



# PAW PRINTS

## WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.

DECEMBER 20, 2013

### PARENTS!

May you and your family cherish the wonderful memories of love, care and hope this Christmas season. May you spend more time together than you do on presents. We thank you for entrusting us with your most wondrous children who bring joy to all our lives. The faculty and staff of Westside Catholic School want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### EVANSVILLE REITZ HOME

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class recently visited the historic Reitz Home as part of their studies of Evansville history. Matt Rowe led one of the groups through the home and was gracious to pose for a picture. Also pictured (front row) **Austin Allen, Duncan Baumgart, Betty Haller, Ethan Stevens, and Dylan Norman.** (Top row) **Isaac Mayer, Joy Pierre, Reagan Lamble, Anitra Taylor and Leah Webb.**



### POETRY

Copy Cat poems inspired by William Carlos Williams' poem "The Red Wheelbarrow"

#### *The Teacher*

So much depends  
upon  
an enjoyable  
teacher  
grading piles of  
papers  
at her messy  
desk

By **Michael Weidner**  
Grade 7



#### *The Apple iPhone*

so much depends  
upon  
a white Apple  
iPhone  
full of downloadable  
apps  
in my blue jean  
pocket

By **Tyler Thomas**  
Grade 7



Poem inspired by Robert Frost's "The Pasture"

#### *The Outdoors*

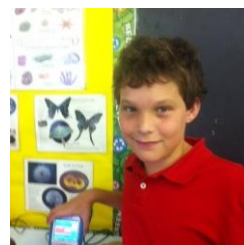
I'm going out to feed the dog;  
I'll only stop to kick some rocks  
And wait to enjoy the gentle breeze  
I won't stay long. You come too.  
  
I'm going out to watch the glistening water  
That ripples in the lake; it's so beautiful  
It shimmers when the sun shines on it.  
I won't linger long. You come too.

By **Blaine Mayer**  
Grade 7



## SCIENCE ROCKS

**Max Morrow** and our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students made batteries out of fruits and vegetables. The jalapeño peppers, apples, and potatoes all produced about .5 volts. A normal D battery is 1.5 volts.



## SERVICE HOURS

The 8th grade class has volunteered 324 hours this semester averaging 14 hours each. There are 23 students and they had to volunteer a minimum of 5 hours each for the first semester for religion class. This is awesome and we hope that next semester is even better.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council officers presented **Mel Kneer** with Christmas presents to share with needy families. Mel is a long-time volunteer for St. Vincent de Paul and assists the organization in many ways. Our Student Council wanted to help Mel help families who St. Vincent de Paul sponsors. Student Council officers pictured from left to right are **Jordan Wible, Abby Chapman, Betsy Happe, Lynzie Drone,** and **Jada Kopchek.**



## GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to this year's Geography Bee Champion, **Nevin DeCoster**, Grade 8, and Runners Up, **Daniel Hackney**, Grade 6, and **Jacob Gorman**, Grade 8. The WCS Bee was so spectacular that it lasted over an hour as faculty representative, **Mr. Phelps**, had to add rounds just to narrow it down to the final championship.



We are very proud of all Classroom Representatives for participating in this year's bee at the St. Boniface Campus.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade **Adam Barnes, Sam Doepker, Daniel Hackney** and **Larry Haller**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade **Joe Doepker, Max Johnson, Blaine Mayer** and **Jacob Pierson**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Nevin DeCoster, Aaron Gorman, Jacob Gorman,** and **Jacob Whitaker**

## SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

We will make up our lost days of school on:

Monday, January 20, 2014

Monday, February 17, 2014

Friday, April 18, 2014

MKL, Jr. Day **(No EVSC buses will be running)**

President's Day

Good Friday



## JR. WILDCAT VOLLEYBALL



Congratulations to the following Westside Catholic girls for making the Jr. Wildcat Volleyball Team. They include from Grade 8: **Olivia Barnes, Abbey Chapman, Lynzie Drone, and Taylor Sutherland.** From Grade 6: **Ella Conner and Rachael Folz.**

## MATER DEI BOY'S JR. PREP BASKETBALL

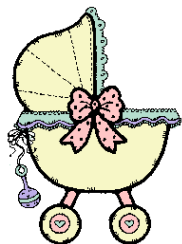
Each year a group of young men are selected from each grade level to represent Mater Dei at several tournaments throughout Southwest Indiana. We would like to congratulate the following young men from Westside Catholic School who have been selected from each grade level for the 2013-2014 basketball season. From Grade 5: **Alex Money**; Grade 6: **Nathan Hoss**; Grade 8: **Nevin DeCoster.**

## WCS BASKETBALL

We are always proud of our Westside Catholic School athletes that perform their best and treat everyone with dignity and respect on the court. A HUGE "thank you" to all of our faithful coaches who volunteer numerous hours for our kids. Below (left) we have Fourth Graders **Joey Pierre** scrambling to take possession of the ball with team mates **Pete Doepker** and **Zachary Reising** looking on for the pass. Going for a layup against Resurrection School is **Jordan Atherton**, Grade 5 (center).



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to **Tyler, Justin and Dustin Thomas** who have a new baby brother named Skyler Allen that was born on December 3, weighing 5 lbs. 1 oz.

Cheers to **Mrs. Kris Schroeder**, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, on the birth of her latest grandchild. Louis Francis Schroeder was born Saturday, December 7, at 4:05 a.m. weighing 7lbs. 9 oz.

Our Jr. High Science Teacher, **Mrs. Kristie Elsner**, had a new granddaughter arrive on December 16. Claire Morgan Elsner weighs 7 lbs. 12 oz., another special blessing.

## THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Don't forget to celebrate the twelve days of Christmas begins on December 25 and ends just before Epiphany, which falls on January 6. Epiphany is a Christian feast intended to celebrate the 'shining forth' or revelation of God to mankind in human form, in the person of Jesus Christ. The observance originally included the birth of Jesus Christ; the visit of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar) who arrived in Bethlehem; and all of Jesus' childhood events, up to his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist.



### LOOKING AHEAD

Jan	1	Happy New Year 2014!	Jan	24	Jr. High Dance at St. Philip
	1-3	No School – Christmas Break		26-31	Catholic Schools Week
	3	7:00-9:00 Jr. High Dance at St. James		27	Tales & Scales SAC for PS – Gr. 5
	6	Back to School 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grading Period / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem		29	6:00 p.m. Strengthening Families
	10	FREE DRESS Report Cards Issued		31	CSW Mass at St. Ben's for Gr. 8
	14	6:00 P.T.O. Meeting at SAC			9:00 All Schools Mass at St. Boniface for PS – Gr. 8
	15	6:00 School Board Meeting			Serra Club Recipient Luncheon
	20	SCHOOL in Session Make-Up #1 NO EVSC BUSES 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg at SHC	Feb	7	FREE DRESS Grandparent's Day at SHC P.T.O. Peelers

# 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 will be 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 program is scheduled below for your convenience during the evening:

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014      6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**St. Agnes Campus in Guerin Hall**

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 Renewal

Each year, you 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 the first of January. Your cooperation with our continued effort to provide a safe environment for our children is greatly appreciated.



# MATER DEI CHEER CAMP

**Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**PERFORMANCE AT BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME**

The Mater Dei Cheerleaders will be hosting a Cheer Camp for girls in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade on Saturday February 1, 2014. **Grade School Cheer teams are encouraged to attend.** Girls will learn a cheer with stunts that they can use during their games. They will also perform that evening at the Varsity Boys' basketball game against Memorial. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and dismissal is at 11:00 a.m. All activities will be held in the Mater Dei Gym. The cost is \$20 per girl and includes a snack, a MD Cheer T-shirt, and the opportunity to demonstrate cheers & skills at the MD Boys' Basketball game that evening. The girls will need to return to Mater Dei on Saturday February 1, at 5:00 p.m. to perform between the JV and Varsity basketball games. Please complete and return the attached form to your school with check **by January 10, 2014.**

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name &  
Phone Number for Camp Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>T-Shirt Size:</b>	Youth X-Small	Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large
		Adult Small	Adult Medium	Adult Large

\*\*Make checks payable to: Mater Dei Cheer

\*\*\*Registrations can also be mailed to: Mater Dei Cheer, 410 Largo Ct., Evansville, IN 47712

\*\*\*\*Contact LaDonna Turpin at 812/499-9238 or [ladonnaturpin@hotmail.com](mailto:ladonnaturpin@hotmail.com) with any questions