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Westside Catholic School Newsletter

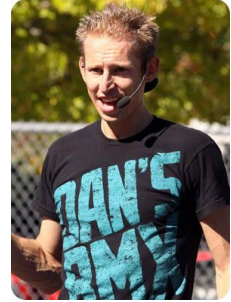
One Faith. One Family. One Future.

August 22, 2014



Matt Wilhelm – Bullying Assembly

Westside Catholic School is sponsoring a nationally recognized speaker, Matt Wilhelm, on Tuesday, August 26, 9:30 a.m., at our Elementary campus for Grades K-8. Matt has appeared on “America’s Got Talent” and advanced all the way to the Semi-Finals out of over 100,000 people. He also won America’s Got Talent YouTube Competition, which propelled him onto the show. He is known as the world’s fastest spinner on a BMX bike, which helped him win the \$25,000 grand prize on Fox TV’s talent show “30 Seconds to Fame.”



Bullied as a kid, Matt was called “Ears” and was often the target of bullies. He grabs the students’ attention with a powerful visual analogy depicting how he was bullied. While telling his personal story, Matt offers three specific steps on how to deal with bullies: Never fight, tell an adult, and engage the bystanders. Students will learn what bullying is and what it is not, the difference between “Tattling” and “Telling”, and the idea that it takes a tougher person to walk away from a fight than to actually fight.

Twenty-First Century Scholars



Attention 7th and 8th Grade Parents! The Twenty-First Century Scholars Program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low and moderate income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children.

If you are an Indiana seventh or eighth-grader who qualifies for the program, you can get up to four years of undergraduate college tuition to attend an eligible Indiana public, private or proprietary institution. More information is being sent home with our 7th and 8th grade families in this week’s folders. I encourage all qualifying families meeting eligibility guidelines to apply. Families **must apply online** for the 21st Century Scholars Program. Completed 2014-2015 applications must be received by the Twenty-First Century Scholars program on or before June 30, 2015.

Fall Festival is around the Corner - Volunteer Now!

The Fall Festival is just around the corner. We are fortunate to have two booths and a parking lot sponsored by our P.T.O. and Booster Club. These organizations make remarkable contributions to our school that directly benefit all of our students. Your support is key to our success, and we need 100% participation.

If you haven’t signed up to help in a booth, we could use your help. There are also many opportunities to help make items such as candy, cookies, kuchen, and cotton candy.



Fall Festival

You may contact Arin Commens at (812) 430-6615 or arin.commens@yahoo.com to volunteer and sign up for any booth related events. The Booster Club sponsors the St. Boniface Parking Lot during Fall Festival Week. Contact Randy Dickerson to volunteer for a shift in the parking lot at (812) 589-1260 or rdickerson@14news.com.

P.T.O. Dry Dumplings

Now through September 26, dry dumplings are available at the St. Boniface Parish Office on Glendale Avenue. The dumplings are \$4.00 per 12-oz. bag. Get yours early; we sell out quickly. The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

P.T.O. Mum Sales

We will still take orders turned in by Monday, August 25! The delivery date is Thursday, September 4. ALL orders are to be picked up at the St. Agnes campus between 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the 4th. Any mums not picked up on this day will be donated to the school. Please make checks payable to: Westside Catholic School PTO. Call Lori Pierre at 204-3445, with questions or if you are able to help with delivery - separate and sort mums on September 4.

4th Annual Variety Show

Have you gotten your tickets? Better hurry before the curtain goes up! Grab your friends (21 and older) and join us for the Third Annual Variety Show on Saturday, September 21, at Ryves Hall, at the St. Agnes Campus.



This “Fun” Raiser is being sponsored by the School Board, and proceeds will benefit the technology fund. Dinner and drinks, a silent and live auction, and the variety show all guarantee a fun-filled evening. All of the auction items are spectacular! Of course, the entertainment is tops! Tickets are \$50 a couple, \$30 for individuals, or \$200 for a table of up to 10. Each ticket is good for one meal and two drink tickets. Tickets are available by contacting Katy Grant at the Jr. High Campus, 422-1014, or by e-mail, kgrant@evdio.org.

Looking Ahead

August	26	9:30 Matt Wilhelm performs at Elementary Campus for Gr. K-8
Sept	1	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day!
	3	5:30 PTO Officer Meeting
	5	FREE DRESS Student Council Elections at the Jr. High
	8	10:00 a.m. Youth Protection Training at Early Childhood Campus
	9	6:00 p.m. Youth Protection Training at Elementary Campus in Guerin
	10	Card Party - Sack Lunches at SAC 6:00 School Board Meeting at St. Boniface
	13	7-9:00 7/8 Dance at Westside Catholic in Ryves Hall
	16	8:30 Bullying Program Kickoff K-5/ 10:00 Jr. High 5:30 Bullying Program Parent Meeting in Guerin
	17	6:00 P.T.O. Meeting in Guerin
	18	3:30 Speech Judges Training at WCS Variety Show Rehearsals
	20	Annual Variety Show at St. Agnes
	22	First Day of Autumn
	23	All Schools’ Mass at St. Boniface for Grades K-8



6th Grade volleyball players, Emily Beckerle and Mariah Dickerson, smile for a picture after their game at Mater Dei.

Safe Environment Program For Youth Protection

Required for all
Westside Catholic School Volunteers

As part of the Diocese of Evansville Safe Environment Program for Youth Protection, along with dioceses all over the country, every adult over the age of 18 who works with children or who has regular contact with children must have on file proof of a clear background history check. This is a directive given to all bishops in the United States being carried through our diocese.

All volunteers, employees, and catechist working with youth are also required to attend one of the Safe Environment Informational Training Programs before working with our youth by assisting with field trips, class parties, teaching youth religious education classes, youth group activities, etc. The following training programs are scheduled for your convenience:

Monday, September 8, 10:00 a.m. at our Preschool Campus in the cafeteria (Sacred Heart)
Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 p.m. at our Elementary Campus in Guerin Hall (St. Agnes)

After the presentation, you will be asked to sign a “Best Practices for Pastoral Conduct” page to be placed in your file. The background checks will be processed at no cost to you and the results are kept confidential.

Youth Protection Renewals

Each year, all volunteers are required to renew your pledge to abide by the Diocesan policy of “Best Practices.” Youth Protection Renewal is simple and easy. We will send out all renewals early this fall. Your cooperation with our continued effort to provide a safe environment for our children is greatly appreciated.

