

# THURSDAY NOTES

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Issue #5

## This Week's Calendar

<b>TONIGHT</b>	Volleyball & Football v Hood Canal @ Home - 3:30 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	MMO - 5th Grade  <b>Tuition Due</b> <b>2:15 Early Dismissal</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Volleyball vs Grapeview - Home - 3:30 PM  Football JV Only - vs McCleary - Home - 3:30 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Buddy Mass - Grades 1 & 4
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1st Grade to Schilter Pumpkin Patch  Volleyball & Football (Varsity Only) @ CCA - 3:30 PM
<b>NEXT FRIDAY</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - SMART Family Night</b>



## Dear St. Michael School Families:

During the school year the faculty and I spend time discussing reading and how important it is that students be good readers if they are going to be successful in school now, in high school, and even beyond. Here are some things that you can do at home to help your children become strong readers and develop a love for reading.

- Make reading a priority in your home. Have lots of books available and encourage your children to read. You might encourage them to read about the lives of saints. To introduce good role models to your children have them read biographies of saints, famous Americans, or good sportsmen.
- Kids are so busy today they hardly have time to read. Some kids spend many more hours in front of the TV or playing video games than they do reading. Make time for reading every day. Good readers are better spellers and better writers. These skills will take them far in life.
- Good reading habits can be formed at home by parents. Make reading time for yourself and your children.
- Good readers comprehend what they are reading and look for the deeper meaning to stories. Ask your children about their reading. Do they understand what they have been reading? Can they discuss with you what they are reading?
- With younger children, read aloud. Take turns; you read and your child reads. You can model good reading to them by stopping at a period or pausing at a comma or ending with a question at a question mark. Students will learn what is modeled.

Helping children develop good reading skills will reap a lifetime of benefits. Let's work together to help our children become strong readers!

God bless, Jack Nelson



## Reminder!

There will be  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Tomorrow**  
Teacher In-Service

and

**Friday, October 16th**  
SMART Family Night



## Passport

Passport begins this month! The first check day of the year is scheduled for 10/27! This year we have a renewed effort with our Passport curriculum.

We need your help! Encourage your students to study and prepare for check days. Their October maps should have come home already.

We also have a new Passport Coordinator, Suzanne Scuderi. Mrs. Scuderi has experience with Passport and will be a great asset to the program.

**We are seeking parent volunteers to help on "check" days - a once a month, one to two hour commitment. A 30-45 minute volunteer orientation will be held in the library on Tuesday, October 20th at 3:15 PM. Please call the office at 754-5131 or sign up in person prior to the training. This is a great way to get those Stewardship hours!**

### Why Should I Buy

#### SCRIP?

Do you buy groceries? Do you put gas in the car? Do you go out to dinner?



SCRIP is an easy and painless way to help support St. Michael School – you are buying a gift certificate to purchase something that you would purchase anyway. Annually, we receive about \$20,000 in support from SCRIP purchases.

The SCRIP program has tremendous potential- all you have to do is take one extra step (buying SCRIP) to do something that you are doing anyway – buying groceries, gas or going out to dinner. Do you realize if every school family purchased SCRIP to just buy groceries SCRIP could contribute well over \$50,000 to the school to fund PTSA activities! SCRIP helps fund teacher projects, field trips, Olympia Junior Programs (OJP), Yearbook, Shakespeare, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp to name a few. SCRIP is available in the school office Monday through Friday or through SCRIP Club.

#### **St. Michael School Website**

There is a great deal of information contained on our school website ([www.stmikesolympia.org](http://www.stmikesolympia.org)). Most recently we have begun putting Thursday Notes and classroom letters on the website. Soon we will be sending these documents to you electronically! Stay tuned.

## Stewardship Update



Stewardship is one's response to the blessings of God. Stewardship is first and foremost saying "THANK YOU". As we come to greater and greater awareness of how God has blessed us we grow as a grateful person and a grateful people. This leads to action on our part.

Total Pledged 1/1/09-9/30/09 \$334,537  
Total Received 1/1/09-9/30/09 \$281,639

Matching Formula: For every \$1.00 given during the calendar year by a St. Michael School family to the regular Sunday offertory collection at St. Michael Church (Sacrificial Giving), the parish will give the school \$1.90. There is no limit to the amount of gifts the parish will match but should the grant reach a level of \$302,860, all further donations will be matched at a lesser rate of 50%.



## SMART Auction 2009

### "Picture Perfect" Family Night - Friday, October 16th

### Gala Night - Saturday, October 24th

*Invitations have been mailed. Get your seat/table reserved by Friday the 16th. Extra reservation cards are available in the school office and parish office.*

*Hurry, you don't want to miss this special event!*

### Parent/Visitor Sign In



As a gentle reminder, all parents and visitors must sign in at the school office when coming into the building. This also applies to the cafeteria. Parents or visitors coming to have lunch or deliver lunch to students must sign in at the school office before going to the cafeteria. Thank you for your cooperation.