



PAW PRINTS

WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.

FEBRUARY 21, 2014

PARENTS NOTE EXTENDED HOURS!

Please make sure you note the extended hours of school for the next six days of school, Monday, February 24 – Monday, March 3, 2014, for Kindergarten – Grade 8. Preschool times remain the same.

Students in Grades 6-8 will have an additional class period added on to each of the six days. They will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. at the St. Boniface Campus. Students in Kindergarten – Grade 5 will have an afternoon snack sponsored by the P.T.O. and have an additional class period added on to each of the six days. They will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m. at the St. Agnes Campus.

2013 DISTRIBUTIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Westside Catholic School currently has two permanent endowments in place to serve the current and long-term needs of the school. This year, \$2,764 has been available in total distributions from these endowments. The school has decided to reinvest the distributions. Distributions can be used to enhance our curriculum materials in college and career readiness as well as differentiated instruction and available for the general needs of Westside Catholic School.

Anyone can add to an existing endowment at any time and in any amount. You may also wish to start your own family endowment with a minimum gift of \$5,000. For more information, contact the parish office or the Catholic Foundation at 424-5536. Let us give thanks to those who have created these gifts that annually support our parish and the ministries within our parish.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Westside Catholic School Kindergarten Round-Up will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014**, in the Daller Room at St. Agnes. If you have any questions, you may call the school office at 423-9115. If you have any of the items listed below, please bring them with you to the Round-Up:

An Up-To-Date Immunization Record
A certified copy of a Birth Certificate

A copy of your child's Kindergarten Physical
A copy of a Baptismal Certificate

LOOKING AHEAD

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

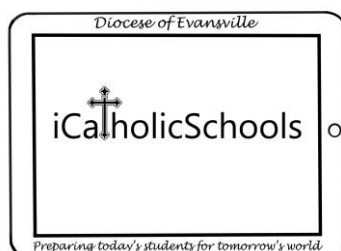
Regarding Tuition Pattern for 2014~2015

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
6:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church

Pertinent information about the new tuition pattern of giving for next school year at Westside Catholic was explained at the “Meet the Teacher Night” this past fall.

The School Board invites you to another informational meeting to further explain the benefits of using straight tuition next school year. We want to assure everyone that there will be a very minimal increase and make everyone aware of all financial assistance available. An outline for tuition rates for next school year will be compared to the tuition and tithing model we currently use.

This is an evening for *just parents* and we hope at least one parent from each family will be able to attend the meeting at St. Boniface Church.



Extended Days Next Week for Westside Catholic School

Monday, February 24 – Monday, March 3, 2014

Westside Catholic School is going to follow the Extended Day model for loss of instructional days. The Indiana Department of Education has offered this to all schools in order to make up days when schools were not in session due to bad weather. Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation and Mater Dei High School will also be adding one hour of instruction a day, for six consecutive days, to make up one snow day.

This will begin next **Monday, February 24 and run through Monday, March 3, 2014.** We will start at our regular times and dismiss at 3:20 p.m. at St. Agnes and 3:30 p.m. at St. Boniface. The teachers and I feel it will be more convenient for our school families that rely on public school bus transportation and for those that have a sibling at MD that pick up our younger students.

This does not affect our Preschool classes at Sacred Heart. They will be operating at their normal times and have made accommodations for some make-up days and times. Their last day of school will remain the same, Friday, May 16, 2014.

In turn, this means we will not need to use our 5th make-up day scheduled for Friday, May 23, 2014. The last day of school for Westside Catholic School (Kindergarten – Grade 8) will be **Thursday, May 22, 2014.**

Yours In Christ,

Tracey Unfried

Tracey Unfried, Principal

February 21, 2014

Dear Parents of Grades 3-8,

The week of on March 3-7, Westside Catholic School will be administering the Applied Skills portion of the state mandated ISTEP+ testing. The second part of the testing is the Multiple Choice portion and will be administered April 28 – May 2, 2013.

Both testing portions cover English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Grades 4 and 6 will have a Science portion and grades 5 and 7 will have a Social Studies portion. Just so you are aware, the March exam will be completed entirely in paper/pencil form. Only grades 6, 7 and 8 will be utilizing the ISTEP+ Multiple Choice portion on-line in April/May.

A healthy snack is being provided by our P.T.O. for the students each morning to help them refuel and do their best. Students may bring in bottled water with a lid to have during testing days. Please make sure their name is on the bottle and students are to have it refilled each morning.

ISTEP+ is always an exciting time for your child to demonstrate the academic progress that has been made this year. We encourage you to discuss the ISTEP+ test with your child and discuss its importance in measuring academic achievements.

Parents can assist their children by making sure so they are physically and mentally ready to take the tests on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (as a make-up day for Jr. High). Here is how you can help:

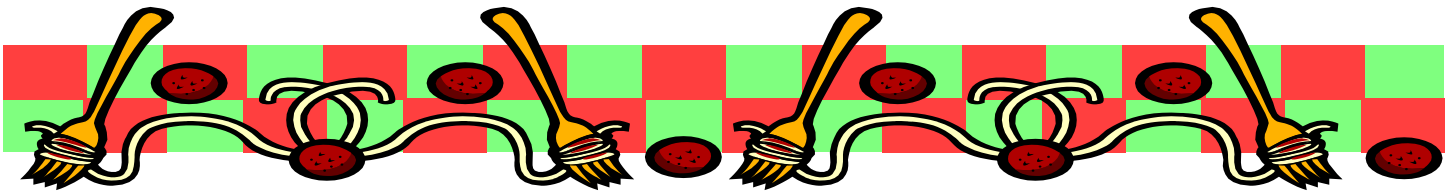
- Make sure your child goes to bed early and has at least 8 hours of rest prior to each testing day.
- Send a full bottle of water with your child on each testing day. *(Please don't have them wait until the beginning of school to fill their bottle as it delays our testing schedule.)*
- Make sure your child has a good breakfast before coming to school.
- Make sure your child is on time for school, if not a little earlier than usual.
- Your child's attendance is always important, but it is pertinent on these testing days.

Encourage your child to do their best work, but also reassure them that they need to be relaxed for the test. Our students always do an outstanding job, so the students will do especially well if they are relaxed and come well prepared. Thanks you for corporation.

Yours in Christ,

Tracey Unfried

Tracey Unfried, Principal



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

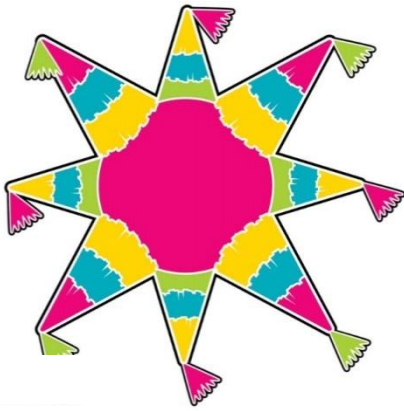
Name:

Contact Phone Number:

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

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



It's A Fiesta and We Need Some More Amigos to Help Out!

Please see the schedule below and sign up to help set up, work the cashier's table, send in snacks, etc. No experience necessary...we just need YOU!



To sign up, return this form to school ASAP- email or call Kiersten Stolz:
812-449-7173 kierstenstolz@live.com

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| <p>Friday, March 7 Set up 7:30-Noon Teacher Preview Afterschool</p> | <p>Thursday, March 13 Cashier's Table 7:00-8:00</p> |
| <p>Sunday, March 9 Cashier's Table After 8:30 Mass</p> | <p>Thursday, March 13 Cashier's Table 8:30-11:00</p> |
| <p>Monday, March 10 Cashier's Table 12:00-2:00</p> | <p>Thursday, March 13 Cashier's Table 5:00-6:30 <i>P.T.O. Spaghetti Dine-In or Carry-Out Supper</i></p> |
| <p>Tuesday, March 11 Cashier's Table 8:00-11:00</p> | <p>Thursday, March 13 Cashier's Table 6:30-8:00 <i>P.T.O. Spaghetti Dine-In or Carry-Out Supper</i></p> |
| <p>Wednesday, March 12 Cashier's Table 7:00-8:00</p> | <p>Friday, March 14 Clean-up 7:30-10:30</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, March 12 Cashier's Table 8:30-11:00</p> | <p>Donate Drinks and Snacks for Teacher Preview To be brought to school on Friday, March 7</p> |