



PAW PRINTS

WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.

FEBRUARY 14, 2014

EVANSVILLE COURIER & PRESS TRI-STATE SPELLING BEE

Good Luck to our school representative, **Max Johnson**, as he competes in the Tri-State Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. at Ivy Tech Community College.



INDIANA STATE SCHOOL MUSICAL ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

The ISSMA Instrumental/Band Competition was held on February 8. Students are rated against standards of excellence and will be eligible to be awarded medals for their performances. Students from Westside Catholic School did exceptionally well. We all appreciate Mrs. Leslie Goth for her dedicated instruction and belief in our students. Congratulations to the following:

Kathryn Bellew – silver

Emily Burgdorf – silver

Colin Venturini – gold

Piper Bishop – gold

Larry Haller – gold

Flannery Bishop – gold

Daniel Hackney - gold

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

If a student is absent, it is the parent's responsibility to **notify the school office by 9:00 a.m.** of all absences. If we do not hear from you by 9:00 a.m., the office is required to contact parents or guardians to inform them that the student is not at school and they will be considered "unexcused." This is to assure that your child has safely made it to school and keep the attendance in the office accurate, eliminate unnecessary phone calls and prevent us from worry.



You may notify school via phone call to the school office or a note to the office sent with another student. Please let us know of your intentions on picking up their homework. Thank you.

PRIVATE SCHOOL TAX DEDUCTION

A tax deduction is available to parents of students who attend a private school. IC 6-3-2-22 Unreimbursed Educational Expenses authorizes taxpayers to claim \$1,000 income tax deduction per dependent enrolled in a private school in grades K-12 who incur costs for tuition, fees, computer software, textbooks, or school supplies.

When filing for this tax deduction, parents will need the Westside Catholic School code D50 and tax code number 626. Click on the following link for instructions on how to file.

<http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/accreditation/private-school-deduction-instructions.pdf>

ORDINARY TIME

During these weeks of February the earth looks cold and dead in many parts of the country. This is "Ordinary Time" on the church calendar, and it is easy to think that nothing special is happening these days. But we know that the earth is only sleeping. We know that there are feasts and festivals hidden in the weeks to come. And we know that God is here with us, giving peace and warmth to those who ask. And that makes each of our days much more than "ordinary" time.

P.T.O. PEELER FUNDRAISER

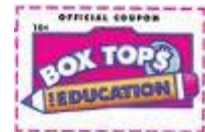
Don't forget...All Peeler money and unsold peelers DUE Friday, Feb. 21. Each family that sells 10 cards AND has your money turned in (or a portion of their cards sold, all unsold cards, AND has your money turned in) by Friday, February 21, each student in the family will receive a FREE DRESS PASS!

PRESCHOOL APPRECIATION DINNER

Thank you to our P.T.O. for hosting the Preschool Spaghetti Dinner at Sacred Heart this past week. It was a fun way to let our younger families know how happy we are that they have chosen to attend Westside Catholic School and to invite them to attend our Kindergarten Round-Up. It was so nice to have so many families gather and enjoy some time together. We are grateful to all the volunteers for organizing this event and to our cooks for preparing the food!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget...Our next **BIG BLITZ** will be the week of February 17-21, 2014. Any student bringing in 25 or more Box Tops during this week will be entitled to FREE DRESS on Friday, February 21.



MATER DEI CHEERLEADING

Any 8th grade girls interested in cheering at Mater Dei next year will need to attend a workshop at Mater Dei in the main gym on Monday, March 31, and Tuesday, April 1, from 3-5 p.m. to learn the tryout material. The actual tryouts will take place on Thursday, April 3, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the main gym. Please contact Emily Horrall at emily.horrall@evsc.k12.in.us if you have any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb	17	School in Session -President's Day	March	5	8:00 Ash Wednesday Service at SA
	19	6:00 School Board			12:10 Ash Wednesday Mass at SB
	21	Peeler's Due		6	6:30 Kindergarten Round-Up
	23	6:00 Jr. High Youth Group at SAC		7	FREE DRESS
	25	7:45 Grandparent's Day at SBC			End of the 3 rd Grading Period
	26	6:00 Parent Informational Meeting at St. Boniface Church		9	Daylight Savings time begins
	28	7:00 Jr. High Dance at St. Philip		9-13	Scholastic Book Fair Week
				13	Grandparent's Day at St. Agnes
					PTO Spaghetti Dine-In or Carry-Out
March	4-6	ISTEP+ Applied Skills		17	Happy St. Patrick's Day
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Spaghetti Dinner & Book Fair

Thursday, March 13, 2014
5:00 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Carry-Out Buckets are only \$12 and will feed approximately a family of 4 with 8 breadsticks.

If you choose to eat with your family at school while you shop at the Book Fair, we will have plates and utensils available with your buckets.

Soft Drinks will be available for \$.50.

To guarantee your order, please return the attached form by Friday, March 7.

Carry-outs and dine-ins without a pre-order will be first come, first serve!



Spaghetti Dinner Pre-Order Form

All pre-orders are due to school by Wednesday, March 5th

Name:

Contact Phone Number:

	Qty	Price
Spaghetti Bucket (\$12)		
Additional 8 Breadsticks (\$3)		
	Grand Total:	

Checks for payment or donations may be made out to WCS PTO.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

**WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ST. BONIFACE JR. HIGH CAMPUS
GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014



**ALL GRANDPARENTS OR "SOMEONE SPECIAL" ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR MASS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014
AT ST. BONIFACE CHURCH.**

**YOU ARE ASKED TO MEET YOUR GRANDCHILD AT CHURCH TO
SIT WITH THEM. CHURCH WILL START AT 7:45 AM.
FOLLOWING MASS, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN THE GYM FOR
REFRESHMENTS AND BINGO**



WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

2014 P.T.O. "PEELER" FUNDRAISER

The Westside Catholic Schools P.T.O. needs your support as we're kicking off our 2014 "Peeler" Campaign. The campaign will kick off on **Friday, February 7, through Friday, February 21, 2014.**

We will be selling the **Evansville Westside eXtreme Savings Cards for \$10.00.** The card has 64 "peel off" coupons from over 30 participating merchants that are supporters of Westside Catholic School. The card pays for itself after 2 or 3 uses.

The oldest student of each family will be sent home with an envelope containing a total of **10 Peeler cards.** Our goal is for each family at Westside Catholic School to sell a minimum of 10 cards. For those able to sell more, there will be extras available in the school office at each campus.

Please make sure you return ALL CASH, CHECKS, SOLD and UNSOLD Evansville Westside eXtreme Savings Cards on or before the campaign end date of February 21, to be eligible for special rewards.



So, don't forget...



- ❖ Collect the money and checks as you sell
- ❖ Checks are *payable to Westside Catholic School*
- ❖ All money collected and unsold cards must be returned to school

Fundraising
Makes It Happen

REWARDS

- ❖ Each family that sells 10 cards AND has your money turned in (or a portion of their cards sold, all unsold cards, AND has your money turned in) by Friday, February 21, each student in the family will receive a **FREE DRESS PASS!**
- ❖ Each family who sells 10 cards, your name will be in a drawing to win a **\$100.00 Gift Card!!** The more you sell, the more chances you get (sell 20 cards, get your name in two times; sell 30 cards, three times...etc.)

Technology and Safety Through the Eyes of Faith



Being a parent isn't easy. It can often feel overwhelming. Throw in the Internet, social networks, computers, mobile, and gaming devices and things can often seem impossible. That's where this safety guide comes in.

Jointly developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (GOA), this site is an attempt to give you some simple, straightforward advice and tools on how to navigate this digital world with your family. We don't expect you to read every page on the site. Each article and section has been designed to be a self-contained reference. However, even if you don't read anything else on the site, there are five things we want you to know:

First—and most importantly—we want you to know that the Church cares about you, cares about your children, cares about your family, and cares about digital safety. In fact, we not only care about digital safety, but we also have something to say about it! We want to help you in a way that's simple, straightforward, and practical.

Second, your Christian faith matters. Looking at technology through the eyes of faith is critical. Just because you can access something doesn't mean it's appropriate; and just because something is being used in a certain way doesn't mean that it fits with our Christian faith and values. Any technology we use should help us grow continually in our relationship with God—that's our primary goal!



Third, digital safety is not about spying on your kids or finding out everything they have been doing online. While some oversight of your kids' digital habits is part of responsible parenting, teaching you how to spy on your kids is not the intent of this guide at all. Rather, the intent is to promote healthy dialogue within your family on how to use technology appropriately. With that in mind, we'll offer you guidance on some optional tools and resources that you may find helpful in protecting your family from unsolicited and unwanted content.

Fourth, while we will be talking about things like Internet safety and parental controls, we want to emphasize one critically important thing: no technology, no piece of software, no parental control is ever a substitute for active, involved, and loving parenting. The most effective Internet safety tool is you! In fact, parents are considered the biggest influence on what kids see as appropriate and inappropriate "digital behavior".

So get involved! Every gadget, game, and online experience is a starting point for conversation about navigating the digital world. These conversations are fundamental to your kids' formation towards responsible and faithful adulthood. In fact, a 2011 study from the Pew Internet & American Life Project found that parents are more likely to talk with teens about digital safety and behavior than they are to monitor or restrict their kids. That dialogue between you and your kids is so important to online safety that each chapter of this guide ends with a family "Discussion Starter" to help you identify topics to talk about with your kids.



Of course, all of the tips, tools, and information covered in this safety guide assume that you are already an active parent in the life of your child. If you're not an active parent or you feel uncomfortable talking with your kids, then we hope that this guide will help you take some steps down that road.



Fifth, like it or not, it will be impossible to protect kids completely from illicit content or deviant behavior. No matter how much active parenting you do, no matter how many safeguards you might put in place, some kids will still be exposed to inappropriate things. However, when such situations do occur, we strongly encourage you to use them as opportunities for conversation while—above all—providing the appropriate Christ-like love and guidance to your child.

So, if you never get a chance to read any further, please remember this one thing: Internet safety isn't about the right software or service. Rather, real safety in the digital world is all about active, involved, loving parenting. It's a team effort that builds a strong Christian family!