

April 16, 2008

Dear Parents,

***“The real Holy Land is the landscape of our lives.”  
Father John Gillespie***

Last week I joined the principals from the **Diocese of Raleigh** at our annual **retreat**. Our facilitator, Father John Gillespie made the above statement during the closing session. It has certainly provided me with food for thought in the days to follow. How truly holy is the landscape of our lives? Would Jesus come to walk on that landscape? It is a question to ponder.

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** will be a **Late Opening** day. **Carpool will begin at 9:15 AM** on the **22<sup>nd</sup>** with the tardy bell ringing at **9:45 AM**. The Before School Care Program will be in session. **If you need Before Care** service on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, please return the form enclosed in your Wednesday folder by **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Students in **Grade 5** will attend **Mass** on **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. **Grade 3** will attend **Mass** on **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

The **2008-2009 Parent Student Handbook** has been posted on the school website. Please take time to read the changes noted in red, sign the Parent/Student Signature page, and return it to school **no later than May 23, 2008**. This **form must be on file before the final report card is sent out**.

Check out the **Used Uniform Sale**. Everything is **half off** from now until the end of the year!!!!!!

Students who are interested in becoming **altar servers** will be **trained by Msgr. Tim** on **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM**. If your child is interested, please make sure that they submit his/her name to me before Monday.

The **Third Quarter Parish Center Lunch** will take place on **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. The menu includes a variety of **Papa John's® pizzas**. All students are invited to share in the ice cream sundae treat whether they bring or buy a lunch.

Just a reminder that the **Book/Seat Fee** is **non-refundable after Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Students in **Kindergarten and Grade 1** will take the **Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)** during the **week of April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please make sure that your child is in attendance each day.

**Grade 7 students** will be walking to **Wendy's for lunch** on **Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This is courtesy of the generous bidding of their parents during the Auction.

The **dance** for students in **Grades 7 and 8** and the **bowling** outing for students in **Grades 5 and 6** will take place on **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Please remember our **second graders** in your prayers as they prepare for **First Eucharist** this **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** is an out-of-uniform day for teachers and students. If a student or a teacher wishes to come dressed down, they need to make a \$1.00 donation. Proceeds of the day will help to fund the Iraq care packages that the Student Council sends to our soldiers.

For a complete listing of **St. Michael School summer camps and registration forms**, please visit the school website at <http://school.stmcary.org>. Registration deadline has been **extended to April 25th**. For more information, please contact **Mary Gallagher @ 468-6150**.

**Personalized bricks** for the **St. Michael Memorial Courtyard** are being sold. All orders received by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** will be included in the upcoming installation which will be completed before the end of the school year. All brick purchases are tax deductible. The commemorative bricks can be engraved and personalized to meet your needs. A **4" x 8" brick is only \$150** and makes a wonderful, unique gift and lasting legacy! These bricks are also a wonderful way to remember your child's First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Graduation. Order forms and samples are available at the church office, school, after Mass and on the website. **Please support our parish by purchasing a legacy brick today!** Please contact the parish office with any questions at 468-6100.

Last week, **Frank Graff from NBC-17 News** came to visit Mrs. Langevin's classroom to tape some of the children in their environment as part of a story to air this **Thursday at 11:00 P.M.** about the Pope's meeting with school superintendents- including ours from Raleigh. Plans often change in the news world, but this is the plan as of today. Look for our little angels in this segment.

The **Fourth Grade Light the World Lollipop Sale** in support of the upcoming Mini Relay for Life for The American Cancer Society was a huge success! The children sold an unprecedented 1,832 lollipops and made a profit of **over \$700** to present to The American Cancer Society.

Next **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain date April 25)**, is the **St. Michael School Mini Relay for Life** for our school community to walk in 30-minute intervals in honor, prayer and support of friends and family who have been affected by cancer. **Students should come to school prepared with water bottles, sunblock and hats for the walk.** We will have a **Donation Station** for any monies you care to give to The American Cancer Society. We invite all parents to come walk with their children and/or help with the grades throughout the day. Please contact **Kelly Garnett at [kellygarnett@hotmail.com](mailto:kellygarnett@hotmail.com)** to volunteer.

The **Grades K-5 Light the World Math-A-Thon** is in full swing. Your child should have received a booklet or CD of math problems. All pledges and materials are due back to school by April 23. Pledges are being sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Did you know that more than **81,000 children in the Triangle qualify for free or reduced-price lunch** programs? And did you know that when school is not in session these children have nothing to eat? Our sixth graders are collecting non-perishable food as part of **Share Sunday** to provide for their peers in the **Backpack Buddies** program in which backpacks are filled with child-friendly nutritious foods to needy children in our area over the weekends. **Donations can be brought to all Masses on Sunday.**

**Band Parents and Students and Recorders:** Congratulations on a **wonderful performance** last week at **Barnes and Nobles**. You made **Mrs. Okamoto proud!** Don't forget to mark your calendars for the next performance: **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1 PM and 7 PM.** We will be part of the Spring Musical "**Johnny Appleseed Makes a Name for Himself**".

*This performance is required for the final grade!*

**The Grades 3, 4, and 5 Catholic Jeopardy group** will meet on **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. The **Grades 6, 7, and 8 group** will meet on **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**.

**Cardinal Gibbons Gala** will be held on **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at **Prestonwood Country Club** from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM. The theme is Beatlemania featuring nationally recognized Beatles cover band *The Return*. Cost for the filet mignon/chicken oscar duo is \$125.00 per person. Contact: **Laurette Benton at Cardinal Gibbons: 834-1625, ext 277**.

Peace,  
Dr. Wannemuehler

