

April 30, 2008

Dear Parents,

“Someday all that we will have is what we have given to God.”
M.P. Horban

This Friday, May 2nd, Msgr. Tim, Mrs. Carlin, the teachers, students, and I will recognize all that you have given to our school as **volunteers** during our special **First Friday Mass**. Please plan to join us as we pray for you and with you in deep gratitude. Our school would not be the vibrant school community that it is without your involvement in so many ways. The spirit of volunteerism is one of the characteristics that make a Catholic school unique. I **thank God for you** and for your service to our children and teachers.

We offer congratulations to the **McKenna family** as they welcome a new baby girl into their family. **Fiona Maria McKenna** entered this world at **4:12 PM on April 23rd**. She weighed in at 7lbs and 7oz, 19 inches, with a full head of hair.

Our **SACS site visit** was held on **Monday and Tuesday** of this week. The evaluation team also met with **Bishop Michael Burbidge** during their visit to our school. The team was most **impressed with our school**. I am grateful to all of you for the submission of surveys, input on the SACS document, your hospitality and prayers as we continue to **grow academically and spiritually**.

Thank you for taking the time to vote and a special note of gratitude to all of our candidates. Elected **PTO Officers** include:

President Elect: Laura Grelick
V.P. Fundraising: Jenipher Free
VP Social: Sandy Lyons
VP Educational Programs: Terese Flaherty
Secretary: Jennifer Cullen
Treasurer: Kermit Dowdy.

Students in **Grade 8** will attend **Mass** on **Wednesday, April 30th**. **Grade 4** will **not** attend **Mass** on **Thursday, May 1st** due to their field trip. **Ascension Thursday** is no longer a holy day, but is celebrated on the following Sunday, May 4th. You are **invited** to join us on **Friday, May 2nd** for our **First Friday Mass, May Crowning, and recognition of Parent Volunteers** during the **10:00 AM Mass**. **All volunteers** will be asked to come forward at the Mass to receive a small gift of gratitude for your service to our school community this year.

The **Angel Bucks** total this week was **\$26,871.37** The profit was **\$1,454.41** . This was a great week!!!!
Thank you!

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!!!!!!

May 13, 2008 is being declared **Mrs. Pat Ward Day** at St. Michael School. **Mrs. Ward is retiring** this year. She has been a part of the St. Michael School community since the **2000-2001 school year**. **Mrs.**

Molly Carlin and Mrs. Pat Ward will be honored at a reception on **May 13th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** in the **Centre Gallery**. **Please plan to attend.**

Don't forget to send in your **boxtops** and **Campbell® soup labels**. We are coming close to the end of the year and want to close this year out with the most benefit to the school. A receptacle is available in the office for your convenience.

May is the month of the Blessed Mother. We are fortunate to have "**Mary's Garden**" on the **Weatherstone carpool side** of the building. This statue was placed here in honor of **Mrs. Goodwin's mother** on her **90th birthday**. If your child or your family would like to **place flowers** there during the month of May, you are certainly invited to do so. You can bring flowers in small vases or just place flowers around her. Mrs. Goodwin will take care of the area during the month, disposing of spent flowers, etc.

Grades 5 and 8 will take the **ACRE Test** on **Tuesday, May 6th**.

Progress Reports will be available on **Edline®** on **Wednesday, May 7th**. Please make sure that all accounts are current so that you can access your child's Edline® report.

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.

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 15th 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 5th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. The **Grades 6, 7, and 8 group** will meet on **Wednesday, May 7th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**.

Congratulations to the Library Medallion Winners who were **recognized on our closed circuit television** during morning announcements on Wednesday, April 23rd:

Grade 1 – Angelica Dinh – 465 minutes
Grade 2 – Claire Latour – 6,045 minutes
Grade 3 – Sarah Riegel – 11, 866 minutes
Grade 4 – Miriam Lavelle – 7,795 minutes
Grade 5 – Maggie Woodworth – 12, 274 minutes
Pizza Part Winner – Grade 3, Mrs. Deane

ADVANCED BAND: Mrs. Okamoto needs to **cancel rehearsal again this Thursday, May 1st**. She asks the band to keep practicing for the Spring Program!

Many thanks to our students in grades K-5 who participated in our first annual **Light the World Math-A-Thon** to support **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**. The generosity of family and friend pledges

exceeded an astounding **\$15,000!** The children are so proud of themselves to help other children who are sick and need our support.

Additionally, thank you to all of our students, teachers and parents who walked in and helped with our **St. Michael School Light the World Mini Relay for Life** in prayer and support of those in our lives who have been affected by cancer. Monsignor Tim opened our wonderful day with prayer and each grade walked in 30-minute rotations. All students signed a prayer board with the names of those for whom they pray and remember with love. Profits from the fourth-grade lollipop sale and spare-change donations during the relay allowed us to contribute nearly **\$900 to The American Cancer Society.**

Peace,
Dr. Wannemuehler

