
Home/School Communication Bulletin:

March 12, 2020

Students of the Week: Congratulations to the following students who are being honored this week: Grade 4: **Joselyn McKee**; Grade 5: **Amyah Bell**; Grade 6: **Meredith Borden**; Grade 7: **Gillian Ousnamer & William Kershner**; Grade 8: **Elisabeth Torres**. They celebrated at lunch on Tuesday and will be honored at Mass on Friday.

Letter From Dr. Joe Brettnacher, School Superintendent of Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend: Please see the letter enclosed in today's communication folder from Dr. Joe Brettnacher regarding steps the Diocese will be taking, if necessary, in the event of a health crisis in our schools with the Caronavirus outbreak in our community.

Mass Schedule Change: There is a change in the Mass Schedule for next week. The students in grades K-8 will attend Mass as a school family on **Wednesday, March 18th at 8:30 A.M.** We will recognize the **Crusaders of the Month for March at this Mass.** There will be **NO GRADE LEVEL Mass on Thursday, March 19th.**

Spring Break: There will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 20th as it is the beginning of Spring Break and will run through March 30th.** Classes will resume on **Tuesday, March 31st.**

Thank you Knights of Columbus: Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donations to St. Michael School. With their help, through their Bingo Fundraisers, we have been able to pay our three year service contract for our new copier, allowed us to purchase our new teacher laptops, and now with purchasing of our new SMART TV's and Stands to replace our SmartBoards. They have also contributed so much to us to help us maintain our technology and move forward with our building maintenance needs. Bless them!!

Report Cards: The end of the Third Grading Period is **tomorrow, March 13th.** Report cards will be sent home in the communication folder on **Thursday, March 19th.** Please review them and if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

St. Patrick's Day Dress Down Day: We will have a **St. Patrick's Dress Down Day** on **Tuesday, March 17th for \$1.00.** The students may wear a green top or St. Patrick's Day top with dress down bottoms. This is an optional Dress Down. Proceeds will go towards items needed for the school. Please follow the Dress Down guidelines on pgs. 28 & 29 in the Student Handbook.

Operation Kids Sight Vision Screening for Kindergarten: Members of the Lions Club will conduct Vision Screening for the kindergarten students on **Tuesday, March 17th.** A parent consent form is enclosed in today's communication folder and must be completed for your child to be screened. **Please return the consent form to Mrs. Popielski by Monday, March 16th.**

Race For Education: The Labels for Race for Education were sent home in the Communication folders, one for every child, on **February 27th.** Please take a moment to look for your packets at home! We have extended the deadline to **Thursday, March 19th to qualify for prizes.** Please remember this is one of our mandatory fundraisers as stated in the student handbook on pages 3 and 39.

Nelson's Band Fundraiser: Tickets for our Annual Band Fundraiser on **May 2nd** will be going home next week in the Good News communication folder. Please watch for the packet and information your child brings home. **Every family in grades 5-8 is responsible for their packet of tickets and will be responsible for them if lost.** Volunteers will be needed as well if you are able to help that day and more information will be sent home at a later date.

8th Grade Attending PHS On-line Enrollment: The Plymouth Registration Portal opens **Tuesday, March 17th** for registration at Plymouth High School for the 2020-2021 school year. If you will be attending Plymouth High School you must register on-line through this portal. **The registration instruction packets will be sent home in next week's communication folder as they do not want students registering before March 17th.**

IREAD-3: The third grade students will participate in the **Spring 2020 IREAD-3 assessment from March 16th-April 3rd**. For more information visit the website. <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread-3-families>. **No dress down passes may be used during this time for third graders.**

Stations of the Cross: Please join us in church at **2:15 P.M. Friday, March 13th** for the Stations of the Cross. **Due to no school on Friday, March 20th we will have Stations of the Cross on Thursday, March 19th at 2:15 P.M.**

St. Michael Parish Penance Service: St. Michael Parish will have **Penance Service on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 P.M.** Fr. John, Fr. Craig and visiting priests will hear Confessions in English and Spanish.

Penny War: Only ONE more day to bring in pennies or silver coins. The silver coins, of any kind, will subtract points from the class penny count so be sure plenty of pennies are being sent in!!!! Pennies add points!!!! All proceeds will go towards Junior Achievement of Marshall County.

Young Author's Conference: The Young Authors Conference with Tania Allen Gould will be held on **Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 P.M. at LaVille Elementary School**. We are so very excited to have **Tania Allen Gould** come visit our county!

Angels Club: There will be an Angels Club meeting on **Friday March 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria.**

Soup N Spirit: During Lent, St. Michael Parish will again have Soup N Spirit on **Thursday, March, 19th and Monday, March 30th in the church basement**. **The evening will begin at 5:30 P.M. with a special talk followed by a covered dish (pot luck) dinner.** Bring your favorite dish, spend time with fellow parishioners, and learn more about our Faith.

Knights of Columbus Third Sunday Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus Third Sunday All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, March 15th from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall**. **The cost is a \$5.00 for adults, and for children age 10 and younger the cost is \$2.00. Come and support a good cause!**

ICCL Lacrosse: If your child is interested in playing lacrosse please call the office. ICCL commissioners are trying to put together a team for the Spring season. ***"No experience necessary - we're trying to give kids a chance to play and see if they enjoy it"***.

CANCELED - "All Around the World" Kid's Day on March 25th - Due to recent concerns over health and wellness, the Museum is postponing its March 25th Spring Break Kid's Day. Most of our volunteers are retired folks and many children attend this event, so we believe it is best to be cautious. We wish for good health for all our visitors and therefore work to keep our Museum as clean as possible. The Museum is open and operating - business as usual - and we look forward to resuming our children's events in the future. The Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday at 123 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, IN 46563. For more information call (574) 936-2306 or visit our website <https://mchistoricalociety.org/events-calendar/> .

IUSB Summer Reading Skills: Information on IUSB Summer Reading Skills Enrichment camps for students is enclosed in today's communication folder.

St. Mary's Summer Camps for Girls: St. Mary's College is offering summer camps for girls - helping girls and young women build self-esteem, master new skills, make new friends, and experience the excitement of a college campus. Camp flyers are enclosed in today's communication folder.

Speech Contest Finalists

Congratulations to the following students who have advanced to the Speech Contest Finals which will be held on **Monday, March 16th at 1:00 P.M.** in the gymnasium and is open to the public. **Gracie Kruyer, Jenna Blake, Benjamin Lloyd, Johnny Jimenez, Lily Payne, Declan Squires, Adeline Squires, Keyton Doran, Angelique Oviedo & Jayla Nguyen.** All the students did a fantastic job!