

April 23, 2008

Dear Parents,

*“All the Saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me and to carry me. And your prayers, my dear friends, your indulgence, your love, your faith and your hope accompany me.”*

*Pope Benedict XVI*

**Pope Benedict XVI's visit** to the United States allowed us to **come to know the leader of our Church in a more personal way. Pope Benedict impressed** and inspired the crowds with his linguistic ability, his desire to connect to all ages, and his empathy for the victims of abuse. Let us continue to **pray for Our Holy Father.**

Students in **Grade 8** will attend Mass on **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. **Grade 4** will attend Mass on **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. You are **invited** to join us on **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** for our **First Friday Mass, May Crowning, and recognition of Parent Volunteers** during the **10:00 AM Mass.**

I am receiving an unprecedented number of **phone calls from parents** who are making **appointments** to meet with me. The purpose of the meeting is to **request a particular teacher** for their child for the **2008-2009 school year**. As much as I would **enjoy the opportunity to meet with each of you** individually, I do not have the time during the next month to accommodate your requests. In addition, **I will not honor your requests for a particular teacher.** **I have confidence in all of our teachers** and their abilities as professional Catholic educators. **If I did not have such a confidence, they would not continue to teach at St. Michael School.**

The **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation** will take place on **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**. The accreditation team will arrive on Monday morning and will be evaluating and assessing our school both days and into the evening. This site visit only occurs once every five years. This is only the second visit since the school's initial accreditation.

The Angel Bucks total this week was **\$26,150**. The profit was **\$1532.55**. **Thanks!!!!**

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!!!!!!

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>**.

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 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**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**.

Peace,

Dr. Wannemuehler

