



PAW PRINTS

WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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JANUARY 31, 2014



PARENTS!

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! Next week, we will share some fun pictures from the week's activities; but for now, here is what some of Miss Whorl's First Graders have to say about why they love our Catholic School.



"I love my Catholic school because the teachers are cool and it's easy to get dressed." – **Aleria Taylor**

"I love my Catholic school because you do not have to take a long time to pick out your clothes. So that is why I like to wear uniforms. The teachers are nice, and it is the best Catholic school I ever went to and I love our principal." – **Kynzie Embry**

"I love my Catholic school because we wear uniforms. The teachers are nice, and we love our principal. My school is awesome and Miss Whorl is so nice. She lets us do fun things and today is our 100th day of school." – **Cecilia Gries**

"I love my Catholic school because the teachers are nice and we love the principal and Mr. Ricketts. I like all the teachers as they are all nice, too. It is the best Catholic school!" - **Madelyn Hall**

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL

Applications are now available for parents wishing to apply for Mater Dei High School tuition assistance for the 2014-2015 school year. Hard copies of applications are available at Mater Dei and at west-side and north-side Catholic schools and parishes. You may download and complete the application online at www.materdeiwildcats.com. Select "Enrollment", then "Tuition and Financial Assistance". The priority deadline for applying this year is February 1, 2014; however, later applications will be accepted.

Please contact the Enrollment Office at Mater Dei by calling 812-426-2258. This year there is one common application available in hard copy or electronically for the following:

1. Tax Credit Scholarships (SGOs)
2. School Choice Vouchers
3. Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) tuition assistance

BOY'S CUB SOCCER AT MATER DEI

Current 5th-7th grade boys interested in playing cub soccer next school year will need to contact Scott Henderson at Hendo2380@gmail.com to let him know of your interest. He will also be able to answer any questions or concerns about the upcoming season.

Boys entering 6th-8th grade in the fall of 2014 will be eligible to play. Mater Dei soccer would like to gauge the interest to see if multiple teams can be made and if there is a need for tryouts/evaluations. If there is a need for tryouts, we would like to hold them well before this school year is finished.

BENEFIT FOR RILEY'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Mater Dei and Memorial Student Councils are planning the "Souper" Supper to benefit Riley Children's Hospital. It will be February 1, 2014, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Mater Dei's cafeteria. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. It is an all-you-can-eat soup night. Donations will be accepted at the door or mailed to the respective school payable to the Student Council with Riley Hospital in the memo line.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The P.T.O. received a check for \$612 from the Box Tops for Education Program. Thanks everyone for clipping and saving for our school. 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.

YOUTH FIRST STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Westside Catholic School had a very nice turn out for the Strengthening Families Program last Monday evening. The program is designed for every family with children between the ages of 6 and 9, gives parents opportunities to share parenting successes and struggles with other parents and encourages other families to build off of what is already working well. You can still 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 if you have any questions.

GOLFMoor BASEBALL SPRING REGISTRATION

The correct 2014 Spring Registration form is being sent home today. Please note the contact information is different at the top (should be 499-5550) and the fee schedule is different.

SNOW MAKEUP DAYS

The Indiana Department of Education has approved our waiver for January 6 and 7 as mandatory make-up days due to the extreme cold temperatures around the entire state, and therefore these days will not have to be made up as snow days. The following days will be snow make-up days when **school will be in session**. EVSC is also in session these days and busses will be running as scheduled.

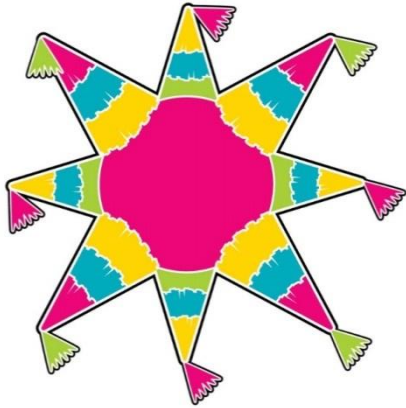
February 17 - President's Day

April 18 - Good Friday

May 22 - Additional school day

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb	7	FREE DRESS P.T.O. Peelers Begin	Feb	25	Grandparent's Day at SBC
	9	1:00 First Reconciliation at St. Anthony		26	6:00 Parent Informational Meeting at St. Boniface Church
	11	Camp Ondessonk Presentation		28	1:45 Mardi Gras Parties at S. Boniface
	12	Preschool Appreciation Night			7:00 Jr. High Dance at St. Philip
	14	Valentines Parties for K-5			
	17	School in Session -President's Day	March	4-6	ISTEP+ Applied Skills for Gr. 3-8
	19	6:00 School Board		5	8:00 Ash Wednesday Mass at SA
	21	Peeler's Due			12:10 Ash Wednesday Mass at SB
				6	6:30 Kindergarten Round-Up at SA



IT'S A FIESTA!!

It is almost time for the 2014 Book Fair...an exciting time for our school! Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Please check 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 - email or call Kiersten Stolz:
812-449-7173 kierstenstolz@live.com**

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

Twenty-First Century Scholars Program

February 2014

Attention 7th and 8th Grade Parents,

The Twenty-First Century Scholars Program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low- and moderate-income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children.

If you are an Indiana seventh or eighth-grader who qualifies for the program, you can get up to four years of undergraduate college tuition* to attend an eligible Indiana public, private or proprietary institution.

To qualify, you **MUST**:

- Be a resident of Indiana, both when you apply and when you receive the scholarship (determined by the residency of your parent or legal guardian).
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. Read the citizenship qualifications for details.
- Be enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at a public school, charter school, freeway school or other Indiana school accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. Children in Foster Care may apply after the 8th grade. Homeschooled students are not eligible for the 21st Century Scholars Program.
- Fulfill the 21st Century Scholars Pledge.
- Be one of the following: A member of a family at or below the 2013-14 income maximums or placed in foster care.

2013-2014 21st Century Scholar Income Maximums

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$28,694
3	\$36,131
4	\$43,568
5	\$51,005
6	\$58,442

For each additional person in the household, add \$7,437.

Income-eligible 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of up to four years of undergraduate tuition* at any participating public college or university in Indiana.

If the student attends a private institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution. If the student attends a participating proprietary school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech Community College.

**The scholarship amount may be reduced depending on the availability of funds and the availability of the student's family to contribute to college.*

I encourage all qualifying families meeting eligibility guidelines to apply. Students **must apply online** for the 21st Century Scholars Program. Completed 2013-2014 applications must be received by the 21st Century Scholars program on or before June 30, 2014.

For the online application, go to: <http://www.in.gov/21stcenturyscholars/2376.htm>

Yours in Christ,

Tracey Unfried

