

*News & Notes from the Principal's Desk*

*†Christ Be Our Light*

November 4, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I appreciate the Halloween Party planning and generosity of our Room Moms and volunteers this past Friday. Despite the rain, we had our parade inside and it worked out just fine. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon festivities. Thank you for being with us!

**Safety:** Please take time to walk young children across the crosswalk at arrival and dismissal times. This is very important for their safety. Mill Street can be busy at these times of the day and we want our children to be supervised and safe. Thank you for your assistance!

**TFSA:** Please contact me if you would be interested in serving as TFSA President (4 year term) or TFSA Secretary (1 year term) beginning for the 2010-2011 school year.

**RCMS Launch Event:** Please join us for the celebration of the new Catholic middle school from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., on November 8, 2009, in the PLC! This exciting event will include the announcement of the new name and school colors. A wine and cheese social will follow the festivities. Parents can win three months free middle school tuition in a drawing at this event (must be present to win). I will provide an out-of-uniform pass for all students who attend! Our 5-8 graders have a special part in the presentation. I hope to see you there!

**Parent Meeting:** On Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., we are hosting a “New Beginnings” Meeting for Transfiguration parents. We will meet in the Café. We will address questions and ideas regarding the new middle school and Transfiguration as a PS-5 program next year. Babysitting will be provided.

**Lottery Calendar Winner:** Congratulations to Lindsay Falk our \$50.00 winner!

**October Students of the Month/Ace Club:** We will present this past month’s awards to students after Mass on Nov. 18.

**Bus Service/EDP:** There will be bus service in the morning and at noon dismissal on November 19 and 20. EDP will be available immediately after the noon dismissal.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Tina Vakilynejad  
Principal

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*Lord, it is good for us to be here.*

Everyone is welcome to join us at  
***Breakfast with Santa***

**December 2009**

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Transfiguration Schools

Life Center

316 Mill St.

Wauconda, IL

Sunday December 6, 2009

8:am till 12:noon

Your never to old to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season, feast on our gourmet breakfast, visit Santa, and bring home a personalized photo CD of your child with the Jolly man in the red suit.

Ho Ho hope to see you there!!

Any Questions call Dave Jakubek your breakfast host @ 847-487-5277

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Children 3 and under free



## New Catholic middle school will open next year

By Vincent Pierri | Daily Herald Staff

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With a mission to take Catholic education to a new level, officials from three Lake County schools have announced plans to open a new Catholic middle school next year.

Leaders from parishes Santa Maria del Popolo in Mundelein, St. Mary of the Annunciation near Mundelein and Transfiguration in Wauconda are joining forces to create the new school. Discussions started more than a year ago.

"We wanted to raise the bar for Catholic education," said Rev. Ron Lewinski of St. Mary's. "We want to re-imagine the paradigms for education."

The yet-to-be-named institution, which will be located in existing buildings on Transfiguration's campus, will be the first Catholic middle school in the Chicago Archdiocese, according to archdiocese officials.

The name will be announced by Cardinal Francis George, via video, during a formal ceremony to be held Sunday at Transfiguration Church. Details will be discussed on Sunday, starting at 4 p.m. at the Parish Life Center, 316 W. Mill St., Wauconda.

The school will be open to children from all over the county. The short-term plan is to use buildings at Transfiguration until enrollment grows.

"We expect to outgrow this facility within three to five years," according to Renee Luhr, a member of the executive planning committee. "After that, we'll consider other options for a new site."

Planners say there will be about 150 sixth- through eighth-grade students in classes when the doors open next August. The three feeder schools will keep their kindergarten through fifth-grade programs, but all middle school students will be shifting to the new facility, officials said.

The school will focus on math and science, along with providing a vibrant religious education, Luhr said.

"Our goal is to provide students with both a firm academic base and strong Catholic identity," Luhr said.

Luhr said tuition costs aren't set yet, but will be soon. "Parents can expect to pay about the same as they pay now," Luhr said. "The average costs range from \$3,800 to \$4,500 annually."

The vision for the school came from pastors Rev. David Arcila of Santa Maria, Rev. Ron Gollatz of Transfiguration and Rev. Lewinski of St. Mary's, Luhr said.

"These three pastors led the charge for this school," Luhr said. "Research underscores the value of shaping a program geared to the needs and psychology of middle school students."

Rev. Lewinski said the collaboration between the three schools will make for a solid institution.

"With the three schools working together, we're able to do more than any one of us could do alone," he said.

Hi everyone,

I wanted to send out a reminder that the office has gently used uniform pieces for free in the office.

I know when school started I did not want to look through the table of clothes to see if maybe something in the pile might fit my son. I recently went to the office to buy him a sweatshirt and decided to look through the old uniforms first. Before long I realized I was organizing while looking for a sweat shirt. Now that it might be a little easier to look through I wanted to let everyone know that if you need something you can stop by the office and look or if you like I can pull something out for you. Just give me a call at 847-561-8202 or send me an email at [SuziMancini@comcast.net](mailto:SuziMancini@comcast.net). Let me know what you need and the size and I would be happy to get it for you.

Thank you –

Suzi Mancini