



THE GOOD NEWS

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February 4, 2010

Students of the Week: Congratulations to the following students who are being honored this week: Grade 1: **Donny Poczik**; Grade 2: **Andrew Himes & Sofia Klinedinst**; Grade 3 Mrs. Nifong: **Jacque Pratt**; Grade 4: **Fisher Shea**; Grade 6: **Celine Murphy**. They will eat lunch with the principal on Thursday and be honored at Mass on Friday.

Staff Development Day: 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: **If we do not need a snow day between now and President's Day, Monday, February 15th, there will be NO SCHOOL for all St. Michael Students.**

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.**

Spelling Bee: If the school is cancelled or there is a 2 hour delay on **Friday, February 5th, the Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, February 8th 10:00 A.M.**

Welcome New Students: We would like to welcome **Vanessa Young** to our St. Michael School Family. Vanessa is in the 4th grade and will be with us for 3 weeks. Her home is Seoul, South Korea. We would also like to welcome **Kyleigh Kara** who is in our Preschool class.

Student Picture/Name on Diocesan Web-sites: From time to time Diocesan Schools may determine it beneficial to publish student names/pictures on the web site for acknowledgement of students achievements, participation in athletics, school related occasions, etc. **If you do not want your child's name or picture on the web-sites, please sign and return the permission enclosed in today's communication folder.**

Morning Drop Off & Pick Up: Parents are asked to refrain from dropping off or picking up their children on the church side of the street. **All cars should be driving North on Center Street. Children will not be permitted to cross the street unless they are with a parent.** Preschool students should enter door # 2 or door # 1, and students in Kindergarten through grade 8 should enter door # 1 or door # 9. No students should enter door # 3 except for the bus students. Parents can also use the alley to drop off their child at door # 9.

Tuition Rates for 2010-2011: A letter from Fr Kummer with the tuition rates for the 2010-2011 school year was sent home last week in the communication folder. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Girres at the Rectory office.

Registration: Registration is currently underway for the **2010-2011 school year** for students in 4 year old Pre-school through eighth grade. We ask that you please fill out the form and return it to school along with your registration fee no later than **Friday, March 5th. Please return the form even if your child will not be returning to St. Michael School.**

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.**

Financial Assistance to Large Families 2010-2011 School Year: The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Service, offers financial assistance for tuition to families of Catholic school students who meet the following criteria:

- At least one parent must be an **Active Registered Parishioner**, AND
- Must have **three or more students** who are currently attending or would attend a Catholic elementary and/or high school in the Diocese (Kindergarten through Grade 12), AND
- **Must apply for tuition assistance at the local school level (following school procedure)**, AND
- Must apply for Large Family Fund tuition assistance using FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Please apply by **May 1, 2010**. For more information, please call Mrs. Kuykendall in the office @ 936-4329.

All Schools Mass at the Notre Dame JACC: The students in grades 1 through 8 will be attending the You Can Lend A Hand All Schools Mass at the Notre Dame JACC on **Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00 A.M.** If inclement weather we will not attend. A message will be left on the school's answering machine. Permission slips were sent home in last week's communication folder

All Schools Mass Participants: Just a reminder, those students who will be participating in the All Schools Mass as a member of the band or choir, the gift bearer & in the entrance procession, **please be at school at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 9th.** We have enough drivers. If inclement weather we will not attend.

Burger King Books: Yes, they are back again! The Burger King books are being sent home in today's communication folders. If you know your child can sell more than the 10 books, please send a note and we will give you additional books to sell. **The coupon book will sell for \$3.00.** If all the books are sold we will have a pizza party for the entire school. **Please remind your family and friends that St. Michael School does not get credit for any books purchased at Burger King.** If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Loretta Dobuck the Burger King coupon book coordinator, or the school. As stated in the Student Handbook, this is a required fundraiser for parents with children in K through 8, therefore, **no books should be returned.** Preschool parents are encouraged to participate. Please see the flyer enclosed in today's communication folder regarding the prizes you can earn for selling Burger King books!

After Mass Sign Up for Burger King Books: Sign up forms are enclosed in today's folder for those families who wish to sell Burger King books after Mass on **Saturday, February 6th, Sunday, February 7th, Saturday, February 13th and Sunday, February 14th.** Please complete the form and return it to school as it is on a first come first serve basis. We will send home extra books for your family to sell if you request them.

Kokomo Solo & Ensemble: Just a reminder that the **I.S.S.M.A Solo & Ensemble contest is this Saturday, February 6th.** Individual times were sent home with participating students. Please make sure to be there 1/2 hour before performance times in order to warm up.

Practice-A-Thon: Thank you to all those who participated in this year's Practice-A-Thon fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$400 and cover all of our costs for both contests! **Our top money raisers were Carlyle Marrs & Bailey Richards!** Thank you!!

Boy Scouts 100 Anniversary: To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the Scouts of St. Michael School are **encouraged to wear their Boy Scout uniforms on Monday, February 8th!**

St. Valentine's Day Parties: St. Valentine's classroom parties will be held on **Thursday, February 11th** in the afternoon. **This will be 1/2 hour at the end of the day to pass out cards, as this will be a short week. We ask that there be no treats unless they are wrapped and can be taken home.**

Fifth Grade Science Fair: Stop by the school next week, **February 8 - 11** and visit the Fifth Grade Science Fair. The projects will be on display in the school cafeteria.

Scrip Competition: **1st Place: Mrs. Nifong's 3rd grade, 2nd Place: Mrs. Chamberlin's 8th grade & 3rd Place: Mrs. Hoeffler's 6th grade.** The competition will continue until February 11th, **winner announced February 15th.**

Angels Club: Angels club will meet this **Friday, February 5th at 2:35 to 4:45 P.M.** in the school cafeteria.

PHS Cheer Clinic flyers for anyone in grades Pre K to grades 6 are available in the office.

REMINDER, STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED FRIDAY AT 2:30 P.M.



Trivia Night News

8th Grade Fundraiser @ Silent Auction

Please look for the 8th grade class fundraiser in the Silent Auction. The 8th grade students hand painted glass and wood items to be auctioned. The class is full of amazing artists, so please stop by and support our fundraiser. The money earned will help with our field trips and graduation supplies.

School Picture Reminder

Parents are reminded to send a school picture of their child by this Friday, February 5th to be placed on the class bulletin boards to be auctioned off at the Trivia Night event.

Desserts Need for Trivia Night

Reminder, desserts are needed for the Trivia Night. They may be dropped off on Friday, February 5th from 2:30-4:00 P.M. & Saturday, February 6th from 9:00-11:00 A.M.

Dress Down passes can be earned for bringing in a school picture and a dessert donation!

Thank you for your support!!