

# THE WILDCAT NEWS

#### Parent Newsletter

We Inspire Academic Excellence and Instill Catholic Values within a Faith-Filled Community and Beyond

February 28, 2024



#### Greetings, St. Bruno Families,

In addition to our monthly fire drills, as you know, we practice readiness for other emergency situations so all students know how to be part of keeping themselves safe in school. We have two safety practice events coming up and I want you to know about them ahead of time: a lockdown practice and a tornado drill.

Our lockdown practice will be next week Wednesday, March 6, at 2:15 pm. Students will be prepared ahead of time; this will not be a surprise. The time was chosen so the Summit Police could be with us. Chief Michael Hartert and the Summit Police Department are always helpful to St. Bruno. They visit us, watch over our parking lot and buildings, and even join us for lunch when we invite them. For the lockdown practice, students will silently gather in a part of their classroom that is not visible from the hallway door. Classroom doors are always set on 'lock' for an emergency situation when the room needs to be secure. Then, all the teacher has to do is pull the door shut. Students will be told ahead of time they will need to be silent, as if no one is in the room. The officers will walk through the building with me and test doors to see they are locked.

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- Mar 6, 8:45 AM ~ All School
   Mass led by Grade 5
- Mar 7, 1:00 PM ~ Early Release
- Mar 7, 2 PM -8 PM ~
   Parent/Teacher/Student
   Conferences
- Mar 8 ~ No School -Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, 8 AM - 2 PM
- Mar 11, 5:45 PM ~ School
   Advisory Committee ~
   Open Meeting
- Mar 11-15 ~ STEM Week
- Mar 21, 1:00 PM ~ Middle School Play ~ School Performance
- Mar 22, 7:00 PM ~ Middle
   School Play
- Mar 24 ~ Choir and Band Students attend Admirals Game
- Mar 25 ~ Quarter 3 ends
- Mar 28, 1 PM ~ Early
   Release ~ Holy Thursday
- Mar 29-Apr 7 ~ Easter Break
- Apr 20 ~ MWC Auction

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The police may check other parts of the building as they would in a true emergency. When they finish, they will go to each classroom, open the door with keys, identify themselves as police officers and let the teacher know the students can go back to their normal activities. The practice includes that only police release students from each classroom individually, rather than an intercom announcement. The whole process will take 30 minutes or less.

In preparation for a lockdown practice, we tread in that tricky area of explaining to the children what to do in an emergency, yet not scaring them. We always keep the explanations as positive as possible. I have heard Mrs. Gutbrod in K4 call it a 'bad guy drill.' I believe that accomplishes what we need for the little ones. I don't know if it's politically correct, but you get the idea: our goal is to have the students ready for an emergency AND not scared.

On Monday, March 25, at about 11:00 am, we will have a tornado drill. As I'm sure you know, we practice going to assigned locations in the interior rooms and hallways. We practice sitting still for a bit. In a real storm situation we would have to wait longer, just like the time a few years ago when our tornado drill turned REAL because bad weather came through. Everyone did a great job and the storm passed. And, we did a lot of singing, storytelling and reading in the halls!

BE PREPARED. A pretty good motto. And we will be. Thanks for your support and, if you have any questions, be in touch.

Sincerely,

Mary



# Register NOW for the 2024-2025 school year.

Click <u>HERE</u> to complete the online registration form.

Save \$30/student when registering prior to March 15, 2024



Click <u>HERE</u> to find out more about the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program**.

Registration is open thru April 18. If you have any questions about this program, contact the school office.



# Men Who Cook Auction Updates

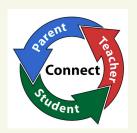
Check <u>HERE</u> for all Auction information

# How can you help?

**ACT NOW** 

- Volunteer to chef a table and serve 8-10 guests at the dinner. If you or someone you know is interested, please let the Auction Committee know soon!
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- Order items from our <u>Amazon Wishlist</u> to help with raffles or silent auction baskets.
- Donate a silent auction basket
- Purchase raffle tickets to win FRONT ROW seats to the Middle School Play - see info on page 4 for more details.

Keep checking back here for more ways that you can help with the largest fundraiser for our school and parish!



#### **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences**

Spring conferences are next week. STUDENTS are expected to attend their conference as they are the key stakeholders of our collective efforts.

#### Your appointment reminder form is in your Family Folder today.

Reminder - Please be on time for your conferences to ensure enough time for your family, for those who follow, and for the teachers.



Don't miss out on Front Row seats to the Middle School Play!

The production is happening BEFORE the Auction this year and we are offering you the opportunity to win Front Row seats by purchasing raffle tickets.

Who is going to be the lucky winner?

Contact the school office to purchase your tickets!

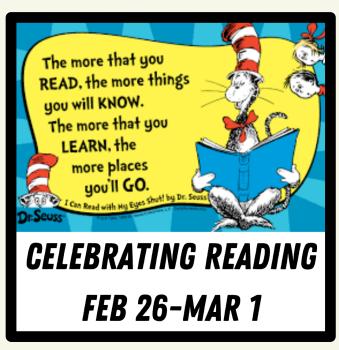


### Join us for Krazy Kamp - The Musical March 22, 7:00 PM FREE - Family Friendly!

Our middle school students are working hard and are excited to perform their rendition of Krazy Kamp.

Adam Apple, the wheeler dealer director of Camp John Smith, is in trouble. He and his sidekick, Willard, are destined for "a real job" unless they get their camp in shape. But the rambunctious "gentlemen of John Smith" need a place to stay until things get put back together. Adam finally convinces Eve and Ella Hunnicutt, the managers of the girls' fashionable Camp Pocahontas, to give the boys a home. When serene Pocahontas comes in contact with wild John Smith, things get really Krazy.

There are many catchy tunes performed by our students, so come on out for an enjoyable evening and support our young thespians!



## **Read Across America**

We are excited to celebrate reading at St. Bruno Parish School.

- Help your students log their reading minutes starting February 22. Check their Daily Folder for the reading log this week.
- Parent help is needed for the Reading Lock In . Please see the <u>Sign Up Genius</u> for more details and sign up to help!



Students and staff had fun dressing in black and yellow Tuesday in honor of the Bee Project!







# **CATCH ONE OF OUR FISH FRIES!**

Our dinners include: Fried and/or baked fish, grilled cheese, potato or french fries, bread, applesauce, and coleslaw.



\$15 ADULTS \$15 TAKEOUTS \$6 KIDS

4 & under FREE

St. Paul Church \$3831602 Wern Way Waukesh**a** 

4:30-7:30 P M

MARCH 22

Cash or checks only, please



## Stem Week ~ March 11-15

Check the family folder for more information about activities during STEM Week.

To celebrate Pi Day (Mar 14) this year, the middle schoolers at St. Bruno would like to learn about careers and how they use STEM. All careers are welcome! Do you, or someone you know, want to tell us about your career?

Please contact our science teacher, Erin Mulligan, at <a href="mailto:erin.mulligan@stbrunoparishschool.com">erin.mulligan@stbrunoparishschool.com</a>



# CMH Stem Challenge 2024

Students from 24 public and private schools in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties gathered at Catholic Memorial High School for the Annual STEM Challenge. They had to use their science, math and technology skills to build a vehicle that could travel down a ramp and hit a target. The three vehicles closest to the target earned scholarships for their young builders.

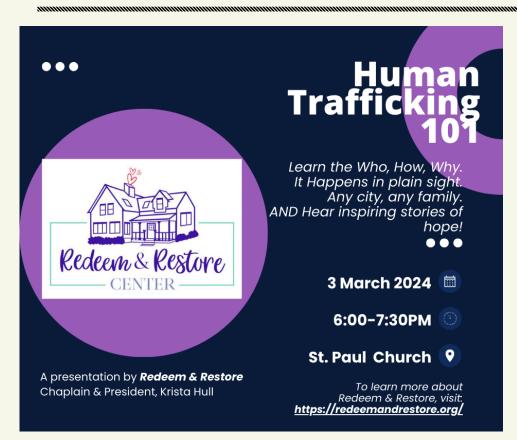


Check out these links for more ideas of how to incorporate meaningful activities into your Lenten Journey with the family.

Family Lent Promise Cards
Family Prayer Advice for Lent
Child Friendly Lent Prayer
How to Celebrate Lent at Home
Whats With The Pretzels
Easter Egg Connection to Lent



Rice Bowls are a great way to talk with your children about almsgiving. Please return them at church on Palm Sunday, March 24. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



This is an important event for parents to attend. Waukesha County is a hotbed for Human Trafficking and we need to be educated on ways to help keep our children safe. We strongly encourage you to attend.



Our basketball season is underway and we are excited to share their schedule with you!

5th grade girls - Saturday, Mar 2, 9 AM at St. Alphonsus, Greendale



8th grade boys are participating in a tournament at St. Jerome, Oconomowoc this weekend. Come out and watch them on Thursday, February 29 at 8 PM and on Saturday Mar 2 at 2:15 PM.

Good luck to both of our teams this weekend!



#### **Attention Track Parents!**

The Track and Field season is upon us!

Parents of track athletes in grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend the Parent Information meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 6 PM, in Marian Hall at St Jerome.

Practices are planned to start the week of March 19. If your student athlete(s) are interested in joining, please add their name and grade to the athletic Sign Up Genius today!

#### **Contact Us**

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