

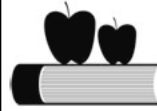
THURSDAY NOTES

September 10, 2009

Issue #1

This Week's Calendar

TOMORROW	Kindergarten Conferences Continue - Friday
FRIDAY	All School Mass - 9:00 AM
MONDAY	1st Day Kindergarten - Dismiss @ 11:45 AM
	MMO - 8th Grade
	2:15 Early Dismissal
TUESDAY	Back to School Night for Grades K-8 @ 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Buddy Mass Canceled
NEXT FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Excellence Day



Dear St. Michael Families

Opening day brought us 269 bright and smiling faces as we began the 2009-2010 school year! This is the 130th year of St. Michael School. It was a lot of fun visiting classrooms and telling the students that we became a school as soon as they walked in the doors yesterday. Up until then it was just an empty building.

As parents and teachers, we determine to a large extent, what kind of school and community we want St. Michael to be. Our children model our actions and attitudes. As we begin the school year, let's model to our children what it means to be caring, kind, respectful, and responsible in the school community. There isn't a teacher or person working here at St. Mike's who doesn't have the best interests of your child(ren) at heart. If you have any questions about something at school, please contact your child's teacher. There's an old saying, "We'll believe half of what we hear about home, if you believe half of what you hear about school." Please find out the facts and work with your child's teachers and the school to address any concerns or worries.

We are blessed with terrific kids at St. Michael – all who come from terrific homes and families. Kids are kids and people are people – none of us are always perfect. Each one of these kids are our kids and we all, as a school community, are responsible for each and every one of them. Let's provide them with the encouragement, guidance, and support they and their teachers need to make this the best school year ever!

I want to invite you to attend the *Back to School Night* on Tuesday, September 15. We will explain more about school programs, the SMART Auction, and other fun things to look forward to. We will also discuss how we can support our kids. I also ask that you join us on Friday, September 11th at 9:00AM for the *Back to School Mass* as we ask God to bless us on our journey through the year.

In your prayers at home, please include a prayer for your children, all of "our" kids and their teachers that our school may really reflect our gospel values. May God bless you and your family.

Jack Nelson



Back-to-School Night

Tuesday, September
15th @ 6:30 PM

The program will begin with a parent meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Following the meeting there will be two 20-minute sessions with your child(ren's) teacher(s).

We look forward to seeing you at
Back to School Night.

*All parents are invited.
No students, please.*



“Do the Puyallup”

Look for your child(ren)'s Puyallup Fair tickets in your Thursday Notes envelope. Go to thefair.com to learn more about daily events & activities. The fair runs September 11th through the 27th. If your child(ren) do not use their tickets, please return them to the office.

Medical Alert

The blue “emergency” cards are enclosed in this week’s packet.



Please complete and return them immediately, as emergencies do arise and we need your current phone numbers and pertinent medical information. The forms are also duplicated and added to each classroom’s emergency backpacks.

Note: The section that asks you to list “alternate persons to be notified in case of emergency” may also be used to list any additional persons who are allowed to pick up your children from school.

This is very important to hand in ASAP!

“Art for Kids School” After-School Art Classes



See enclosed gold flyer for details. Go to www.artforkidsschool.com to register. **HURRY**, classes begin Sept. 23rd & 24th.

St. Michael Sweatshirts, Vests, & PE Shirts!

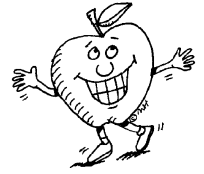
Please notice the green flyer in today's packet. Orders are due no later than Friday, September 25th.



Also, notice the enclosed pink flyer for the St. Mike's PE shirts. Reminder: The first PE shirt is included in your middle school fee.

Take a Step with Scrip

Scrip will be available for Thursday Notes purchase as usual, as well as sold in the office every day except Thursday mornings.



We appreciate your support, which will help us support and provide for many student activities.

Any questions on the Scrip program, please call Monica Davis @ 4561408

Safe Environment Training

If you plan to volunteer in the classroom, drive on field trips, work in the health room, or volunteer in any other capacity that would involve working one-on-one with students in an unsupervised capacity, you must complete the

Safe Environment training. This class lasts for approximately 2 1/2 hours and it will be offered here at St. Michael each month.



In order to register, please go to www.stmichaelparish.org and click on the 'Safe Environment' icon. This will take you to the proper site. Go to “Register for Classes” and scroll down to the date and location for St. Michael and register. If you need the class and are unable to attend the evening offered at St. Mike's, you can select another class from the list of available locations.

Upcoming Classes

Saturday, September 19th @ 9:00 AM
and Thursday, September 24th @ 6:00 PM

Both in the St. Michael Parish/School multipurpose room.

School Hours & Pick-Up

Classes dismiss @ 3:00 PM Tuesday - Friday and 2:15 on Mondays. Please be sure to have your children picked up promptly after school. There is no supervision after 3:15 (2:30 on Mondays).

Thank you!