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SCRIP

We have recently added these SCRIP Retailers to our on-hand inventory at masses and in the school office:

Lowe's and Roma Restaurant

(in Willernie) If you aren't familiar with Roma, we hear it is great food and they do catering – great idea for grad parties! Check them out at: <http://www.roman-market.com/>

During the summer months Scrip will be available at Masses and in the SCCS Office. Each Friday the office hours for the next week will be posted on the SCCS website.

Online orders will continue to be placed on Monday with pick-up at masses, in the school office, or by arrangement with Laura Ogren 439-1806 or Amy Gag 439-0888. Amy and Laura can also help you get set up online.

From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Epperly

BLOOMING with APPRECIATION FOR YOU

Over the past month we have celebrated the many individuals and groups who work unselfishly to provide a strong faith based, academic and discipline education for your children. Our volunteers, teachers and staff all contribute in so many wonderful and giving ways.



Valuable, Optimistic, Lending support with a heartwarming smile, Unselfishly going the extra mile, Notable for all the work they do, Trusted because we can count on you, Effective in all you undertake, Esteemed for the difference you make, Ready to serve in so many ways, Special and deserving of our praise!, A special thank you to all.

A particular Thank You goes out to the Home and School for the great food and service they provided for and during the Staff Appreciation Breakfast last week and to our two outgoing Home and School Chairs Angela Nolde and Carrie Sandquist who have done a fantastic job this past year supporting us at SCCS!

Volunteers - we invite all of you to cruise the St. Croix River with our school staff and 8th grade graduates and their parents on Monday, June 7th. Please call or email in your RSVP if you are able to attend.

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We have received the assignments for the Dominican Sisters for the 2010-2011 school year. Sr. Maria Frassati is being assigned to a school in Jacksonville, TN. Sr. Mary Bethany will return to the SCCS Middle School where she will once again take on the History teaching. Sr. Perpetua is joining us as a first grade teacher. Sr. Theresa Anne will once again teach second grade.

Sr. Shirley Deutsch, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, will be leaving SCCS after 26 years of service. There will be a reception for Sr. Shirley after the 9:15 am Mass on Sunday June 6th. Please join us that morning as we celebrate her dedication and gifts.

We are very blessed to have the three Dominican Sisters in our midst at SCCS and are blessed to have had the presence of Sr. Shirley, representing the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The sisters enrich us so much with their wisdom, faith, and love. Together with our fine lay faculty, SCCS provides a unique Catholic educational experience in the St. Croix Valley for our children.

Year End Lunch Balances

Please check your lunch account balances to make sure your children have enough money in their accounts to cover the lunches they will be purchasing through the last day of school. Lunch for students is \$2.60 per day and the price of milk only is 45 cents. All past due balances must be paid in full by June 11, 2010.

Balances remaining in the account of returning students will be carried over to next year unless a written request for a refund is made.

Please submit requests by June 18 to the school office and mark the envelope attn: Jane Slusher.

Remember, you can access your lunch account balances through the PowerSchool program. Just click on the **green \$** at the top of your child's page.

Father's Day Tributes

The Respect Life Committee of St. Mary's and St. Michael's is organizing a tribute to dads for Father's Day. Here is your chance to let your dad know how much you appreciate him. Write up a **brief** explanation of what makes your dad so special. They will display as many as they can at masses the weekend of June 20th. Submissions should be no larger than 8.5" by 5.5" (a half sheet of standard paper). You may print a form from the SCCS website: <http://www.stcroixcatholic.com/files/stcroixcatholics/files/FYI%200910/May/Father's%20Day%20Tribute%20form.pdf> or create your own. You may include a drawing or photograph but this is not required. Include your name, grade, and parish so that we get it on display at your home church. Please turn in your tributes to the SCCS office by May 26th.

Eighth Grade to Perform *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* by Ann Thompson McCarron

On Tuesday and Thursday next week, the eighth grade Communications class will treat their families and the SCCS students to performances of the classic story *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Students in kindergarten through 4th grade will see the performance on Tuesday, May 25 at 9:45am. On Thursday, May 27, the play will be performed twice - first for students in grades 5-7 at 9:45am, and then at 7pm that evening for family and friends. If family members cannot attend the evening performance, they are welcome to join us either morning.

Throughout their middle school years in Communications class, these 8th graders have progressed in their play production knowledge and experience, developing beneficial presentation and team-building skills. This trimester they have worked hard rehearsing and preparing all that is needed for a good performance, including the costumes, sets, props, and publicity.

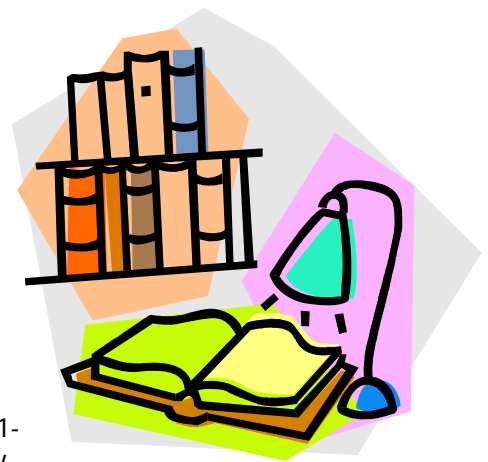
Thank you to the following parents who helped our students as they prepared for the performances: Mrs. Purdie, Mr. Glaser, and Mrs. Schulte.

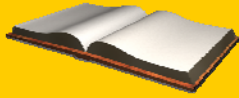
Come join the fun as the eighth graders share their wonderful play, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*!

Buy One, Get One Free Is Back!

The Buy One, Get One Scholastic Book Fair is back! It will be held in the **Resource Room** (3rd floor next to Mrs. McDermott's 4th grade classroom), **Monday-Friday, May 24th - May 28th, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** For every book you buy, you get a second book of equal or lesser value for free! It is a great way to stock up on summer reading. The Book Fair will also be open during the school carnival, so come check it out!

If you have any questions, call Denise Faust @ 651-748-8442 or Holly Corbid @ 651-275-0501. Happy Reading!





A Message from the
SCCS Library . . .
Please return all
library materials by
Thursday, May
20th! Thank you!

**SCCS Middle
School
SPRING
DANCE**



A Spring Dance is
scheduled for the
Middle School
students on Friday,
May 21st,
from
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
in the SCCS gym.
There will be a
\$5.00 admission.
The night will
include Mr. Slaikeu
as the DJ, along
with plenty
of snacks, pop and
fun. If you are a
Middle School
parent and would
like to help with this
event,
please contact
Laura Ogren at
439-1806.

**Teachers and Staff Honored at Appreciation Breakfast
by Angela Nolde, 2009 – 2010 Home and School Co-Chair**

Last Wednesday the Home & School Committee was proud to host the annual Teacher/Staff appreciation breakfast. What a wonderful opportunity to thank the teachers and staff for all that they do to make SCCS great. Not only do they teach academics, but we are blessed to have a staff that also fosters our children's spiritual growth. They teach not only through lesson plans, but also through the kindness and respect they show our children, fellow staff members and parents. Fourteen teachers had reached milestones and were recognized for their years of dedicated service to SCCS.

5 years of service:

**Karen Anderson
Rick Haussner**

**Jennifer Koenning
John Kolnik**

10 years of service:

**Cressy Epperly
Pam Fioritto
Mary Lee Lass**

**Steve Marengo
Erin Rustin
Ann Thompson**

15 years of service:

Diane Polley

Jane Slusher

20 years of service:

Kathie Sontag

40 years of service:

Ann Daniels

We also were proud to recognize Mrs. Barbara Wissink who completed her doctorate work this spring. Sr. Shirley Deutsch, who will be leaving SCCS, was also honored for her 26 years of teaching at SCCS.

The Home & School Committee would like to thank the many volunteers that made this breakfast possible. They made food, helped set up, serve, and clean up the breakfast and staffed various positions in the school so staff could attend (Kid's Club/Office/Traffic). We would like to offer a sincere thank you to Wendy Markert who organized all of the food and volunteers for the breakfast and former SCCS parent Denise Boczek who played the harp. We appreciate all of your hard work that made this breakfast possible:

Sue Campbell
Shelley de St. Aubin
Denise Faust
Sue Faust
Heidi Franke
Amy Gag
Nora Hahn
Terri Harrington
Glenda Houle
Jill Long
Ann Loomis
Wendy Markert
Karen Nelson

Carrie Petronack
Mary Riehm
Susan Schlegel
Denise Seeman
Fran Seiler
Coleen Siegfried
Sue Steveken
Louise Stevens
Jackie Valerius
Gina Watry
Deanne Wessel
Darcy Winter
Lee Winter



There is still time for K – 5 students and/or their parents to order a **Tinucci's** lunch for the June 3rd Field Day. Order forms are available on the SCCS website:

<http://www.stcroixcatholic.com/files/stcroixcatholic.com/files/FY1%200910/May/Tinucci%20order%20form.pdf>



Families and friends of 5th graders

Don't Miss Rock & Roll Forever Friday, May 21st at 2:00 in St. Michael's Social Hall

As a culmination to our study of the history of Rock & Roll, the 5th graders would like to share a "work in progress" including songs and information from our study. Please join us for **Rock & Roll Forever** and celebrate our learning!



It Is Carnival Time

The School Carnival Is Friday, May 28th from 1 pm – 3 pm!!!



Carnival Prices Stay The Same As Last Year!

No Uniform Day

All younger siblings are welcome to join you & have some fun!

Tickets are only 50 cents!

Presale of Tickets the day of the Carnival

Middle School Presale before school in Middle School Commons

K – 5 Presale Tickets will be sold in classrooms at about 9:30

GAMES - 1 Ticket

Little Debbie Walk
Fish Pond
Putting Green
Lizard Launch
Football Toss
Pop Bottle Ring Toss
Lollipop Wheel
Plinko
Slap Shot Hockey
Face Painting

FOOD - 1 Ticket

Pop
Water
Popcorn

OTHER FUN THINGS - 2 Tickets

Obstacle Courses
Pitch Burst Water Game
Pick A Prize
Fun Hair
All Stars Basketball

Food - 2 Tickets

Nachos
Cotton Candy
Ice Cream Treats

Focus on Faith by Jeanne Crea

We are called to continually grow in our faith. Consider studying the seven deadly sins and their antidotes (lively virtues)!

Join Father Robert Barron for this engaging presentation concerning the Seven Deadly Sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Based on Dante's writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven stories of Dante's Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness.

But that's not all! Father Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the Seven Lively Virtues. The Seven Lively Virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. He offers practical applications of these virtues in every day life.

- 1) Pride = Humility
- 2) Envy = Admiration
- 3) Anger = Forgiveness
- 4) Sloth (Spiritual indifference) = Zeal
- 5) Avarice (Greed) = Generosity
- 6) Gluttony = Asceticism (Fasting and Prayer)
- 7) Lust = Chastity

Annual Booster Club Activities Banquet

Monday,
May 24th
6:30 – 8:00 pm
St. Michael's
Social Hall

The SCCS Booster Club Activities Banquet is open to all students and parents who have participated in extra-curricular activities this year; sports, Lego League, Spelling and Geography Bees, Chess Club, or any other organized group.

Coaches:
Remember to invite any non-SCCS participant or adult team helper that may have been part of your group.

Please RSVP to the SCCS office with number attending.

There is an easy-to-navigate DVD (112 minutes total) that can be used for personal reflection and examination of conscience or in a class or group setting, followed by discussion or meditation. There is also a workbook with a short lesson for each sin/virtue that includes scripture and the catechism to enhance the lesson. For more information see:

<http://www.worndonfire.org/WOF-Store/DVDs/Seven-Deadly-Sins-Seven-Lively-Virtues.aspx>

Last week we talked about the Sacraments and how they relate to our every day life. There is an Examination of Conscience based on the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love, and like above, we are encouraged to work on the virtues we most need help with in our spiritual lives. See

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/spirit/examcons.txt>

Summer Community Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Again this summer and early fall, there will be a few opportunities to have fun, highlight our school, and, if you need to count Parent Participation Hours, to start fulfilling your commitment.

1. Mark your calendars for the **Washington County Fair** - August 4 - 8, 2010. SCCS will again have a booth to advertise our wonderful school. Last year's volunteers had fun staffing the booth and doing trivia questions with any and all who wanted to try. Now is YOUR chance to sign up for a shift. Contact **Sue Stanich** to find out details at sstanich@comcast.net or 651 430-1243. Or look for a schedule in the school office to sign up for the hours you prefer.

Check out the fair's website <http://www.washingtoncountyfair.org/> while you're at it and see all the fun things to do. Children and adults can submit entries and win cash premiums in many categories ... animals, crafts, baking, hobbies and more. Come on out and join us at the fair!

2. **Wild Rice Festival - An SCCS Coordinator** who will recruit, schedule, and oversee SCCS volunteers (parents and students) to help in the dining room during the **Wild Rice Festival**, helping serve, clean tables, restock paperware, etc. (The SCCS coordinator will receive specific direction from the Wild Rice Dinner Coordinator.) In the past, students were in uniform and earned a no-uniform pass. The date of the event is Sunday, September 12, 2010 (time needed to be filled is approximately 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.) Contact Holly Mezera at hmezera@msn.com.

3. SCRIP sales will continue at the parishes throughout the summer months. If you can take a shift selling at St. Michael's, St. Mary's or St. Charles, please contact Jeanne Crea at jcrea@comcast.net. It is a great time to help the school and connect with friends after masses.

Join SCCS 8th Graders, Volunteers and Eighth Grade Families – You Are Invited For A Ride on the Andiamo on Monday, June 7

An annual end-of-the-year event at SCCS is an afternoon cruise on the Andiamo. This is offered by Mr. Dick Anderson to all SCCS, SCVFF, and Tri-Parish staff, our volunteers, committee members, eighth grade graduates and their parents. ANYONE who has volunteered this past school year is invited to join us for this cruise. Boarding begins at 11:15 and we will return at about 2:00 pm. Snacks and soft drinks are provided. Since an accurate count is needed, please RSVP by May 26th. Call the SCCS office or email dktsanes@stccs.com. Please see the flyer coming home this week with your youngest child at SCCS.

SAVE THE DATE
12th Annual
SCCS Golf
Tournament
Saturday, August
21, 2010

Mark your calendars now for a fun filled day on Saturday, August 21st for the 12th Annual SCCS Golf Tournament and Dinner at Applewood Hills Golf Course.

All proceeds will be used to help build the SCCS Endowment Fund. If you prefer not to golf, plan on enjoying the social hour, dinner and silent auction.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or have any questions regarding donations or hold sponsorship, please contact Jean Batterton at 351-9056 or jean.batterton@comcast.net

Sign up now by going to:
<http://www.stcroixcatholic.com/endowment.aspx>

The Dead Sea Scrolls

The Science Museum of Minnesota is offering coupons for a Free Child Admission with a Paid Adult Admission to The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit through May 31, 2010. Coupons are available in the SCCS office.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 20

- 10:30 am Orchestra and Band Concert for students (families are welcome too)
St. Michael's Social Hall
- 6:30 pm Orchestra and Band Concert for families
St. Michael's Social Hall

Friday, May 21

- 2:00 pm Rock and Roll Forever presented by the SCCS 5th grade students
St. Michael's Social Hall
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Middle School Dance
SCCS Gym

Monday, May 24

- 6:30 pm Booster Club Banquet
St. Michael's Social Hall
Call the SCCS office to RSVP

Tuesday, May 25

- 9:45 am Eighth grade play performed for grades K – 4
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- 1:30 pm 5th grade DARE Graduation at St. Mary's Great Hall

Wednesday, May 26

- 9:15 am All School Mass

Thursday, May 27

- 9:45 am Eighth grade play performed for grades 5 - 7
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- 1:00 pm Health Fair
- 7:00 pm Eighth grade play performed for family and friends
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Friday, May 28

- 1:00 – 3:00 pm SCCS Carnival
- Last Day for Ark of Angels Preschool

Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL



Sister Shirley Deutsch of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet will be leaving St. Croix Catholic School at the end of this school year after 26 years of service to the school. We have been blessed over the years to have Sister Shirley's presence.

The school will host a reception for her on Sunday, June 6th after the 9:15 am mass in St. Michael's Social Hall. Please come help us celebrate her dedication and gifts. We extend our heartfelt prayers and gratitude to Sister Shirley!

Tuesday, June 1

2:00 pm Middle School Awards
St. Michael's Social Hall

Wednesday, June 2

Last Day of School for grade 8

6:30 pm Eighth Grade Graduation followed by a reception hosted by 7th grade parents and students
St. Michael's Church and St. Michael's Social Hall

Thursday, June 3

6th and 7th grade picnic day to Wild Mountain

9:30 – 11:30 K, 1 and 2 Field Day at Lily Lake Park

11:30 – 12:30 Tinucci's Picnic Lunch for K – 5 at Lily Lake Park

12:30 – 2:30 3, 4 and 5 Field Day at Lily Lake Park

Friday, June 4

Last Day of School grades K – 7

Report Cards sent home

9:15 am All School Mass

11:00 am Dismissal – Parents Pick-Up

Sunday, June 6

Reception for Sister Shirley Deutsch after 9:30 Mass
St. Michael's Social Hall

Monday, June 7

Volunteers, Staff, 8th grade graduates and their parents
Cruise the St. Croix on the Andiamo
Boarding at 11:15