



# PAW PRINTS

## WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.

JANUARY 17, 2014

### PARENTS!

It is very important that students are not left unattended or unsupervised at any time in a St. Boniface, St. Agnes or Sacred Heart building or outside grounds for any reason at any time. The Catholic Diocese of Evansville, the three parishes, Westside Catholic School, all employees and coaches do not assume responsibility for your child should an accident occur while they are unattended. Students, nor siblings, are not to be in or left at a campus unless the coach or designated school personnel is present and supervising.

After school care is available from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. at St. Agnes and Sacred Heart should children need supervision during these times. We appreciate everyone's full cooperation and understanding of this important notification.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP



The Parent and Child Workshop for First Reconciliation will be Monday, January 20, 2014, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Cafeteria. This workshop is for all Second Grade Families who will be celebrating First Reconciliation this year. Please note the new date for First Reconciliation will be Sunday, February 9, 2014, at St. Anthony Church. If you have any questions, contact our Director of Religious Education, Jenny Mayer, at 423-1721 or email her at [jmayer@evdio.org](mailto:jmayer@evdio.org).

### THE MESSAGE COLORING CONTEST

Congratulations to third grader, **Emma Farmer**, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the annual Message coloring contest! She received a coupon for a free double-dip ice cream cone from G. D. Ritz. There were over 900 entries from students and parishes throughout the diocese.



### NEW STUDENT TEACHER

Westside Catholic School students are working this semester with Ms. Aubrey Minix, a senior at USI, student teaching with Mr. Ricketts. Here **Isaac Mayer** and **Joey Pierre** climb on the climbing wall under the watch of Ms. Minix.

**Miss Minix** is a Physical Education Major, where she is also a member of the USI Women's Basketball team. She was born and raised in a small town in northern Indiana where she graduated from Oregon-Davis High School as the class valedictorian. In high school, she was a member of the volleyball, cross country, golf, basketball, and track teams.



She has always had an interest in sports and is very excited to be placed in the Westside Catholic Schools and can't wait to see what the new year will bring.

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

School will be in session this Monday, January 20. NO EVSC BUS ROUTES – please make accommodations.

On January 20th we observe the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. He led African Americans in their struggle for civil rights. He preached Christian love and unity, and he tried to win justice without using violence. People of all races, all countries and all religions really can love one another and work together. Let us do our part to make this happen. God of all nations and Creator of all peoples, heal all that divides us. Teach us to live together in peace. As our world is one, so our future is one. Give us one heart and one vision. Make us one body in Christ Jesus, filled with the joy of your Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to the following Jr. High students earning honor roll excellence for the second grading period. We are very proud of these students and all that were able to maintain and improve upon their academic and social accomplishments.

### **Honors of Distinction**

Billy Bowers  
Sam Doepker

Joe Doepker  
Dalton Folz

### **High Honors**

Abbey Chapman

### **Honorable Mention**

Adam Barnes  
Flannery Bishop  
Nevin DeCoster  
Aaron Gorman  
Larry Haller  
Travis Kirsch  
Emily Myers  
Noah Wilson

Olivia Barnes  
Blake Chandler  
Lynzie Drone  
Jacob Gorman  
Betsy Happe  
Blaine Mayer  
Jacob Pierson

Kathryn Bellew  
Ella Conner  
Rachael Folz  
Daniel Hackney  
Matthew Hayden  
Max Morrow  
Makenzie Warren

## **YOUTH FIRST STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM**

Westside Catholic School is hosting “Strengthening Families,” a program designed for families with children between the ages of 6 and 9. The goal of the program is to learn ways to strengthen communication and relationships between family members. It is a program designed for EVERY family. Strengthening families gives parents opportunities to share parenting successes and struggles with other parents who are experiencing the same thing. It is a way of encouraging other families and building off of what is already working well.

Join us for this fun and free program – meals and child care provided! Monday evenings January 27 – March 24, 2014, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes. Contact Kelsey Meier at 423-9115 or [kmeier@evdio.org](mailto:kmeier@evdio.org) if you have any questions.

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Please note we have a training opportunity coming up on Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the St. Agnes Campus in Guerin Hall. We have many parents attending class parties and going on field trips that have not gone through the Youth Protection training and completed the background checks. This training program is scheduled for your convenience during the evening.

## JANUARY ISSUE OF JUST THINKING...

This month's article addresses the following questions: Why do most New Year's resolutions fail? What are keys to being successful in sustaining resolutions for the short and long-term? How does this relate to dealing with various psychological conditions? The first edition of Just Thinking in 2014 focuses on the time-honored tradition of New Year's Resolutions. The article, Resolving to Make This Year Mean More, examines these questions on a deeper level. It details the way in which New Year's resolutions can become more than just fading goals, and instead be transformed into sustained changes that truly allow us to improve our lives.

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St. Mary's Center for Children

Article link: [www.stmarys.org/articles-1](http://www.stmarys.org/articles-1)

Series link: [www.stmarys.org/articles](http://www.stmarys.org/articles)

## DARE GRADUATION

Congratulations to all 19 students in Grade 5 for completing the DARE program this year. We are very fortunate to have Officer Spradlin come to our school during the first semester each year to work with our students and teach them the importance about making healthy choices. **Sydney Maasburg** and **Brock Hall** were just a few of the students that read their essays to the group.



## LOOKING AHEAD

Jan	20	SCHOOL in Session Make-Up #1 NO EVSC BUSES 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg at SHC	Feb	7	FREE DRESS
	21-22	Eye Screening at Sacred Heart		11	P.T.O. Peelers Begin
	24	Jr. High Dance at St. Philip		12	Camp Ondessonk Presentation
	26-31	Catholic Schools Week		14	Preschool Appreciation Night
	27	Tales & Scales SAC for PS – Gr. 5 6:00 p.m. Strengthening Families		17	Valentines Parties for K-5
	29	CSW Mass at St. Ben's for Gr. 8 Family Reading Night and Chili Supper		19	School in Session -President's Day
	31	9:00 All Schools Mass at St. Boniface for Preschool – Grade 8 Serra Club Recipient Luncheon		21	6:00 School Board
				25	Peeler's Due
				26	Grandparent's Day at SBC
				28	6:00 Parent Informational Meeting at St. Boniface Church
					7:00 Jr. High Dance at St. Philip

# Soup-er Fun Family Reading Night

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

5:00 – 7:00

St. Agnes Cafeteria



Please join the Westside Catholic teachers for a free chili supper and a fun evening of reading activities.

**\*\*Dress up as a character from your favorite book!\*\***

The night features guest readers, library card sign up, free books, literacy activities, games, crafts, a character parade, and prizes!

Reservations are not required,  
but an RSVP by Wednesday, January 22, would help us plan for this event.

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## Soup-er Fun Family Reading Night

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade levels: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your family's favorite book(s) and/or book quote:

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