

April 9, 2008

Dear Parents,

*“Teaching a Christian how he/she ought to live does not call so much for words as for daily example.”
St. Basil the Great*

This week we are **celebrating our teachers at St. Michael School**. This *Teacher Appreciation Week* is a wonderful way for us to acknowledge those individuals who are engaged in a very special partnership with you as parents in your role as your child's primary educators. The above quote articulates the importance of teachers who teach by example. Our children will not remember as much of what we say as what we do. I thank God for the dedicated men and women who teach the future leaders of our Church and of our world. Let us pray for one another.

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 in the **Wednesday** folder today and **grades will be updated on Edline® for Grades 2 - 8**. If your child did not receive his or her report card, it may be because of an account that is in arrears. Please be sure to return the Report Card Envelope.

Students in **Grade 6** will attend **Mass on Wednesday, April 16th**. **Grade 2** will attend **Mass on Thursday, April 17th**.

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!!!!!!

Mrs. Dawn Pschak, Teacher Assistant in Grade 3 for the last seven years, resigned her position to accept full-time employment. Mrs. Pschak has been a valuable part of our school community and we will miss her. **Mrs. Betsy Nalesnik** has been hired to work with Mrs. Ochello as her Teacher Assistant for the rest of the year.

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

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 and UnGodly World. She will meet with our **sixth graders during school hours on Monday, April 14th**, meet with parents on Monday evening, and then **meet with our 7th and 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!**

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.

All **recorder students** are invited to perform at **Barnes and Noble** (by Cary Town Center) **tomorrow!** Please **arrive at 6:15 PM** with your **music and recorder**. Questions? jokamoto@stmccary.org

Band students: Please remember to arrive at **Barnes and Nobles tomorrow at 5:45 PM** for our concert. We **begin at 6:00 PM**. There **will be** advanced band rehearsal after school that day.

The **Fourth Grade Light the World Lollipop Sale** to support the St. Michael School Mini Relay for Life will continue through Friday of this week. Lollipops are 50 cents each and are sold in the mornings before school on all floors. Profits from the sale as well as donations from the Mini Relay will be sent to the American Cancer Society.

The **Mini Relay for Life** will be held on **Wednesday, April 23rd** (raindate April 25). 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. Volunteers are needed throughout the day for various activities including walking, passing out water to walkers, setting up sun-tents and signs, and cleanup. A detailed flier is included in your Wednesday folder with the day's schedule. Please contact Kelly Garnett at kellygarnett@hotmail.com to volunteer.

The **St. Michael School Light the World Grades K - 5 Math-A-Thon** to support the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will take place from April 16-30. The materials ordered last week will be arriving soon. The children are quite enthused to participate in this pledge-driving effort to support children who need our prayers and help.

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**.

Coach Milmo's Basketball Camps for **rising 2nd – 8th graders** are filling up fast. Please try to register as soon as you can if you 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

St. Michael School Summer Camps 2008: All camp registrations must be turned in to the school office by **April 18th**.

Cardinal Gibbons Gala will be held on **Friday, April 18th** 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**

Easter Peace,
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler

