

April 2, 2008

Dear Parents,

***“I have written your name on my hand.”
Isaiah 49:16***

The thought of **your name on God’s hand** is quite a thought. What about **your name being spoken from God’s lips**? How many times in the course of a day do you speak the name of God? My ears burn when I hear God’s name taken in vain and spoken with disdain. In my mature age, I have gained the courage to challenge people who speak the name of God in vain. On my screen saver, I have a wonderful message: **“If you must curse, use your own name.”** Can you imagine God speaking your name in vain? Just something to think about....

I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable spring break. Contrary to March, April has no days off. This will be a good month for continuous learning.

If you are coming to school to **volunteer**, please **do not drop by your child’s classroom to visit**. This interrupts the teacher’s teaching, your child, and his or her classmates. If you need to get a message to your child, please notify the front office and your child will receive the message before the end of the day.

Report Cards will go home on **Wednesday, April 9th** and **grades will be updated on Edline®**. Please **settle any outstanding accounts before April 9th** so that your child can receive his or her report card.

Students in **Grade 7** will attend **Mass on Wednesday, April 9th**. **Grade 1** will attend **Mass on Thursday, April 10th**.

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

Eighth Grade parents please check your **inbox** for an **important letter** sent to you yesterday from **Mrs. Carlin and me**.

The **St. Michael School Auction** was a tremendous success. The final number is not official yet, but it is **over \$100,000!!!!** I want to thank everyone who made “An Evening to Build On” such a wonderful evening.

Grade 8 student, Amanda Taylor, represented St. Michael School during the Holy Thursday Liturgy. Amanda’s feet were washed by Msgr. Tim as he symbolically washed the feet of all of the students of our school. Thank you, Amanda.

Please remember our **second graders** in your prayers as they prepare for **First Eucharist on Saturday, April 19th**.

There will be **NO Rosary Club** meeting in the **month of April**. The **last meeting of the Rosary Club** will be held on **May 12th**.

The **Student Council** is sponsoring a **Krispy Kreme® Doughnut Fundraiser** this **Friday, April 4th**, during **morning carpool**. The cost of the doughnuts is **50 cents each or \$3.50 a dozen**. The students will purchase their doughnuts in the hallways. For your convenience, **Student Council members will be**

stationed at both carpool sites. What a wonderful treat to give your co-workers that morning! The monies collected will benefit **Duke's Hospital for Children, The Raleigh Rescue Mission, and The Compassion Orphanage in Tanzania.** Mrs. Goodwin's daughter, **Kerry**, volunteered to be a missionary to the children in this orphanage last summer. Your participation in this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

We are excited to have guest speaker, **Mary Ronan** join us again this year! Mary will have a **“Parent Night” on Monday, April 14th, from 7-8:30 PM**, in the **Blue and Gold Room**, located on the bottom floor of the school. Mary Ronan RNC, BSN, is a **Christian Family Life and Sex Educator**, and is the author of a book entitled, Raising Your Children in an UnGodly World. She will meet with our **sixth and seventh graders during school hours on Monday, April 14th**, meet with parents on Monday evening, and then **meet with our 8th graders on Tuesday, April 15th**. Mary's presentation with parents will include teaching effective communication strategies with our children, teaching strategies to promote good decision making skills within our children, as well as many more tools and skills that can be used to help successfully raise our children in today's world. **Please make plans to join us!**

Due to too many **conflicts with sports**, there will be **no drama rehearsal after school on Tuesday, April 8th**. Mrs. Okamoto will decide on the second scheduled rehearsal when it gets closer to that date (April 29th).

Coach Milmo's Basketball Camps for **rising 2nd – 8th graders** are filling up fast. Please try to register as soon as you can if your child is interested in attending. Space size is limited.

June 9th – 13th Grades 2-4 Boys and Girls
June 16th – 20th Grades 5-8 Girls
June 23rd – 27th Grades 5-8 Boys

Personalized bricks for the **St. Michael Memorial Courtyard** are being sold. All orders received by **May 1st** 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.

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning the PTO events for next year. **There will be a volunteer fair held in the Pastoral Center this Thursday, April 3rd from 2:30-3:30pm and this Friday, April 4th from 7:30-8:30am.** This is your chance to come and sign up to volunteer for events for the 2008-2009 school year. You will receive a **volunteer checklist** in this Wednesday's folder. If you know what you would like to volunteer for, please fill it out and return it to the office by **Friday, April 4th**. If you have questions or need more information about volunteer opportunities, please bring the form to the Volunteer fair. There will be PTO members there to answer your questions and help you decide what volunteer positions work best for you. See you there!

The **St. Michael School Light the World Mini-Relay for Life** in support of the **American Cancer Society** will take place on **Wednesday, April 23rd (raindate April 25th)**. Our fourth grade is sponsoring this walk and will be holding a **Lollipop Sale next week** before school to raise money. Lollipops will be sold for **50 cents** each from **7:30 AM -8:00 AM** on all three floors of the school. Children are encouraged to work for **donations** to support The American Cancer Society as well. Each grade will walk in 30-minute intervals in honor, prayer and support of friends and family who have been affected by cancer. We will

collect donations during our walk on April 23rd. **Volunteers are needed** throughout the day for various activities including walking, passing out water to walkers, setting up sun-tents and signs, and cleanup. Please contact Kelly Garnett at kellygarnett@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Parents of K-5 students will be receiving home today permission slips for your children to participate in the upcoming **Light the World Math-A-Thon** to support **St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital** that has touched families that we pray for each day. Please read through the documentation, select your preferred media for your child's Math-A-Thon materials, and return the permission slip by **Friday, April 4th**. Mrs. Langevin held an assembly on Monday to teach our eager children about St. Jude's and about this education program.

The next **Safe Environment Team training sessions** will be held on **April 10th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** in the **Gallery of the Pastoral Center** and on **April 12th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** in the same location. Please call the parish office to sign up: **468-6100**.

Easter Joy,
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler

