

THURSDAY NOTES

December 10, 2009

This Week's Calendar

- FRIDAY** Buddy Mass, Grades 2 & 7
9:00 AM
- MONDAY** MMO - 5th Grade
2:15 Early Dismissal
- THURSDAY** Senior Luncheon 12:00 PM

**Children Bring Sack Lunches!
No Hot Lunch Served**

Christmas Concert
1:00 & 7:00 PM

- NEXT FRIDAY** All-School Christmas Mass
9:00 AM

**12:00 EARLY
DISMISSAL - NO LUNCH**

*Christmas
Break*

*December 21st -
January 1st*

School Resumes January 4th



Dear St. Michael School Families:

In a world filled with instant gratification Advent reminds us of the importance of waiting, being patient, and preparing. As Catholics we need Advent to remind us of whom we truly are ... a people in waiting ... waiting for heaven, waiting for God, waiting for eternal life. In most of our communities, shopping centers, and other public places, you seldom see a spiritual symbol of Christmas. This makes it even more important that we provide these symbols and their meaning within our homes. Some of these symbols you might have on display in your home include: an Advent wreath, a Nativity scene, statues of Mary and of John the Baptist (who foretold of the coming of Christ;), and/or an Advent calendar. Take time to make this a meaningful Advent season in your home.

God bless you and your family,

Jack Nelson

Tuition Assistance 2009-2010



Once again we will be starting our tuition assistance process through the Fulcrum Foundation (Archdiocese of Seattle). **All families requesting tuition assistance from St. Michael Parish School or the Fulcrum Foundation must complete the process.** Applications are only accepted at the school where your child is enrolled or has applied. The Foundation would like all who are applying to go online for their application. You can access the forms at:

<http://fulcrumfoundation.org/Tuition>.

You will need to **print a hard copy of your completed application and attach it to the required financial and/or tax information (08-09 IRS tax documents).** This packet must then be turned into the school office in order to be considered for any tuition assistance. A limited number of applications will be available in the office in January for those unable to access the forms online.

Please note: All applications must be filled out completely and returned with the proper tax forms by February 23, 2010.



Stewardship Progress Report 2009:

Total Stewardship Pledges
1/1/09 thru 12/03/09 = \$408,688
Total Stewardship Pledges Received
1/1/09 thru 12/03/09 = \$348,630

The end of the calendar year is coming quickly. Please complete your sacrificial giving commitment so that St. Michael School receives 100% of the parish grant of \$417,077 for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your commitment to St. Michael Parish & School.

The Giving Tree: 11/30 to 12/18



The Giving Tree is up in the foyer! This year we will be supporting two very important parish ministries: St. Vincent DePaul and Pregnancy Aid. We are asking for new and/or gently used blankets, as well as children's socks, underwear, and t-shirts. Please feel free to take a tag off of the giving tree and place your unwrapped gift under the tree. Please have the items turned in by December 18th AM.



Looking for an Original Christmas Gift to Give?

Consider shopping online at Artsonia.com, where our student artists have some of their works published! In addition to artwork created this year, last year's galleries of our kids' creations are still available, and Artsonia has a great selection of gift items that can be imprinted with your child's artwork. And, if you place an order, St. Michael School earns money toward our own art program.

Please visit our Artsonia page at <http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=115535>.

Fund-an-Item

At this year's SMART auction we raised \$27,700 for a new mobile laptop lab. Our goal was to purchase a cart with 20 laptop computers. Thanks to your generosity and some good pricing obtained from Apple we were able to purchase a cart that will contain 32 laptop computers! The order was placed last week and we will have the cart ready for student usage after we return from Christmas break. Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Michael Parish School!



Senior Mass - Luncheon - Christmas Program

Our annual Senior Luncheon is next Thursday, December 17th. The Mass of Anointing will begin at 11:00 AM in the church and will be followed by the luncheon at 12:00 (in the school gym). Invitations have been mailed to our seniors. Our Christmas program, "Christmas TIME," will follow the luncheon at 1:00 PM for our guests.

If a relative or friend (ages 65+) did not receive an invitation and would like to come, please contact the school at 754-5131 to make a reservation.

Art For Kids School

Registration is now taking place. Please note, the day has changed from Wednesdays to Thursdays. This is a multimedia, fine art program designed to develop skills and techniques in a variety of materials for new and returning students. Projects are not repeated. Please visit www.artforkidsschool.com <<http://www.artforkidsschool.com>> to register your child (after December 21st a \$10 late fee will be assessed). A flyer was sent home last week.



Next Safe Environment Training Class

... is Tuesday, December 15th,
6:30 PM - Parish Center Room #5
Please register online!