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KCSS Alumni News

Kaukauna Catholic School System-Excellence in Education and Catholic Faith

Carrying on the Tradition-Endowment Campaign

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Mrs. Gayle Reider Celebrates 35 Years at KCSS

Oh, the Things They Don't Teach You in College

When I look back over the past 35 years in Catholic education, I realize that there are many things about teaching in a Catholic school that they don't teach you in college.

One thing they don't teach you in college is about the dedication of the parishioners who make daily struggles to provide the schools with all they need to provide a quality education for the students. They do this through daily prayer, generous donations and volunteerism. I recall one time when we needed a truck to move some materials and five men with a truck showed up to lend a hand. Parishioners, even those with no children in our school, serve as playground monitors, library assistants, lunch room helpers, aides and chaperones.

Another thing I didn't learn in college was the dedication of our priests and administrators. They always manage to somehow tweak the budget so the schools can exist and thrive. They are always there to listen, teach, guide, support and tend to all of our needs both spiritually and otherwise. All of this they do and yet still attend countless meetings and events after school hours.

The other thing I didn't learn in college was how dedicated our teachers and staff are to the mission of Catholic Education. I have seen teachers come in after hours (even Saturday) to prepare lessons or work with a student. I have seen teachers pay for things out of their own pocket while never expecting reimbursement. I have learned that the best lessons come from the heart, not the textbook.

The other thing I did not learn in college was the deep love and support the parents have for their school. Our parents have been so supportive in so many ways. They are supportive of the teachers and worked cooperatively with the staff to provide a Catholic education for the children. They do this by serving on so many committees from the Board of Trustees to Athletics. Parents make sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic school, yet they do it without complaint. They also volunteer in countless areas. I admire how well everyone came together from all the parishes when we did our consolidation in the 90's. New friendships were formed and a strong system was developed from the gifts and talents of many.

Another thing I never learned in college was the deep love you have for your students. You suffer with them when they struggle. You delight with them when they succeed. Years later you remember how each and every one of them touched your heart in a special way.

Yes, there is so much I never learned in college but what an education I have been given. The last 35 years have been priceless and I will carry it in my heart forever. This is not a job, but a mission to serve as Jesus did. The paychecks may have been less than other occupations, but the reward is above and beyond all comprehension.



Buddy Activities

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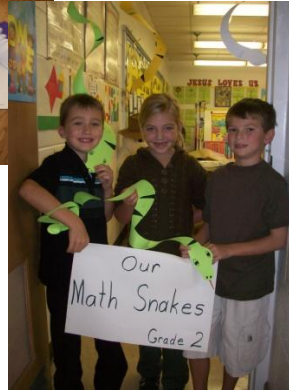


Kindergarten Art

Learning about sculptress Louise Nevelson



Then...

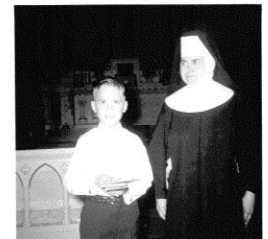


2nd Grade Math Snakes

1956



1962



Join Us...

2nd Annual Kaukauna Catholic Community

Saturday, September 17



3850 Mid Valley Drive
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Golf Outing

Putt to WIN 
\$500

**One \$500 prize may be awarded*

\$80.00 PER PERSON
includes greens fee, cart,
chicken dinner after golf,
many door prizes!!
Cash bar will be available



All proceeds to benefit
Kaukauna Catholic School
System

- 18 Holes
- 4 Person Scramble
- Shot Gun Start
- 12 Noon Tee Off **RAIN OR SHINE**
- Registration Starts at 11:00
- Dinner 5:00pm (Approximate)

You may sign up as a team of 4 golfers or as an individual golfer. Please write your name, phone number and email address on the form below. If you are an individual golfer, we will assign you to a team.

Golfer Name

Phone Number

Email Address

GOLFERS (\$80) # _____ \$ _____ DINNER ONLY no golf (\$15) # _____ \$ _____ CHECK TOTAL\$ _____

- Make checks payable to **Kaukauna Catholic School System**
- Return entry form and payment to: Kaukauna Catholic School System • 2401 S. Main Avenue • Kaukauna, WI 54130
- Any questions call (920) 759-9290 or email lswick@kcsonline.org
- Entry form and sponsorship information is available at www.kcsonline.org, click on the golf outing link

**We are thankful for the many donors who have generously given to the
Carrying on the Tradition Endowment Campaign**

Total So Far...

\$23, 421.37



Summary of Donors
Tribute 1
Reward 16
Bonus 46
Friends 52
Thank You!

Levels of Giving....

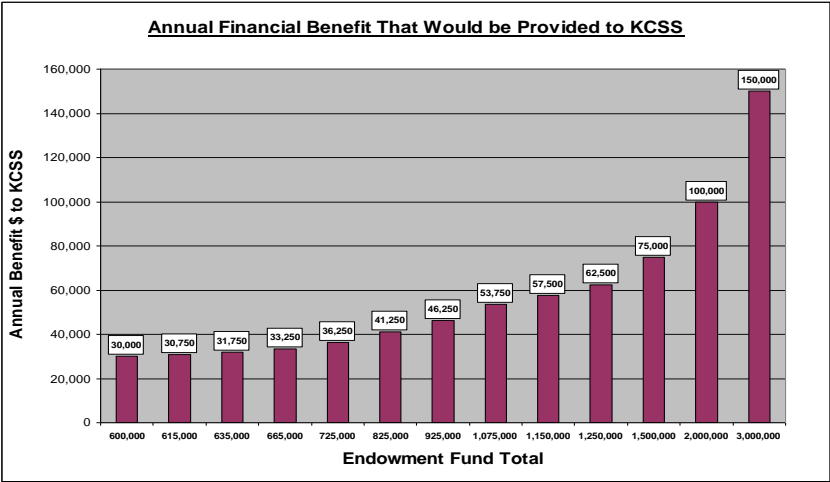
\$1,000,000	Founders
\$250,000-999,000	Legacy
\$100,000-249,000	Heritage
\$50,000-99,999	Celebration
\$25,000-49,999	Heirloom
\$10,000-24,999	Blessing
\$2,500-9,999	Tribute
\$500-2,499	Reward
\$100-499	Bonus
\$1-99	Friend

Please consider joining our generous donors in the second year of the "Carrying on the Tradition" Endowment Campaign ...

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Questions? Call Lynn at (920) 759-9290 or lzwick@kcsonline.org



The KCSS Endowment Fund total to date is \$778,675.31. Interest income is used to provide curriculum materials, technology and other items used to enhance the quality of education at KCSS.

KCSS Middle School Students Achieve Academic Excellence
 An Average of 74% of KCSS Middle School Students (Grades 6-8) were on the Honor Roll this school year.

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation Announces the Accreditation of Kaukauna Catholic School System

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation (WRISA) is pleased to announce the accreditation of Kaukauna Catholic School System. Kaukauna Catholic School System has proven compliance with WRISA educational standards and is a member in good standing. Schools that are accredited must complete a comprehensive year-long self study, host a site visit by a team of peers, and develop and implement a long range plan for school improvement. Once accredited, schools enter a seven year cycle. During that time they submit annual reports to the Board of Directors that detail their progress in meeting their yearly goals. In the sixth year of their cycle, schools conduct a new self study. This is followed by another site visit and the submittal of a new visiting team report and long range plan to the WRISA Board of Directors in the seventh year. WRISA is a state chapter of the National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Associations (NFSSAA). For more information and a complete listing of schools, visit the WRISA website: www.wrisa.net.

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Mrs. Donna Diedrich
KCSS Preschool Teacher's Aide
Celebrating 10 years with KCSS



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I enjoy working at KCSS because it is part of who I am. I graduated from Holy Cross and so did my parents and my four children. School is a big part of your life and so it influences you deeply. Catholic education has helped us as parents to instill a deep love for Christ and values which we carry with us throughout our lives. I like knowing that we can openly talk and teach about our faith. We try to instill Jesus in all aspects of life, whether it's on the playground or in the classroom. Most of all I love the children, each one has a special spot in my heart and I see God in each child. It is truly a blessing to work with these beautiful children.

