

THURSDAY NOTES

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This Week's Calendar

- TONIGHT** Boys' B-Ball @ Hood Canal
- 3:30 PM
- FRIDAY** All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
- Boys' B-Ball vs Grapeview -
Home - 3:30 PM
- MONDAY** **MMO** - 3rd Grade
- 2:15 Early Dismissal**
- TUESDAY** Boys' B-Ball @ CCA-3:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY** Kindergarten Muffins
w/Mom 8:30 to 9:00 AM
- Boys' B-Ball @ McCleary -
3:30 PM
- THURSDAY** Boys' B-Ball JV ONLY vs
Holy Family Home- 3:30 PM
- NEXT** Buddy Mass, Grades K, 5, &
FRIDAY 8 - 9:00 AM

Dear St. Michael School Families:

Happy New Year! Although the Christmas season has come to a close I wanted to share a short story with you. There is a Peanuts cartoon showing Lucy going to visit Charlie Brown. Upon arriving she wishes him a cheery "Merry Christmas!" Then explaining the purpose of her visit and her cheery greeting she says, "At this time of year we should be kind". "Why at this time of year only?" Asked Charlie Brown. "Shouldn't we be kind all year long?" Lucy looks equally puzzled and snaps at him, "What are you? Some kind of religious nut?"



During this past Christmas season many of us reached out very generously to help and support others. This is outstanding ... but what about the rest of the year? People often talk about getting into the "Christmas spirit". Do you have to be "some kind of a nut" to do this year-round?

Kindness is the music of life. May kindness and caring be with you throughout this New Year!

God bless, 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 and/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 require 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.

Please note: All applications must be filled out completely and returned with the proper tax forms by 3:00 PM, February 23, 2010. No exceptions.



Welcome
Back!

Happy New
Year!

Passport News!

Passport Club Check Day is Friday, January 29. Please be sure to help your children study their maps!



Passport Club needs volunteer "stamp cutters"

to cut out postage stamps from stamp sheets. This is a great opportunity to get those volunteer hours in! This is something that you can do at home any time. It's a great opportunity for parents who may not be able to volunteer during school hours. Please call Suzy Scuderi @ 584-4265 for information.

Target Countries and Special Itinerary Stamps:

Target Countries are countries that are highlighted monthly throughout the school year. They are chosen by St. Michael to coincide with holidays, feast days, etc. These are the countries that students base their Special Itinerary projects on for that particular month. Our Target Country for January is **Australia.**

Students earn a "Special Itinerary" postage stamp if they submit a Special Itinerary project on Passport day. Please see your child's teacher for examples of Special Itinerary Projects.



Yearbook Deadline Coming Up!

If you have not yet ordered a yearbook and would like one, **Friday is the deadline** for pre-orders. After that date, we're limited to overruns and can't guarantee you will receive a book. **Order your book today!**

Nativity Heaven!

Please stop by the library this week or next to see our beautiful display of nativity scenes from around the world. A special thank you to the Braun family for starting this delightful collection for us. **Happy New Year!**



~ Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Schoengarth

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ENROLLMENT



Do you have a child who will be entering St. Michael next fall? **We are currently taking applications for new students from current families (siblings).** So if you have a child who is not currently enrolled at St. Michael but who will be ready to be here next fall, please download an application and registration form from the web site or stop by the school office and pick one up. Registration for current students will take place in late February. Do you have friends or family who are interested in an excellent Catholic education? Tell them about St. Michael!



Violin Lessons

Monica Boros, a talented violinist and experienced violin instructor, will be starting a beginning violin class for 4th-8th graders in January.

The hour long class will occur right after school from about 3:15-4:15 PM on Thursdays in the St. Michael's music room. The fee to be determined based on the number of interested students. The class may be divided between 4th-6th graders and 7th and 8th graders, again based on the number of students who participate. A 6 month commitment (Jan-June) is required for participation, but may be waived under special circumstances.

Please contact Monica at 360-455-4408 or by email at mmb4@u.washington.edu ASAP if you are interested.

Thank you!

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 to register your child (after December 21st a \$10 late fee will be assessed). A flyer is in today's packet.

Need Parish Hours?

Looking for easy parish hours you can do at home?

There are a number of projects including cutting out quilt squares, sorting and folding packets, filling water bottles, and wrapping gifts. Contact Cecilia Brennan x119 at the parish office 754.4667 for more information.

