

August 29, 2007

Dear Parents,

*“Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:6-7*

As a new school year begins, there tends to be **a lot of opportunities to “worry”** – will my child be ready, will they do well, will they be accepted, will they be happy. We carry so many worries about our children and those we love with us. How freeing it would be if we could really live the words of St. Paul making our requests known to God who can bring us this peace for which we long. I encourage you to take some time to just sit with this quote and find this peace in the loving arms of God.

Bishop Burbidge will be visiting St. Michael School on Friday, August 31st. His time with us will begin with an **All School Mass on Friday, August 31st at 9:30 AM.** This will be our official **“Opening School Liturgy.”** Bishop Burbidge will also visit classrooms and eat lunch with the students in the cafeteria. **You are welcome to join us for the Liturgy.**

You are invited to join us for **Open House** this evening. The Open House will **begin at 7:00 PM** in the school. During the Open House **teachers will be in their classrooms** prepared to give a **brief 15-minute overview** of their **teaching/learning goals** for the year. There will be **six rotations** so that you will be able to see multiple teachers. The **rotations will begin at 7:00 PM.** A bell will sound every 15 minutes signaling the time to move. Please note that **out of respect for your child, there will be no opportunity for individual conferences during this time.** If you would like to **schedule an appointment** to talk with your child’s teacher, you may e-mail or call him/her on the telephone.

The first **“Beef O’Brady’s” nights** that benefit St. Michael School will be **Monday, September 10th and Tuesday, September 11th.** The dates have been moved back a week due to the Labor Day holiday. Plan to gather at Beef O’Brady’s and enjoy great food and camaraderie with some other St. Michael families.

Immunization Records must be submitted to the **School Nurse** no later than **Wednesday, September 12th.** Students who do not hold current immunization certificates by that date will be **excluded from school** until those records are submitted. The authorization form for the dispensing of medicine through the Nurse’s Office is posted on the website. Please call one of the nurses if you have any questions: 468-6156.

Included in the Wednesday folder today is the **Emergency Information** sheet. Please complete it and **return it ASAP** so that we have the most current contact information. The sheet also includes the **Child Pick-Up Authorization**.

Total **Angel Bucks sales from August 6-23rd**: **\$20,305.00** with a profit to the school of **\$1,109.60**. This is a great way to start our fundraising year. Watch for your Angel Bucks folders in today's Wednesday folder.

Thank you for your **patience** in carpool during the beginning of the school year. It is pretty incredible to think that **we can exit 514 students in less than 30 minutes**. The carpool time will be reduced to the usual **18 minute time** once students return to the routine of **listening for their number, recognizing their car, and gathering their belongings in a timely manner**. Fortunately, you are waiting in an air-conditioned vehicle while the teachers and students are sitting in the sun. **DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN THE PARKING LOT AND THEN WALK TO THE CARPOOL LINE TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.** This creates a very dangerous situation for your children and for the parents who are following the carpool procedure. Students are encouraged to have their Nalgene® type water bottles with them in order to stay hydrated.

Please remember that there are **two reserved spots** on the **Office Side**. The highest bidders at the Auction held last March are the lucky parents who do not have to wait in line for the children. They just pull into these parking spots, pick up their children, and leave.

The **September First Friday Liturgy** will take place on **Friday, September 7th at 8:30 AM**. The other First Friday school Masses will be held at **10:00 AM**.

Please check out our **school website**. You will find the menu, the calendar, the handbook, PTO information, and great photos.

Our daughter, Lauren and her fiancé, Rafael Vasquez, were in Cary last week to visit. Lauren and Rafael are both educators in the New York City Public Schools. I enjoyed introducing my St. Michael children to them.

The St. Michael School family extends sympathy to **Mrs. Gis Donovan** whose **mother** died during the summer vacation. **Mrs. Kendra Daw's father** also died during the summer vacation. May their souls and the souls of all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

School will not be in session on Monday, September 3rd. The **school offices** will also be closed. Enjoy your three-day weekend with your family.

God bless you,
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler

