



# PAW PRINTS

## WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.

DECEMBER 6, 2013

### PARENTS!

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. May you and your families find simple ways to enter into this Advent season in the midst of our everyday lives.

### DO YOU KNOW THE TWO PARTS OF ADVENT?

Part 1: up until December 16. While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior. So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.



Part 2: December 17–24. In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

### SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to this year's Spelling Bee Champion, **Max Johnson**, Grade 6, and Runner Up, **Blake Chandler**, Grade 8. The WCS Bee lasted 15 rounds and all spellers did an outstanding job!



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

4<sup>th</sup> Grade **Emma Bullock, Pete Doepker, Nathan Koressel, and Audrey Vibbert**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Jordan Atherton, Mariah Dickerson, Sydney Maasberg, and Alex Money**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade **Sam Doepker, Larry Haller, Cooper Hobbs, and Travis Kirsch**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade **Breanna Adams, Matthew Hayden, Max Johnson, and Bea Korschgen**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Bailey Bellew, Billy Bowers, Blake Chandler, and Jada Kopchek**

## WCS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Greetings from the DEEP department (Diocese of Evansville Enrichment Program)! Many of you have been interested in what DEEP is and what we have been doing. The Diocese of Evansville recognizes that some students perform at, or show the potential to perform at, an outstanding level of accomplishment when compared to others of their same age, experience, or environment. A high-ability student can be found in a variety of economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds.



We are constantly identifying these students through very specific measures. The Diocese of Evansville is committed to providing a nurturing learning environment that will include acceleration and enrichment, within the academic setting. We hope to inspire creativity, instill leadership, and develop the social and emotional needs of the high-ability student inside, as well as outside, the program.

Here at WCS, we have been working very diligently to identify students for the DEEP program. We look at a variety of measures, including ability testing, achievement scores, teacher recommendations, etc. All children in Grades K-5 have been tested and those that qualify will be contacted in the near future. The program will be a "pull out" and the students will be meeting with Dr. Heuck for enrichment. Any student that qualifies will be contacted in the upcoming weeks. Please understand that only the top 10-15% from each class will be identified in two subjects--Language Arts and Math. If your child does not qualify you may contact me for further clarification.

Thank you for your patience during this lengthy process,  
Dr. Heuck

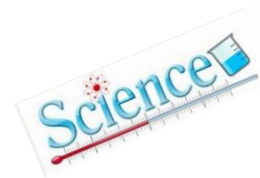
## SCIENCE CLASS CREATES WAVES

**Jacob Pierson** and **Joe Doepker** are experimenting with a wave tank. Waves were created using a wooden dowel and Legos were used as barriers to simulate diffraction and reflection of transverse water waves.



## GRADE 3 VOLCANO PROJECTS

Our Third Grade class wrote reports and built models of volcanos. For the culmination, they erupted each volcano one by one. Pictured are **Logan Claspell**, **C.J. Bellew**, **Austin Allen** and **Duncan Baumgart**.



## GRADES K – 2 CELEBRATE A THANKSGIVING FEAST!

Our Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Pilgrims and Indians joined for a spectacular Thanksgiving Feast last Tuesday. They gave thanks to God for their bountiful harvest and ended up sharing such a feast with the Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders as well. Thanks teachers and parents for putting this together and offering the food that was shared by all.



## TARDIES

Daily punctuality is necessary to avoid classroom disruption, maximize student learning, and is a basic principle of responsibility and common courtesy. Students arriving late to school as well as coming and going throughout the day takes away from valuable teaching time and often interrupts the focus of the students in the classroom. Giving your child the extra time to unpack and be ready to start the day is vital to starting their day off on a "good foot" and teaches them to be accountable. Please make every effort to get your children to school in a timely manner so that they receive the best education and reach their fullest potential at Westside Catholic School.

## TRANSPORTATION NOTES

If your child is not on the regular EVSC bus route but will be riding to or from school with another student via EVSC bus, you MUST send a written note to school stating your permission for your child to be riding the bus. It would also be most helpful (and much less hectic every afternoon) if you would send a note to school if your child will be taking an alternate route of transportation home. In case of any last minute changes, you may call the school office.

## MIRACLE ON BETHLEHEM STREET

A Christmas Musical Presented by Westside Catholic School Students in Grades K – 5 on Thursday, December 12, 2013, St. Agnes Campus in Ryves Hall. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Students are to arrive between 6:00 – 6:10 p.m. and go directly to their classrooms.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Randy and Amy Stotler** on the birth of their new son **Cooper**, born on November 5, 2013.

## MEO TRI-STATE IDOL

Tri-State IDOL is now accepting Singing Groups as well as soloists. Auditions dates are: Saturday, January 11; 2:30 p.m. at the Clarion Inn-N.41; Wednesday, January 15; 5:30 p.m. at the Clarion Inn-N 41. Applications are available online at: [meoidol.com](http://meoidol.com), in the MEO office or call [812-402-6700](tel:812-402-6700) Ex. 312. IDOL Gala is April 25, 2014.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Dec	8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Jan	1	Happy New Year 2014!
	9	12:15 Geography Bee		1-3	No School – Christmas Break
	10	9:30 Reconciliation for SAC – Gr. 3-5 Hacienda Gives Back to WCS		6	Back to School 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grading Period / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem
	11	9:30 Reconciliation for SBC – Gr. 6-8		10	FREE DRESS
	12	6:30 SAC Christmas Program			Report Cards Issued
	13	7:00 p.m. Jr. High Dance at St. James		14	6:00 P.T.O. Meeting at SAC
	15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent		15	6:00 School Board Meeting
	20	1:00 Christmas Parties SAC / Bowling SBC End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period / 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		20	NO SCHOOL – MLK Jr. Day (Potential Make-up Day)
	22	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent			1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg at SHC
	23-31	No School – Christmas Break		24	Jr. High Dance at St. Philip
	25	Merry Christmas!		26-31	Catholic Schools Week

# WESTSIDE CATHOLIC WRESTLING SIGN-UPS

If you are interested in participating on the Westside Catholic Wrestling Team for the 2013-2014 school year, please complete this form. Boy's wrestling includes Kindergarten – Grade 8. Return the form to school **by Friday, December 20, 2013**.

A **\$65 DEPOSIT** IS REQUIRED PER STUDENT PER EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY REQUIRING UNIFORMS. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THE DEPOSIT CHECK IS COLLECTED. UNIFORMS ARE TO BE TURNED IN TO YOUR COACH AFTER YOUR LAST GAME. ONCE YOUR UNIFORM IS RETURNED THE DEPOSIT CHECK WILL BE SHREDDED BY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

If you have any questions you can contact Jim Pierson, Westside Catholic School Athletic Director.  
Email: [jimpevansville@aol.com](mailto:jimpevansville@aol.com) Phone: (812) 217-0200

## Student Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_  I am willing to coach  I am willing to assist

## Emergency Information

In Case of Emergency Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell /work \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell /work \_\_\_\_\_

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical problems and medication that might be important for the EMT in case of emergency:

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## Waiver and Release Catholic Diocese of Evansville

I, the parent of the above-named student, hereby request that he/she be permitted to attend and participate in the above-described activity or event ("event"). I give my approval for my student's participation in the event and agree to assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the event including transportation to and from the event. I do further hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnity and hold harmless the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, Westside Parishes, Fr. David Nunning and Fr. Ken Herr, Pastors, and any of their respective affiliates, successors, agents, employees, members, and representatives, adult sponsors, and other volunteers involved with the event including transportation associated therewith from any and all claims, including claims of personal injury to my student or property damage, under any theory of law (including negligence, but not reckless or intentional conduct) in any way resulting from or arising in connection with the event and/or transportation to and from the event.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use: Deposit Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Uniform Returned \_\_\_\_\_ Check Shredded \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

# Mater Dei vs. Reitz

## Reitz Bowl Arial Picture Order Form for 16" x 20" Prints

Are you a fan of Friday Night Lights? Need a unique Christmas gift for a Mater Dei or Reitz fan? Want to help fundraise money for the new Mater Dei football field? Here's your chance!

All orders are due back to Westside Catholic School **by Friday, December 13**. All orders will be ready for pick-up by Friday, December 20, at the St. Boniface School Campus.



Option 1 w/ MD logo  
Black frame with gold inlay



Option 2 w/ Reitz logo  
Black frame with blue inlay

	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
Unframed Mater Dei Wildcats w/ MD logo in center (Opt. 1)	<b>\$25</b>		
Unframed Mater Dei Wildcats w/ Reitz logo in center (Opt. 2)	<b>\$25</b>		
Gold Trimmed Framed print w/ Mater Dei Wildcats (Opt. 1)	<b>\$75</b>		
Blue Trimmed Framed print w/ Reitz (Opt. 2)	<b>\$75</b>		
St. Boniface Church cross shaped framed oil canvas	<b>\$125</b>		
<b>TOTALS</b> (due by Friday, December 13)			

Also available is the St. Boniface Church oil painting in a cross shaped frame.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Checks made payable to Westside Catholic School*

**If you would like to see an actual print, they are on display in the school office at the St. Boniface Campus.**