

THURSDAY NOTES

November 5, 2009

Issue #8

This Week's Calendar

FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM Faculty vs Varsity Volleyball Game - 2:00 PM
MONDAY	MMO - 1st Grade 2:15 Early Dismissal
TUESDAY	Tuition Due Veterans' Day Assembly - 2:00 PM - Gym
WEDNESDAY	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
NEXT FRIDAY	Buddy Mass, Grades K, 5, & 8 9:00 AM 12:00 Noon Dismissal Teacher Planning



Dear St. Michael School Families:

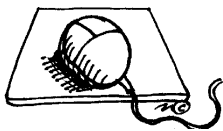
Thank you! The level of support we had at conferences was excellent! Most classrooms reported 100% participation – or close to it. The working relationship between parents and teachers here at St. Mike's is one of the reasons our teachers want to be here and it is something many teachers in other schools would like to experience. Thank you for making St. Michael the great school that it is!

We do have terrific kids at St. Michael. Sometimes they might not be as "mature" as we might want them to be – but they are still kids. They are in the process of learning and what you model makes an impression on them. Being here for your children's conferences, spending time in prayer, taking them to church on Sunday all say so much about family values and priorities you are hoping to instill within them.

We know that the things of the world (i.e. material things) don't really bring us happiness. With more possessions and more activities comes a more complicated life. As I always say, "If you give a child a toy you have a happy child. If you give a child three toys you have a confused child." As adults we often make our lives very confused by trying to gather too many toys and losing focus on the things that are most important.

Thank you for supporting your child's Catholic education and for making their spiritual development a priority. May God bless you and your family.

Jack Nelson



Digital Update

We are just about ready to go electronic. Today, you will receive a "test" e-mail from school. We will use the test to verify e-mail addresses and correct any errors in our lists. **If you did not receive the "test" e-mail or have not given us your e-mail address, please let us know at once so that we can get you added to our list.**

Also, if you change your e-mail address, please let us know ASAP so we can keep our records current. We expect to begin sending Thursday Notes and classroom newsletters via e-mail next week!

Passport Make Up Day
tomorrow (for October)
Next Passport Club
Check Day
Tuesday, November 24th.
Study those maps!





Summer Yearbook Fun!

For this year's yearbook, we have decided to do a page of what kids did over the summer. We would like parents to send in hard copies or email pictures of summer activities that represent all the variety of fun things kids did out of school.

Please send to Mrs. Rafferty or email to krafferty@stmikesolympia.org by November 12th.

Thanks! Yearbook Staff

20th Annual Fifth Grade Wreath Sales



Help send the 5th grade class to Ashland, Oregon for the annual Shakespeare Festival. Enclosed in today's Thursday Notes you will find order forms for the beautiful, northwest, fresh, hand-made, evergreen wreaths & garland. Get a jump on your Christmas decorating or send it to that special someone for a great holiday surprise. Thank you for supporting St. Michael's 5th grade class!



OOPS! WE HAVE SOME BOO BOOS ...

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL FAMILY DIRECTORY BOO BOOS OR CHANGES. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR HANDBOOK.

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Book Fair News!



We had a very successful Scholastic book fair, resulting in new books for our library and classrooms valued at \$1465 as well as \$1,063 to purchase more books as the year goes along.

Thank you for supporting our fair and for all your generous classroom and library donations. A special "thank you" to all those parent volunteers who helped set up and run the book fair, we appreciate you!

~ Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Schoengarth, and Ms. Lewis



Walk-a-Thon Results!

Thanks to everyone who shared their abundance by participating in our "Journey with Jesus" walk-a-thon. We collected \$8,400.00 for the Holy Spirit Center in Juarez Mexico.

"For I was hungry you gave me food"
Matthew 25:35

Absences Reminder

Just a reminder that in order for any absence to be excused, within two days of the student's return to school, the office must receive a written letter/note or explanation for his/her absence. Without this note, even though a phone or e-mail contact has already been made, the absence will be considered unexcused. The note should state the child's name, the dates of absence and the reason for the absence. It must be signed by the parent/guardian.



Sports Schedules Online!

St. Michael School Boys and Girls Sports Schedules will now be online. Currently, the 2009-2010 Boys Basketball Schedule is posted on the following link, <http://stmikesolympia.org/sports.html>