



# THE GOOD NEWS

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Home/School Communication Bulletin:

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**Students of the Week:** We will not be celebrating the Students of the Week this week.

**Staff Development Day, No School:** There will be **NO SCHOOL** for all students including Preschool on **Friday, February 12th**. This is a scheduled Staff Development Day for Teachers.

**President's Day:** There **WILL BE SCHOOL** on **Monday, February 15th** for all St. Michael & Plymouth School Corporation students including Preschool. **This is a Snow Make-up Day.** **The lunch menu for Monday is mini corn dogs, corn, fruit & elf grahams.**

**ICF Day: Mark your calendar!!** The students of **St. Michael School only, will not have school on Friday, February 26th**. This is due to a teacher in-service that our teachers need to attend with other Catholic School teachers in the Diocese. **This day was made up on January 4, 2010.**

**Early Dismissal Mark Your Calendars:** On **Tuesday, March 16th**, St. Michael School Teachers will be attending a Diocesan Convocation with area Catholic School Teachers. **The St. Michael School students will be dismissed at 12:30 P.M.** Parents will need to provide their own transportation after school. **The school lunch will be served before dismissal.**

**Power Outage:** On **Thursday, February 4th**, St. Michael School experienced a power outage in the old portion of the school. The students were evacuated to the church and the Fire Department was called to assess the school. The problem was, after 50+ years of service, the main power switch to the electrical box in the boiler room failed. Banner Electric installed a new electrical box the same afternoon. Thank you to all the students for their good behavior in evacuating the school and to the parents for their cooperation in the dismissal from the church.

**Catholic Schools Week:** A week of fun-filled activities were enjoyed by both teachers and students. We would like to thank all the parents through the Home and School Association for supporting the activities throughout the week.

**Lenten Pins & Prayer Cards:** The school purchased Lenten Prayer cards and pins for the students. During morning announcements throughout Lent, the students as a school, will recite the Lenten prayer. We ask that you please have your child wear their Lenten pin as a reminder of their Lenten journey with Christ.

**Ash Wednesday:** The students in kindergarten through grade 8 will be attending the **8:30 A.M. Mass on Wednesday, February 17th for Ash Wednesday.**

**Lunch Menu:** On **Ash Wednesday & Fridays during Lent**, there will be **no meat served** with the student's salads & lunches.

**Open House & New Student Registration:** St. Michael School will have ***New Student Registration for the 2010-2011 school year*** and an ***Open House*** for preschool, kindergarten, and any new students on ***Friday, March 5th from 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. and 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.*** The cut off date for preschool and Kindergarten, is August 1st. **If you have children already attending St. Michael school and are registering younger brothers and sisters, it is necessary for you to come to the school and fill out the required paperwork. A birth certificate & a copy of immunizations must be provided.** If you know of a family who is interested in enrolling their child for the first time at St. Michael, we encourage you to pass along this information.

**Tuition Assistance for 2010-2011:** Tuition assistance forms are available in the school office or at the rectory. If you are applying, please complete the form and return it in a sealed envelope for Father Bill Kummer to review. **The deadline is May 1st, 2010.**

**Speech Contest for Students in Grades 5-8:** All students in grades 5-8 will participate in the 27th Annual Speech Contest. Please see the letter enclosed in today's communication folder.

**Sweatshirts:** Please remember that the **navy blue St. Michael School sweatshirt is the only sweatshirt** that may be worn in the classrooms. The gray sweatshirts that were ordered at the beginning of the year and the gray sweatshirts purchased recently may be worn outdoors only. **They are not part of the school uniform.**

**Large Family Fund Applications:** If you are interested in applying for the large family fund for the 2010-2011 school year, please pick up an application in the school office.

**Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to *8th grade Victoria Jennings, the 2010 St. Michael School Spelling Bee winner. The following students will represent St. Michael School in the Marshall County Pilot News Spelling Bee in May. Sydney Master, 5th grade; Nathan Knapp, 6th grade; Lucy Battersby, 7th grade & Victoria Jennings, 8th grade.* The alternates are: *Nikki Ponce, 5th grade; Lucas Vervynckt, 6th grade; Cory Andrzejewski, 7th grade & Christine Beckmann, 8th grade.*

**Second Grade Mini 4-H:** The second graders will participate in the Mini 4-H in classroom with Mrs. Angi Smith from the Marshall County Extension Office on **Monday, February 22nd at 1:50 A.M.**

**Science Fair:** Congratulations to all the fifth graders for an excellent job on their Science Fair projects this year. The winners are as follows: 3 way tie for First Place: *Jordan Blackburne, Kyle McGinty, Conner Mathews;* Second Place Tie: *Natasha Craft & Lauren Kolter;* Third Place Tie: *Hanna Plummer & Jenna Thomas.*

**Collection for Haiti:** Thank you to all those who donated to our Mission project during Catholic Schools Week. **The amount collected for the victims in Haiti was approximately \$125.00! All canned goods and non-perishable items collected were donated to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center. Thank you for your generosity!**

**Burger King Coupon Books:** If you have sold your Burger King books, please send your money in at this time. Preschool parents are encouraged to sell their Burger King books. **To qualify for the Burger King prize program all money must be turned in by Thursday, February 25th. The prizes will be given out the week of March 1st.** Thank you so much for your participation in this mandatory fundraiser.

**Papa John's Pizza Day:** The Papa John's Pizza day is **Wednesday, February 17th.** *Papa John's asked us to remind everyone that you must use the coupon flyer for St. Michael School to receive the profit from this pizza day. Also, you may not use Scrip or any other discount coupons. The coupon is enclosed in this week's Communication Folder.*

**Scrip News:** We would like to welcome *Meier's* to our Scrip program. These gift cards will be available in \$25.00 & 100.00 denominations with a 3% profit. All Kroger cards left inactive with a \$0 balance become inactive after 30 days. Please leave \$1.00 on your cards if possible so they will remain current. The winner of the Scrip competition will be announced next week.

**You Can Lend A Hand Night at Notre Dame JACC:** Ladies Notre Dame basketball vs. Marquette University, is Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 P.M. at the Joyce Center. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first served basis at the Notre Dame Ticket office. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The discount price is \$3.00 for children, students and adults. Prize Packs will be awarded to 10 lucky students in attendance. Students will need to fill out the Prize Pack Information sheet with their name and phone number for a chance to win a prize pack. The Notre Dame ticket office will have the Prize Pack Information sheet. 8th grader Morgan Hite has been selected to be in the choir to sing the National Anthem. Please see the flyer enclosed in today's communication folder.