pickup truck, please contact the school ASAP to get the ball rolling. Thank you!
- **Advent Family Night:** More information will become available on this November 30th event as plans are finalized, but please place this important event on your family calendar at this time.
- **Marathon Prize Day:** As mentioned earlier, the last of the Marathon prizes will be awarded on November 17th. An email reminder will be sent to the families of students who earned the PJ Day prize to remind them of this fun event.
- **NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break:** Classes will not be held November 23rd and 24th due to Thanksgiving Break. Have a wonderful time with your family!



Happy Thanksgiving!

2023

November



St. Casimir's School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		November Program Payments Withdrawn Tomorrow	All Saints Day	All Souls Day Mass, 10:00 AM, Lennox and Calvin Serve; After School Chess Club		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Fall Family Fun Fest Follow Up, 6:00 PM, Fr. Mikolai Hall	Jack-o-Lantern Contest Due Date	End of First Quarter of School	Veteran's Appreciation Day, 2:00-2:30 PM;		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
H & S Library Benefit w/ Coffee and Rolls, following 8:00 AM Mass	Home and School Meeting, 6:00 PM, Fr. Mikolai Hall	Two Hour Early Out, 12:50 PM; First Quarter Report Cards Sent Home	After School Chess Club	Marathon Prize Day; Wells Does It Bright, 4:00-7:00 PM		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	PT Conferences, 3:15-6:00 PM, Classrooms			NO SCHOOL-- Thanksgiving Break	NO SCHOOL-- Thanksgiving Break	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
				After School Chess Club; Advent Family Night, 5:30 PM, Fr. Mikolai Hall		