



# PAW PRINTS

## WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.

JANUARY 24, 2014

### PARENTS!

This is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of celebrating National Catholic Schools Week. We have a whole week of activities planned to celebrate who we are and what we have accomplished as a faith community in educating tomorrow's leaders. I am proud of our students and staff and looking forward to the week ahead. We have a Mass planned for all Preschool – Grade 8 students at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, January 31, at St. Boniface and all are welcome to attend.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The theme highlights the fact that not only are we a school community, but we are also a part of many other communities – our family, our parish, our city. It also focuses on key components of Catholic education, faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. They are why our families make sacrifices to provide a Catholic education to their children.



National Catholic Schools Week is also a time to say thank you. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our teachers, staff, administrative assistants, board members, parents, grandparents and volunteers who make our school a success. A schedule of this week's activities is attached.

Yours In Christ,  
Ms. Tracey Unfried

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Elvira Knapp mailed to everyone's home over the age of 18, a Youth Protection Renewal form that must be returned to the parish office. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, you are NOT on the diocesan list of approved volunteers that have been trained and completed the appropriate background checks. Anyone trained in 2013 will not need renewal until next school year.

We have many parents attending class parties, helping with recess duty, volunteering in classrooms and going on field trips that have not gone through the Youth Protection training and completed the background checks.

Thank you to the 18 parents and volunteers that attended the safe environment training this past Thursday evening. We appreciate Brenda Wible assisting with the training and helping us schedule our wonderful presenter from Lampion Center.

### REGISTRATION FOR MATER DEI H.S.

The incoming freshman registration meeting scheduled for this past week will not be rescheduled. The next opportunity for registration will be at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 29, in the Mater Dei Auditorium. Please contact Lou Ann Gilbert or Darlene Quinlin at 426-2258 if you have any questions.



## **“P” IS FOR PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY**

West Catholic School Preschool students celebrated “P” Day with a “Party” in their “Pajamas.” Students brought in their puppies, pigs, penguins, pandas, pillow pets and more. Standing in their milk-jug igloo is **Kandyn Neaveill, Ben Reidford, and Evan Stolz**. Additional pictures include, **Abby Pfafflin, Adalynn Beck, and Tinsley Shirel**; **Lauren Casavant, Caroline Schultz, and Asher Cassada**; **Kanbrie Bradford, Draven Hamilton, and Lilly Claspell**.



## **SUPERVISION**

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).

## **AFTERSCHOOL CARE STATEMENTS**

Some of our ASK families will be receiving updated childcare statements from 2013. After the statements were distributed last week, we discovered some had a 2012 date on them. The updated statements are being distributed on salmon color paper.

## **GIRLS’ BASKETBALL**

Our third and fourth grade girls’ basketball team celebrated their 36-8 victory over Corpus Christi. They stated, “A fun group of girls with a great group of coaches.”



## 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.

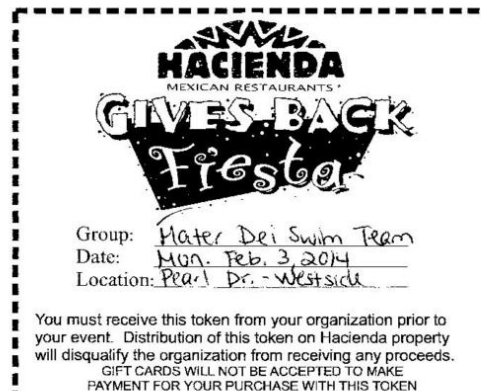
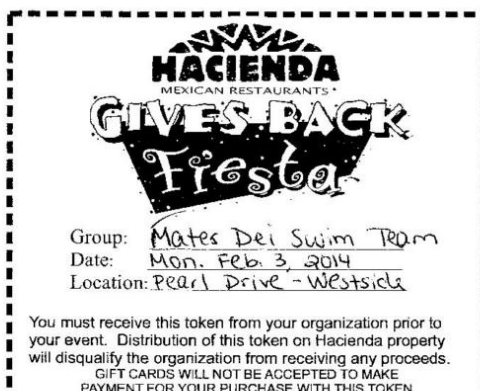
**Join us for this fun and free program** – meals and child care provided! Monday evenings January 27 – March 24, 2014, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at St. Agnes. Contact Kelsey Meier at 423-9115 or [kmeier@evdio.org](mailto:kmeier@evdio.org) if you have any questions.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Jan	24	Jr. High Dance at St. Philip	Feb	7	FREE DRESS
	26-31	Catholic Schools Week			P.T.O. Peelers Begin
	27	Tales & Scales SAC for PS – Gr. 5		9	1:00 First Reconciliation at St. Anthony
		6:00 p.m. Strengthening Families		11	Camp Ondessonk Presentation
	29	CSW Mass at St. Ben’s for Gr. 8		12	Preschool Appreciation Night
		Family Reading Night and Chili Supper		14	Valentines Parties for K-5
	31	9:00 All Schools Mass at St. Boniface		17	School in Session -President’s Day
		for Preschool – Grade 8		19	6:00 School Board
		Serra Club Recipient Luncheon		21	Peeler’s Due
				25	Grandparent’s Day at SBC
				26	6:00 Parent Informational Meeting
					at St. Boniface Church
				28	7:00 Jr. High Dance at St. Philip

## MATER DEI SWIM TEAM HACIENDA NIGHT

It’s Hacienda night for the MD swim team on Monday, February 3, at the Westside Hacienda. Required coupons are attached. Please share with your friends and families!



# 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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