



SCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2023

The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

SCS Families,

September has been a busy month for us and has flown by! We've had Home and School meetings to prepare for Fall Family Fun Fest on October 15th, school photos, Knights of Columbus Kickoff for the Marathon, NWEA Testing in Reading, Math, and Science, Hearing and Vision, Farm Safety, and a field trip to Farmamerica!

With all of these activities going on, we appreciate everyone who helps us throughout the day to keep everything running smoothly. Those people are Teresa Chirpich, Hannah Goette, Heather Woodring and of course, our teachers, Jinger Woodring and Ethel Aranda. Teresa keeps everything organized and in order, and Hannah and Heather pitch in wherever they are needed throughout the day! Thank you all for your hard work!

Blessings to you and your family,

John Hengel
SCS Principal



Classroom Blessing



Would you like to volunteer in your child's classroom, but are unable to do so? How about praying this prayer on a daily basis instead? You will be blessing all of the students immeasurably!

Lord Jesus, I invite you into my child's classroom today.

Bless the children's minds and fill them with knowledge and wonder about your world.

Bless their hands as they become your hands of care and thoughtfulness to others.

Open their eyes to all their education offers them each day, and help them to learn your ways.

Fill their mouths with kind words that show appreciation to their teachers, classmates and friends.

Forgive them when they forget that you are their guest.

Thank you for dwelling in my child's heart, classroom and school with your spirit, grace and love.

May the children serve you with their learning, and may they love what they do in your name.

We ask all of this through you, our greatest teacher of all. Amen.

OCTOBER "NEED TO KNOW"

October... the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotions. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions, and the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. In what way will the students of SCS celebrate the Rosary? Throughout the month, the students will be learning about the history of the Rosary and its importance in the Church during religion class. Did you know that when the Rosary is prayed, Mary is asked to pray for us as we seek to grow closer to her son Jesus by contemplating His life, death and Resurrection? Pretty remarkable!



- **Fall Family Fun Fest:** There will be an organizational meeting on October 3rd at 6:00 PM in our school gym, and you are invited to attend. We would love to have 100% parent/faculty involvement for what we hope will become the main annual fundraiser for Home and School. More information on this event can be found on the attached flyer.
- **Second Sunday Social:** As an outreach to our sponsoring parish, the Home and School Association has once again begun hosting a coffee and rolls event following the St. Casimir Masses on— you guessed it— every second Sunday of the month during the school year. This month's social will be held on October 8th, and it has proven to be a wonderful way for our school community to interact with our parish communities. If anything is needed for this monthly event, a member of the H & S Council will reach out to you.
- **Two Hour Late Start:** Please remember that there is a scheduled late start on Tuesday, October 10th, when the school doors will open at 10:15 AM and classes will begin at 10:25. Students enrolled in the morning Kid Zone program may come at their typical time and stay in Kid Zone until the school bell rings at 10:15.
- **NO SCHOOL:** Classes will not be held October 19th and 20th due to the Education Minnesota Convention. Classes will also not be held on October 23rd as this day is scheduled as a Staff Development Day during which the teachers will be receiving online training.



Knights of Columbus Marathon:

We are thrilled to once again participate in the Knights of Columbus Marathon for Nonpublic Education that will take place on Friday, October 6th, as our students parade through downtown Wells on a roundabout route to Half Moon Park. Feel free to join us as in this parade or cheer on the kids as they pass by!



As a reminder, here are a few key points to this event:

- **Marathon Waiver:** Please remember to complete your child's waiver and return this form to school prior to October 6th.
- **Donations:** Now's the time for the kids to get busy on this fundraising project by visiting with family and friends to request their financial support in which 100% of the funds go towards the school, its programs and its students. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000.00 which can be accomplished if every student meets last year's student average collection of \$370.00. Meeting this goal also earns them the right to Silly String Mr. Hengel!
- **Marathon Day:** Students will assemble in the front of the school at 12:15 PM and marathon in Half Moon Park until 2:00 PM when they will return to school for the Knights of Columbus Prize Program.
- **H & S and SCS Prize Programs:** We have some fun prizes available as listed in the marathon packet, and in order to make sure to qualify for the prize program, please remember to turn in the collection form and total donations to school by noon on October 26th. Please note that the prize program event has been changed to October 27th beginning at 1:45 PM.





RaiseRight™

by ShopWithScrip

What is gift card fundraising?

Also known as scrip fundraising, you raise money by using gift cards instead of cash or credit to pay for everyday purchases like groceries, gas, dining out, that morning coffee addiction, even your family's summer vacation.

How does it work?

Buy Gift cards. Select from 750+ popular brands, with options for eGift cards (available immediately), physical gift cards, and reloadable gift cards. No extra money spent. No wasted value. *You pay \$50 for a \$50 gift card. Use to pay for your purchases or give as a gift.*

How do you earn money for St. Casimir's School?

For every gift card purchased, you receive earnings up to 20%. The earnings come from the gift card brand you are purchasing—their way of supporting organizations and communities like yours.

6% average earnings (much more than the average credit card rewards program!)

How do you earn money for your student's tuition?

The earnings you receive are split; 50% to the school and 50% towards chosen student(s).

Example: Buy a \$50 Buffalo Wild Wings card at 8% earnings. So, \$2 goes toward student tuition and \$2 towards St Casimir's School.

Go to raiserright.com or download the app. Use the enrollment code for St. Casimir's School: EL9F81B84L764

There will be a question: Who are you fundraising for? Enter student(s) name. Get your family and friends to sign up too and enter students name to earn money faster!

The next disbursement will be December/January.

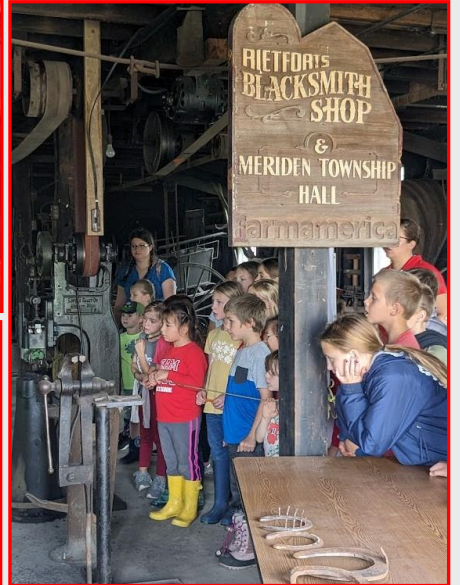
Don't want to buy online? Physical gift cards are available for purchase at church office 8am-2pm M-F or at the Home and School Second Sunday Social which occurs on the second Sunday of each month of school.

Questions? Contact Laura Jewison at 507-461-1662

As mentioned earlier, the students have already been on two great field trips—one for the USC FFA Farm Safety Day and the other to Farmamerica in Waseca. When asked what their favorite activities were, the younger kids gave a unanimous answer—the blacksmith shop! However, this was quickly followed by “the old house, the school house, the tractor, the combine, the old-fashioned games,...” Clearly, these trips made a great impression on the kids! Please check out the photos on the next day to peek into the fun.



September Field Trip Fun!





FALL FAMILY FUN FEST

COME IF YOU DARE

JOIN US FOR A FRIGHTFULLY FUN AFTERNOON OF LIVELY
FALL ACTIVITIES! HAUNTED HOUSE, CORN PIT, MINI HAY
MAZE FOR THE LITTLE ONES, SPOOKY BARREL TRAIN
RIDES, FOOD TRUCKS & MORE!
COME DRESSED IN COSTUMES FOR SOME TRICK OR
TREATS TOO!

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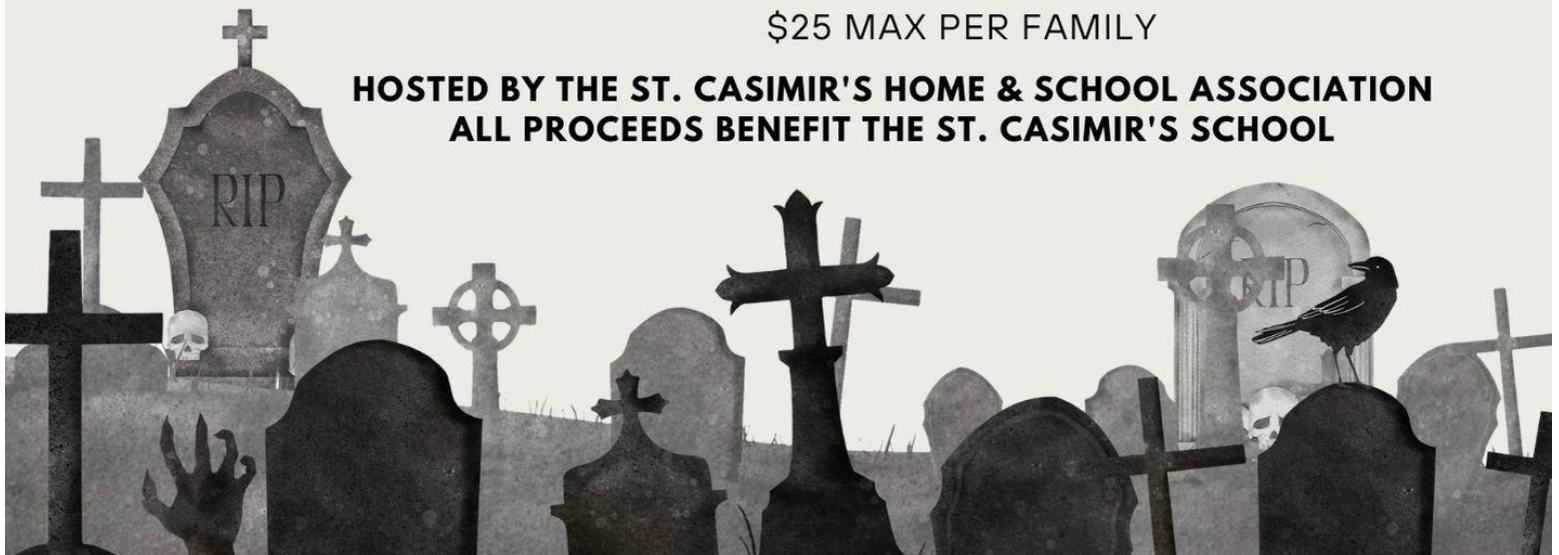
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NOON - 3PM

WHERE: ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, WELLS MN

ENTRANCE FEE: \$5 PER PERSON / 2 & UNDER FREE
\$25 MAX PER FAMILY







HOSTED BY THE ST. CASIMIR'S HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL



2023 October



St. Casimir's School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		H & S Fall Fest Meeting, 6:00 PM 			Children's Mass, 8:30 AM, Clara & Abby Serve; Knights of Columbus Marathon	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
H & S Second Sunday Social, after 8:00 AM Mass, St. Casimir's 		Two Hour Late Start, Classes Begin at 10:25 AM			Children's Mass, 8:30 AM, Juliana & Lennox Serve	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
H & S Fall Family Fun Fest, Noon-3:00 PM 				NO SCHOOL--EM Convention	NO SCHOOL--EM Convention	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	NO SCHOOL--Staff Development			 Marathon Funds Due at Noon	Children's Mass, 8:30 AM, Brynley, Calvin & Clara Serve; Prize Presentation, 2:15 PM	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		 ALL SOUL'S DAY	 All Saints Day		Children's Mass, 8:30 AM, Sophia, Abby & Juliana Serve	