

THURSDAY NOTES

September 17, 2009

Issue #2

This Week's Calendar

TOMORROW	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Excellence Day
MONDAY	MMO - Kindergarten 2:15 Early Dismissal School Commission Mtg. 6:00 PM
NEXT FRIDAY	Buddy Mass - Grades 3 & 6 9:00 AM 7th Grade Field Trip to Salmon Hatchery



The NEW 2009-10 St. Michael School Directory & Calendar

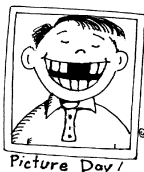
... are in the works and will be distributed in the very near future.

We need to know if you have moved or have any special changes since March, 2009. To ensure we have everyone's address and phone numbers correct, please notify Lynn or Barb in the office by Friday, September 25th. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar Pictures!!!

Individual student pictures will be Tuesday, September 29th starting around 8:20 AM. The money envelopes will be enclosed in next week's *Thursday Notes* packet. Please read the instructions carefully.

The money envelopes are to be **turned into the teacher** (not the office) picture day.



Dear St. Michael School Families:

Thank you for the great turnout at *Back-to-School Night* this past Tuesday. Your participation and dedication is a sign to all of our students that they are members of a caring, supportive community and that you care about their education. We want our students to feel supported and to feel that not only their parents, but the entire community is behind them.

We have great kids here at St Michael School and I grow prouder of them each day. Each student is a blessing and a gift that we as parents and teachers are entrusted with to shape and mold. This begins at home and is further reinforced at school. I encourage you to read the Student Learning Expectations (SLEs) that are posted around the school and in every classroom. They will give you a good picture of the values of St. Michael School.

We have great kids here at St. Michael but it takes all of us working together – plus the grace of God- to shape the students described in our Student Learning Expectations.

It truly does take a community to raise a child. We welcome all new parents and students to our school community. Each of you is a blessing and gift to St. Michael School. May God continue to bless you and your family. Have a great week!

Yours in Christ, Jack Nelson

Prayerful Thought for the week:

“You are a child of your heavenly Father. Confide in him. Your faith in his love and power can never be bold enough.”

Basilea Schlink



Emergency Cards!

The blue "emergency" cards were enclosed in last week's packet. **Please complete and return them immediately if you have not already done so.** 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

Classes start next week, Sept. 23rd & 24th. Go to www.artforkidschool.com to register. **HURRY** classes are filling up quickly.

If you have any questions, please call Dolly Maymand @ 957-5301



Safe Environment Training

If you are planning to volunteer and work with children as a field trip chaperone, classroom helper, tutoring, or almost anything else around school, you are required to participate in the "Safe Environment/ Called to Protect" program sponsored through the Archdiocese of Seattle. We are strongly encouraging all school parents to take this training. It raises awareness of safety concerns at school as well as sports, home, etc. If you are planning to take the course you must pre register online. If you took the course last year or the year before you are required to complete an annual online update.

For more information go to the parish website, click on the links tab and the "Register for Safe Environment classes". You will find more detailed information and a link to the online training.

MMO (Monday Morning Opening)

We invite you to join us each Monday morning as we begin the week with an all school prayer service. Join Fr. Jim, teachers, students, and others as we ask God's blessing on the week, on our children, our families, and one another. MMO begins at 8:30 AM in the gym.



St. Michael Sweatshirts & Vests!

Don't forget to order your sweatshirts and/or vests. Orders are due no later than next Friday, September 25th.

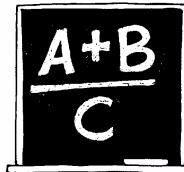
Please pick up an order form in the hallway next to the office.

Driver Information Form



If you plan to drive on field trips this year, you must complete and return the gray "Driver Information Form" to the office that is included in this week's packet. Additional forms are available in the wall rack next to the office.

Please call Barb or Lynn if you have any questions.



WASL Test Scores

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) was administered to our 3rd-8th grade students last spring. The purpose of this test is to determine how well students in our school are able to apply skills in reading, writing, science, and math. Students at St. Michael did very well on these tests as you can see by the enclosed flyer! Be very proud of your children!