

St. Joan of Arc Parish School

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January 11, 2012

Dear parents,

This newsletter is going to be packed full of information about things coming up in our school.

Carnival Meeting- Tomorrow morning, right after drop off, we will hold a meeting about the school carnival, which will be held on February 17. Please join us for this meeting if you are able.

Geography Bee- The Geography Bee finals will be in the library on Friday. The school 1st place winner will take a written test that will be sent on for further levels of competition. The bee will be held in the library and will be attended by all students in grades 4-8. Good luck to all of our grade level winners!

Middle School Dance- We are still looking for help for the middle school dance on Friday. Please sign up on the board in the hallway for anything you are able to help with.

Dog Sled Assembly- Next Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Door County Sled Dogs will be coming to present an assembly to the students about leadership and teamwork. The dogs will not be present for the assembly. Please see the separate flier about the sled rides offered on Jan. 31.

Father Mike's Birthday- Happy Birthday to Father Mike next Wednesday (Jan. 18). If you see him this weekend, wish him a happy birthday! Happy Birthday Father Mike!

Catholic Schools Week-The activities for National Catholic Schools Week have been planned by our Student Council and faculty. Please see the separate flier with details about the Catholic Schools Week days.

8th Grade Girls' Basketball Tournament Win- Congratulations to our 8th grade girls' basketball team. Due to a last minute cancellation, the girls were able to enter the St. Paul's Lutheran Warrior Classic tournament. The girls took first place in the tournament. Congratulations girls!

Safeguarding- Before our big volunteer events coming up, take the opportunity to complete Safeguarding All God's Family if you have not already. Remember, you need to complete this training to volunteer with children in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Basketball this weekend-This Saturday our 5-8th grade basketball teams are playing away games at St. Charles in Burlington and St. Patrick in Elkhorn while YMCA basketball games are held here at St. Joan of Arc. On Sunday, grades 5-8 play home games. All home games Sunday are against St. Anthony and are scheduled as follows:

- 1 p.m. 5th grade boys
- 2 p.m. 6th grade boys
- 3:15 7th grade girls
- 4:15 8th grade girls
- 5:15 5th grade girls

Library reading challenge with Milwaukee Bucks-Stop by the Oconomowoc Public Library to pick up a scorecard to log pages that you read. Students in grades 3-10 can earn a free ticket to a Milwaukee Bucks game and chances at other rewards.

Lunch Help-If you are able to help with lunch/recess duty on Tuesdays or Thursdays, we are still short-handed on those two days. If you help on Friday (when we have plenty of help) and are able to change to one of these other days, please let the office know.

KidWrites-St. Joan of Arc is partnering with Catholic Memorial High School for a creative writing experience. A teacher from CMH will come in and lead a creative writing workshop for students in grades 4-7 on separate days. Some of the writings may be selected to be transformed into a musical theater production to be performed by CMH students in late April. We are very excited about this learning opportunity and partnership.

Fun stuff at CMH- Catholic Memorial High School is offering some fun activities at CMH for students in grades 4-8. See the separate fliers in the Wednesday packet.

Frostbite 5K- Don't forget to register for the Frostbite 5K to begin and end at St. Joan of Arc on Feb. 25. There is also an opportunity to train for the run/walk with other parents after school on Mondays at 3:15. Meet in the parking lot on Mondays if you are interested in joining the group training to run or walk.

Cat's Pajamas Concert- I am extremely excited to announce that on Feb. 25, our school will welcome back The Cat's Pajamas, for a benefit concert. The group is an a capella group that performs golden oldies through contemporary hits. The original group was entirely from Wisconsin. Two of the founding members who are still with the band are natives on Wisconsin (Middleton and Fort Atkinson). They perform at the Andy Williams Moon River Theater in Branson, MO most of the year, but come home for 2 months each year during which they give student assemblies and perform benefit concerts where a portion of the proceeds for each concert go directly to the school music programs. St. Joan of Arc is currently the only elementary school they work with. They have been seen on The Sing-Off, The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Next Great American Band and America's Got Talent. Consider buying tickets to this performance and buy some for your friends, family, and neighbors. The performance is always very interactive and a great time will be had by all! Tickets will be for sale in the office beginning next week Monday.

What wonderful, busy days we have ahead of us! Please keep hands folded and fingers crossed for snow on the ground for our dog sled rides on January 31st.

God's Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Cerveney

**You're Invited to the Saint Joan
Of Arc Middle School Dance
A Winter Wonderland!**



Anyone in 5th through 8th grade welcome!

Friday, January 13th

From 7-9 p.m.

In the St. Joan of Arc multipurpose room.

Admission cost is \$2 if you bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to a local food pantry or \$3 without a food item.

There will be concessions and a DJ.

Join Us For Sled Dog Rides at St. Joan of Arc with the Door County Sled Dogs

On Tuesday, 1/31/12 (During Catholic Schools Week)
At 5:00 pm, lasting until approximately 7:00pm/7:30pm

Visit with other families and enjoy hot cocoa and treats in the multi-purpose room before and after your turn to ride. This is a family event, and parents will be responsible for supervising their own children throughout the evening.

The cost is \$8 per child. First priority will be given so that students, then siblings, are able to ride. If there are extra rides available, parents may be able to ride on a "first come, first serve" basis, and will need to pay \$10 cash that evening.

Custom sled dog patches are also available for purchase at \$1 each. They will be later sent home from school for the students who order them.

You don't have to worry about trying to get the perfect photo - a photographer will be there to take pictures during the sled dog rides.

Please return the below RSVP along with payment and signed waiver/release to the school office by 1/24/12 (checks made payable to St. Joan of Arc). Please call Laura Gerovac at 262-252-9993 or email Lbgerovac@gmail.com if you have any questions. This event is weather permitting - we need snow!!!

Family Name: _____
of children for dog sled rides (x\$8 each) _____
patches (x\$1 each) _____
Total \$ included _____



St. Joan of Arc Annual Talent & Variety Show!

Friday, February 3rd at 6:30pm

Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the school office with the information requested. We will be holding "auditions" on **Tuesday, January 24th and Wednesday, January 25th** immediately after school in the Multi-Purpose room.

If your child/children are unable to make the "audition" dates/times please still return the form and we will call you to discuss pertinent information.

Questions? Contact Dawn Rowe or Julie Kneiser

St. Joan of Arc 2012 Talent & Variety Show
(Please return this form to the school office)

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Act Planned: _____

Parent Signature: _____

January 2012

St. Joan of Arc Volunteer Calendar

Family Name:

~ January 2012 ~							Feb 2012 ▶	
◀ Dec 2011	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30	31	Notes: Chaperones for Middle School Dance, contact Mrs. Cerveny; Volunteers for Catholic Schools Week, various areas, watch for details; help with Market Day delivery days; contact Carrie Korsmo; Frostbite 5K, contact Brian Borkowski; Athletics, home game help; contact Julie Kneiser					

More Calendars: February, March, April

E-Mail Template to School Families:

Email Subject Line: 40% Off Calendars and Photo Books on SchoolaMoola through January 31st!

With the kids back in school, take time to upload your holiday photos to SchoolaMoola and create customized photo books for timeless treasures or build your personalized calendar for 2012 – it's not too late ☺!

Log on to our SchoolaMoola website and receive **40% off photo books and calendars AND free shipping** by entering **PROMO CODE: NewYear40** through January 31st! *You save on great quality products, and our school receives up to 40% of your order back as a rebate.*

Logon to: www.49012.schoolamoola.com

Community Key: stjoan

Password: stjoan

(If you have any questions or need support, email Support@SchoolaMoola.com or call 855-GOT-MOOLA.)

Happy New Year!



Safeguarding All of God's Family

As you plan ahead for volunteer opportunities at St. Joan of Arc Parish, please remember that all volunteers that have contact with minors must attend a Safeguarding session. These training sessions help us to provide a safe environment for our children.

As of today, the following sessions have been scheduled in our area:

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 8:30 a.m.; St. James Menomonee Falls

Volunteers are required to complete their training, background checks and paperwork before beginning their volunteer service.

St. Joan of Arc Parish School relies on many volunteers to be successful. *The information sheet on the reverse side will help you investigate other training dates throughout the archdiocese and will guide you through the registration process.*

If you have questions about your volunteer status or need additional help with registration, please do not hesitate to call me at 646-5821.

Kathleen Zwick
Administrative Assistant
Education Center



Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Safeguarding All of God's Family
Instructions for Registration at a Safe Environment Education Session

Log onto the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website (www.archmil.org)

Find the Safeguarding logo on the right side bottom of the home page and click on Safeguarding "Safe Environment Education sessions and resources."

Click on the bottom, left side "Upcoming Safe Environment Sessions."

Choose a location and click "register."

Complete the logon registration. Once you click the "continue" button, you are registered for the session.

Please remember to "sign in" on the registration sheet when you attend the event. This is how your attendance will be recorded. Request a hard copy confirmation to bring back with you to St. Joan of Arc.

St. Joan of Arc will request that you sign and return an Acknowledgement of the Code of Ethical Standards for Church Leaders and Mandatory Reporting Responsibilities form. You must also complete and sign a Volunteer Form which allows us to perform a background check.



January Children's Programs

at the Oconomowoc Public Library

All events are FREE of charge!



Storytime FREE! Enjoy stories, songs, and a puppet show!

Storytimes will begin January 10

Age 2 and under: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Age 3 and up: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Saturday Special **American Girl Tea!** Saturday, January 21, 10 am

Kathleen Ernst, author of many *American Girl Mystery* books, will host a tea party at the library! This is the perfect FREE event for any *American Girl* fan who is elementary-school age or older. Please feel free to bring your American Girl doll with you, if you have one! Please register at <http://authorvisit.eventbrite.com>

7th & 8th Grade Book Club Wednesday January 18, 4-5 pm

This month, we'll discuss *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson. Free snacks! To join, just read the book and come ready to enjoy a great discussion! Register at <http://angelexperiment.eventbrite.com>. You can place a hold on the book at the library or at www.oconomowoc.lib.wi.us

Teen Advisory Board Meetings Mon. January 9, 4-5 pm **AND** Mon. January 16, 4-5 pm

Anyone in 7th-12th grade can join. Newcomers are always welcome! Help plan library events for teens and discuss books, movies, and music!

At our first meeting, we will Skype with teens from the Waupaca Public Library, who will show us their great teen section. Please come with questions (what they like best, what they would like to add or change, etc.) At our second meeting, we'll plan upcoming events and discuss the renovation of our own library's teen section.

Teen Talent Show! Mon. January 23, 2 pm (No School!!)

Calling all singers, guitarists, poets, dancers, jugglers...anyone with a talent to share! Show off your skills at the library's FREE talent show for people in 7th-12th grade. The library will provide snacks, a carpeted performance area, a piano, a microphone, and a CD player.

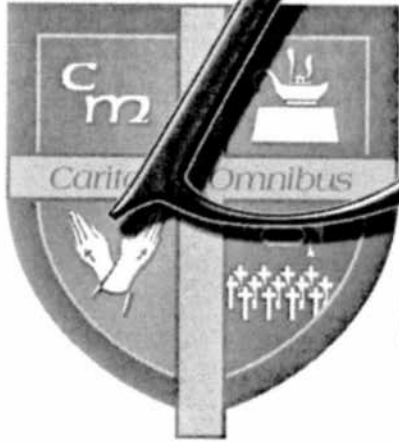
No registration required. Non-performers (aka "audience members") are welcome, too! Hope to see you there!

Oconomowoc Public Library
200 W. South Street, Oconomowoc WI 53066

www.oconomowoc.lib.wi.us
(262) 569-2193



FRIDAY NIGHT



Dance



Catholic Memorial High School
Just for 7th and 8th Graders

TWO DATES ↓

January 20

(RSVP online by Jan. 18*)

March 16

(RSVP online by March 14*)

Enjoy a night with friends over pizza and soda followed by a high-school-type dance.

It's a great time to meet new friends, hang out with old friends and connect with future classmates.

Cost for the evening is \$5 payable at check-in.

7:00 p.m. Check-in at CMH Cafeteria

Enter the school through Main Entrance in the circle drive.

7:00-7:30 p.m. Eat pizza. Socialize. Win great CMH prizes.

7:30-9:30 p.m. Dance! Music by Magic Music Mixers

Students may be picked up in the cafeteria at any time during the evening.

***RSVP at www.catholicmemorial.net/prospective-students**

FUN FRIDAY



Catholic Memorial High School
for 4th, 5th and 6th Graders



January 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

RSVP online by Jan. 25 at www.catholicmemorial.net/prospective-students

What is a **FUNFRIDAY**?

Friday nights set aside for grade school students to come to CMH and participate in activities designed just for them.

Cost for the evening is \$5 (payable at check-in).

FUNFRIDAY Schedule

5:30 p.m. Arrive at CMH cafeteria for check-in

5:45-6:15 p.m. 1st Session of Your Choice

6:20 - 6:50 p.m. 2nd Session of Your Choice

7:00 p.m. Gather back in the cafeteria for pizza and a chance to meet some of your future classmates. Your name will be entered for a chance to win some great CMH prizes.

7:30 p.m. Students and families are invited to attend the Boys' Varsity Basketball home game against Arrowhead. All students attending Fun Friday will receive a free ticket to the game. Students can be picked up at 7:30 p.m. or at the end of the game, approximately 8:45.



Pick your **2** favorite activities:

- **What's a SCRUM? Football without pads? RUGGER?** Come and learn how to play the sport of rugby. Boys and girls are encouraged to attend this session.
- **Would you like to learn more about French culture?** Come and experience fun activities, led by some of our CMH French students and enjoy a traditional French snack.
- **Do you love art?** Then join one of the CMH art teachers in a workshop where you will be able to draw, paint and create designs in the darkroom.
- **Do you like to solve puzzles?** Use the 3-D design software the pros use. Navigate through three dimensions as you roll virtual dice. Use the same software to create a puzzle cube.