



Uniting Faith and Knowledge

Divine Savior Knightline

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MR. STEPANEK

Recently I had a conversation with a very close friend who has taught in the Public School for over 30 years. I'd gone to see his students perform and after the usual small talk he offered that he'd made a "rookie mistake" in preparation for this special event. He seemed genuinely upset and when I asked what he had done wrong I was shocked by his response.

The students had asked to say a *prayer* prior to the performance and although they left school property to gather to ask God's blessing, the fact that he was present during this time was reported to the authorities who issued him a reprimand the very next day. Remarkably that next day also saw a tragedy affect the school community and when once again the students needed time to reflect and pray it was impossible for him to provide any guidance or assistance of any kind.

Don't misunderstand; I am not being critical of the Public School system. They have a well-established set of rules and they followed them impartially. If their hands are tired it is because our national wills have bound them.

What I am thankful for is that schools such as ours still exist which celebrate the existence of God and welcome him into our buildings and our lives. No, we are not perfect and we struggle against a world that mocks spirituality while it extols the virtues of materialism. I am comforted that the saving power of God is at the center of our mission and we are keeping the virtues of faith, hope and love alive. It does seem at times that we are a candle set against the darkness and the challenge is too great. Remember however that the students in the example above wanted God in their lives and as parents and educators we see that need every day as well. As a Catholic school we are able to respond to this need, offering solid answers that allow the individual to grow in confidence as they grow in faith.

Even though my friend was upset that he had broken the rules I know he would like to have been able to help his students in a more proactive way. Our blessing as a school is that we can. Inspired by the Holy Scriptures and guided by ancient tradition, we have a clear direction that guides our formation of thinking and caring human beings. We should always be thankful for God's blessings on the work we have done, and the work we have yet to do.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Please remind your 5th – 8th graders to put an offering in their collection envelopes and bring them to Mass on Thursday, December 8th.

PACKER BONUS

Divine Savior Family and Friends-

The Super Bowl Champs decided to play Christmas Day and New Year's Day. I'm sure all of you have seen the many requests to fill the Packer game concessions and these holiday games will make it even more difficult to find volunteers. So what should we do?

This fundraiser is critical to the success of our school and brought in over \$21,000 last year. Thus far this year we have shown difficulty filling the necessary worker slots. In fact, we were forced to close one of the stands on November 14th.

It is out of concern for losing this fundraiser and income that we are offering a "Special Holiday Bonus". Earn \$50 cash or \$50 in tuition reimbursement to each volunteer willing to work a holiday game. This will be handled on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Jessica Karls @ 286-6090 or karlsjessica@ymail.com if interested.

Congratulations to those of you already signed up for these games as you automatically qualify for the "Bonus"! Thanks!!

COLLABORATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Please read the attached document regarding the recent collaboration announcement.

CSC COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

For those who did not do the survey yet, please see below.

Dear Parents,

Please take a few minutes out of your busy day to fill out this on-line survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPESandDS> regarding the collaboration of Divine Savior and CPES. It will not take long, and your input is vital to our decision making process. You and your spouse will both be able to take the survey, but we ask that you each take it only once.

The Governance Committee will be meeting on December 13, and will be checking the results to date that evening. Their recommendation will then be brought to the core meeting on December 20th. It is important to us that your opinion is heard, so we encourage you to complete this survey promptly.

Thank you for your patience as we are working diligently on all the details.

Sincerely,
Brother Steve
Joe Zenk
Sister Deborah

DIVINE SAVIOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dear Parents,

Please have your child in grades K-3 wear white or lightly colored clothing under their angel costume to the Dress Rehearsal and Evening Christmas Program on Monday, December 5th. Grades 4-8 should wear a short-sleeved shirt and shorts to both performances. All costumes will be provided for the students to wear. The Dress Rehearsal begins at 1:00 P.M. and the Evening Program begins at 6:00 P.M. We're in need of someone who is willing to record the program so the children can view their performance. If you're willing to do this, please contact the central office and let us know as soon as possible. We would need the donated video by the beginning of the school day on December 7th. Thanks so much and see you at the concert! :-D
Mrs. Sawyer

Band Students need to wear their DS polo shirts with Khaki pants and dress shoes if they have them. Band will perform first or shortly after the 3 year old performance.

*Please be aware that band students will need to change clothes as they need a lightly colored shirt for the musical.

HAITI

Hello!

My name is Hannah Volland and I am in 5th grade at Divine Savior School. I am writing this to tell you about my cousin, Danielle. She is a missionary in Haiti. Danielle works at an orphanage that is located in Morne Pignon, Nord, Haiti. In the past few weeks I was thinking about how I could serve God better and then it came to me, I could help the orphans at the Haiti Home of Hope Orphanage. My cousin is asking for some toys that the children could play with. So, my idea, was that our school could collect money then I could go and buy and ship the needed items that Danielle has talked to me about. Please think about how much you have and think about how you could help someone in need. There will be collection jars for the next two weeks in each of the classrooms at school. Please send any loose change with your child and have them fill up the jars in their classroom.

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20: verse 35

K-KIDS CHRISTMAS CHEER

Please remember to bring your **NEW UNWRAPPED** item to either school campus by December 9th. The K-Kids will be collecting these **NEW UNWRAPPED** games and toys for the Christmas Cheer program. These items will be donated to those who are less fortunate in our area. We are asking each family to bring a toy or game that would be suitable for a child who is the same age as the child/children in your family. That will give us a wide variety of items. Some suggestions from those involved in the program are: toys that don't need batteries, crafts, sleeping bags, sports equipment. Anything that we can donate would be greatly appreciated.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please see the attached document regarding the Knights of Columbus 2011 Christmas Poster Contest. Deadline is December 15, 2011.

KIEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please read the attached information about what is coming up at KPL.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Please see the attached letter/form regarding Christmas Gifts for the teachers and staff of Divine Savior School. Please fill out the form and gift amount by December 14, 2011.

STUDY CLUB

There is room in Mrs. Johnson's after school study club from 3:00-3:30pm on Tuesday's and Thursday's. This is for elementary age children who may need additional help, such as with reading or math. Please call Mrs. Johnson if you are interested in having your child be a part of this study time.

BASKETBALL

December 3rd Girls B-Team plays at SFA Middle School at 2:30 against SFA Grey LH
December 3rd Girls A-team plays at Roncalli at 4:30pm against Holy Family

December 10th Girls B-Team plays at SFA Middle School at 1:15 against St. Peter
December 10th Girls A-Team plays at Roncalli at 11am against St. Peter

December 4th Boys B-Team plays at Roncalli at 12:20pm against New Holstein White
December 4th Boys A-Team plays at Roncalli at 3:50pm against SFA Franz

December 11th Boys B-Team plays at St. Francis of Assisi MS at 2:20pm against NH Red
December 11th Boys A-Team plays at Roncalli at 12:10 against NH

Please show your support for our Knights!

SLEIGH RIDE

Mark your calendars now for our annual sleigh ride. It is taking place on Thursday, December 15th, 2011. More information will follow during the week of Dec. 5th through Dec. 9th.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Please contact Mr. Stepanek at any time if you have questions or concerns. Cell ph# 920-267-0583 or email gfstepanek@gmail.com. Thank you.

To parents and parishioners of CPES and Divine Savior Schools :

On Thursday, November 17, we were informed the Chapter 11 reorganization of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will affect the collaboration discussions between CPES and Divine Savior. To be open in our communication, as promised, we would like to inform you that we are still able to proceed with our conversations on collaboration to determine the best possible future for CPES, Divine Savior, and Catholic education in our communities.

This announcement does however remove the possibility of any legal merger of our schools at this time. If legally consolidating our schools is the final recommendation, the merger must be delayed until the reorganization plan of the Archdiocese is complete. This will ensure the protection of the schools and parishes assets. This does allow more time to create a short term and long term strategy that will greatly improve our chances of success. We will continue to update you on the work of the Catholic Schools Commission and our progress.

May God continue to bless the work of the Catholic Schools Commission, its committees, our parishes, schools, and communities, as we move ahead in faith!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL
2011 CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY: The contest runs from **December 1st to the 15th** and is open to all students in grades 1 through 4 who attend private or public schools, or are home schooled. This includes religious education classes as well.

THEME: "THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS" (Do NOT use the words of the theme on the poster!)

JUDGING: Each grade level will be judged **separately**. The criteria will be:

A. Expression of Theme	20 points
B. Originality	30 points
C. Artistic Quality	<u>50 points</u>
Total	100 points

First place winners are eligible for further competition at the Diocesan level.

SIZE/MATERIALS: Entries may not exceed 12" x 18". Standard construction paper or tag board are suggested. (Both are much easier to roll for mailing purposes.)

MEDIA: Crayons Watercolors Colored pencils Magic markers

- Please Note:
1. Posters should be the student's original work.
 2. Nothing may be pasted or glued to the poster.
 3. NO tracing of pictures or letters.

SUGGESTIONS: While the majority of past entries depicted the manger scene, several focused on the Baby Jesus or the Madonna and the Child. Others showed Mary and Joseph or the Magi on the way to Bethlehem. Another showed shepherds startled by angels in the sky. Some included family gatherings, a country church on Christmas Eve or Santa paying homage to the Christ Child. A number of posters emphasized Peace on Earth or incorporated Christmas carols.

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2011

IDENTIFICATION: The official identification label is at the bottom of this page. Use a **GLUE STICK** or **CELLOPHANE TAPE** to attach it in the **UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER** of the **BACK OF THE POSTER**. Do NOT use staples or paper clips!

Call with Questions
Home 898-1503
Phone _____

Randy Jaeckels _____, Contest Chairman
e-mail _____

POSTER CONTEST IDENTIFICATION LABEL

NAME _____ GRADE _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____
PHONE (_____) _____
SCHOOL _____
COUNCIL 12393 DISTRICT 11 DIOCESE Green Bay



Dear Parents,

It is that time of the year again to think about Christmas gifts for the teachers and staff of Divine Savior. We will be collecting money for teachers and staff for Scrip certificates. Each staff member will receive a Christmas card which will include your family's name. If you would like to give a gift, please fill out the Scrip Gift form by filling in the dollar amount for each staff member you would like to give to. Return the form and gift amount to the New Holstein office by December 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Keuler at 894-1460 or family@thekeulers.com.

Thank you.

Divine Savior Home & School Association



Scrip Gift Form

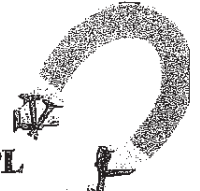
FAMILY NAME: _____		
<u>TEACHER/STAFF</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Father Harry Berryman	Sacramental Pastor	\$
Father Loren Nys	Sacramental Pastor	\$
Deacon Pat Knier		\$
Mr. Joe Zenk	Pastoral Director	\$
Mr. Gary Stepanek	Principal	\$
Mrs. Jennifer Stephany	Office Manager	\$
Mrs. Kathy Voland	Preschool	\$
Mrs. Joan Nisler	Kindergarten	\$
Mrs. Amanda Johnson	1st	\$
Mrs. Diane Cherney	2nd	\$
Mrs. Tracy Schuler	3rd	\$
Mrs. Kris Tarnowski	4th	\$
Mrs. Cathy Kees	5th	\$
Ms. Terri Huether	6th/Gym/Tech	\$
Mrs. Linda Jelinek	7th	\$
Mrs. Martha Holst	8th	\$
Mr. Mike Lodes	Science	\$
Mr. Rob Holden	KN-4th Technology	\$
Mrs. Debbie Sawyer	Music	\$
Ms. Janice Hannon	Art/Spanish	\$
Ms. Jennifer Rivera	Band	\$
Mrs. Kim Ertel	Student Services	\$
Mrs. Vanessa Fredrick	Child Care	\$
Mrs. Michele Nowacki	Child Care	\$
Mrs. Daphne Grybush	Child Care/Kitchen Staff	\$
Mrs. Sarah Wagner	Custodian/Child Care	\$
Mr. Mike Winter	Maintenance	\$
Mr. Fred Meyer	Maintenance	\$
Mrs. Sarah Wagner	Cleaning Elementary School	\$
Mr. Mark Riesterer	Cleaning Middle School	\$
Mrs. Eileen Werdeo	Cook	\$
Mrs. Anne Klapperich	Cook	\$
Mr. Duane Werdeo	Cook	\$
Mrs. Daphne Grybush	Kitchen Staff	\$
Mrs. Joan Kabat	Kitchen Staff	\$
Return by Dec. 14th	TOTAL DUE	\$



**Family Evening Events
@ KPL**

- Oct. 5 Halloween Costume Exchange
- Nov. 2 Cooking With Amy & Ireland
- Dec. 7 Singing Santa
- Jan. 4 Special People, Special Stories
- Feb. 1 Heart Happy "Dance With Me"
- Mar. 7 Old Fashioned Hoedown
- Apr. 4 Princess and the Tea Party
(pre-registration required)
- May 2 Meet the Police

ALL PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 6 P.M.



SCIENCE NIGHT @ KPL

- Sep. 21 Crime Scene Investigating
- Oct. 19 Chemistry/Poking Pumpkins
- Nov. 16 Electricity
- Dec. 14 Candy Making/States of Matter
- Jan. 18 Improbable Science
- Feb. NO SCIENCE NIGHT
- Mar. 21 Music
- Apr. 18 Natural Disasters
- May 16 Science Behind Mythology



All programs start at 6 p.m.



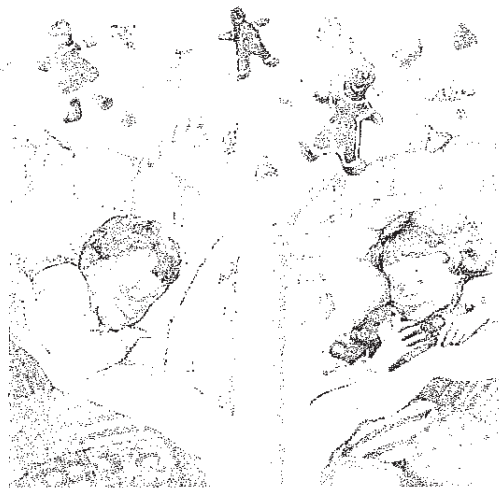
The Singing Santa is coming to
Kiel Library
Wednesday, December 7 2011 at 6 p.m.
for a very merry Christmas Family Sing-Along
Bring your cameras for a picture with Santa!
For information visit www.davidhbrake.com

Science Night

Wed. Dec. 14th

6 p.m.

Candy Making



WHILE VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS DANCED IN THEIR HEADS