

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." ~Matthew 7:7

November 8, 2023

Dear St. William the Abbot Families,

At the height of the pandemic back in 2020, St. William the Abbot School was faced with the challenge of providing devices for all students in Grades K-8. We witnessed the issues with remote learning and knew that we had to attempt to get ahead of the curve, given all the uncertainties of when schools would be reopening. In May of 2020, Fr. Joe generously gave the green light to purchase new Chromebooks for every student, and it was through the generosity of the parish of St. William the Abbot that the funds were secured.

Now, three years later, we are once again faced with the challenge of purchasing new Chromebooks. Why? Many reasons, but first and foremost, we want to provide our students with the best, most current technological tools that are available. On top of that, Chrome OS licenses are reaching "end of life" (meaning they will no longer receive security updates), device warranties are expiring, and the condition of much of the equipment is poor as a result of three years of daily use, bus rides, and overall handling. "Loaners" are in short supply for students who may be experiencing equipment issues or who have simply forgotten to bring their devices to school.

Many of you will ask, "But what about the Technology Fee?" Parents, the technology fee is put toward the costs of a wide range of technological services utilized by our school, including PowerSchool, eCatholic (school website), School Messenger, Schoology, PUP, Go Guardian, Bark (alert notification system), Ruvna (emergency attendance system), as well as the maintenance of equipment such as the Newline Boards in each classroom, the desktops in the Computer Lab, document cameras, and teacher devices. The fee only goes so far in meeting the technology demands of our school.

I share all of this with you because I am personally reaching out to each family to respectfully ask for your support. We are in need of approximately

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> **46TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**







350 Chromebooks at a cost of \$355 each (which includes the Device itself, Chrome OS, 3 Year Warranty, Asset Tagging, Charger, and Carrying Case). This is a lofty goal we are setting, but why not? We were able to raise just under \$51,000 last year for the purchase and installation of air conditioning units in each classroom. St. William's was THIRD in the entire United States last year for total donations! That was astounding, and since we are St. William's, why not set our sights on being FIRST in the nation by reaching our goal of 125,000? We have already received an early donation in the amount of \$10,000, so we are on our way!

A link will be sent to all families next Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 12 Noon, when the Day of Giving commences. The link is live for 24 hours, until 12 Noon on November 15, 2023. I urge you to prayerfully consider a donation, and I also urge you to reach out to family and friends who may be interested in supporting our school. I have enlisted the help of the School Board and the HSA for corporate donations, as well as reaching out to SWS alumni. The Day of Giving will also be shared across Parish platforms.

God bless you and thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Gratefully, Mrs. Elizabeth Bricker, Principal







St. William the Abbot School



GOAL: \$125,000

NCEA Day of Giving

November 14, 2023 @Noon

November 15, 2023 @Noon

St. William the Abbot School is dedicated to ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education, and an essential component of that education is technology. We are raising funds this year to replace each and every student Chromebook, which will empower our students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in today's world.

By contributing to this cause, you are INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Your support will directly impact the lives of our students,

enabling them to reach their full potential!

Please consider making a donation this Tuesday. Or, if you'd like to make an early donation, visit stwilliamtheabbot.net/ncea-day-of-giving to give now!

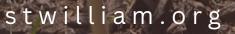


VETERANS DAY

WE INVITE ALL VETERANS
TO JOIN US AS WE SAY THANK YOU
AND TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING
AT THE
12N MASS ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

POSTERS FROM THE ST. WILLIAM THE ABBOT SCHOOL 'THANK A VETERAN' PROJECT WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH









INVITING ALL MEN OF THE PARISH TO OUR

VEMBERFEST AND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

REGISTER NOW - SPACE IS LIMITED!



ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE 21+ stwilliam.org/novemberfest23





FISHERS OF MEN

"Ask yourselves, young people, about the love of Christ. Acknowledge His voice resounding in the temple of your heart... open your life to the horizons of the Church's mission. Do not be afraid of the radicalness of His demands... If He asks much of you, it is because He knows you can give much."

~Pope Saint John Paul II



WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE



Payment is now PAST DUE

Click <u>HERE</u> to pay for ALL boxes received.

To avoid any fines, all outstanding payments must be submitted by Friday, 11/10, via the online link above.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bernadette Devlin at beadevlin722@gmail.com





Parent-Teacher Conferences

<u>ALL PARENTS</u> must be registered in CERVIS (VSC) to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

If you do not have an existing account, please follow these steps to register:

Step 1: Click on the following link: Initial Registration

Step 2: Create a username and password

Step 3: Select your child's homeroom teacher's event and choose a conference time

Step 4: Once you are registered for an event, you will receive an email confirmation (Please check spam folder if you do not receive it)

If you have an existing account click on the following link:

<u>Event Registration</u>

Conferences may only be scheduled with homeroom teachers

Grade 4-8 students must be present during conferences

If you have any questions regarding the VSC, please email <u>vsc@stwilliamtheabbot.net</u>



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 8TH ... CONFERENCE SIGN UP OPENS 5 PM

NOVEMBER 30TH... PARENT PORTAL CLOSES

NOVEMBER 30TH ... CONFERENCE SIGN UP ENDS

DECEMBER 6TH ... PARENT PORTAL REOPENS @ 8AM

DECEMBER 6TH ... REPORT CARD CONFERENCES 1-3PM

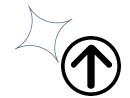
DECEMBER 7TH . . . REPORT CARD CONFERENCES 1-3PM; 5:30-7:30PM





HSAMEETING 11/13

Come to the next meeting on Monday, 11/13 at 6:30 pm to find out about upcoming events and volunteering opportunities.



Jobble Jobble!

ORDER A TURKEY OREO COOKIE FOR A PRE-THANKSGIVING TREAT!



\$3.99 EACH

Each cookie comes individually wrapped for your child to enjoy in school or bring home.

Don't Delay! On sale now through Thursday 11/9 at 11:59 pm on Boonli

Cookies will be distributed to students during LUNCH on Tuesday, 11/21.

Please note that orders cannot be cancelled after the ordering window closes.



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11



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SAVE THE DATE

Preche Blessing & Tree Lighting

BEGINNING WITH FAMILY ADORATION & ROSARY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

details & times to follow

ADULT & YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

(APOSTOLIC SERVICE HOURS FOR 7TH GRADERS AND UP)



stwilliam.org





Christmas Ornament Sale!

Order up personalized ornaments to support the HSA!!

Over 200 designs to choose from.

Guaranteed delivery by Christmas!

Orders are shipped directly to customers anywhere in the US - share with family and friends!

www.moesornaments.com
Use code SWAS to support our school!

Sale runs 11/1/2023-11/30/2023

