

December 19, 2007

Dear Parents,

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14

I have appreciated sharing this **Advent season** with your children. This time of preparation and prayer has been a **spiritual gift**. I pray that this Christmas season will be a special time for you as you celebrate with family and friends.

Once again, thanks to **Mrs. Okamoto** for a wonderful **Christmas Program** last night. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Okamoto in our school community.

We offer congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cupelli** as they celebrate the birth of their daughter, **Kate Alana**. Kate Alana was born on Thursday, December 13th. Kate Alana is welcomed by her sisters **Ashley (Grade 3) and Emily (Grade 1)**.

Students in **Grade 1** will attend **Mass** on **Thursday, January 3rd at 8:30 AM** in the **Church**. **Grade 4** students are planning the **First Friday Mass** for **January 4th at 10:00 AM**. You are invited to join us.

I am pleased to announce a **NEW WEEKLY RECORD** for **Angel Bucks**. The Total sales last week came to an unbelievable **\$22,976.98**. **Our total profit is \$1454.22!**
Thank you.

Just a reminder that there will be no **After School Care** today. The **office will close at 3:30 PM today** and will not reopen until **Thursday, January 3rd at 7:30 AM**.

The **2008-2009 St. Michael School Application for new families is now available online**. **Re-enrollment forms for current families must be picked up** in the school office. The **Book/Seat Fee for the 2007-2008 school year will remain \$375.00**. The **Book/Seat Fee** and the **database sheet** for re-enrolling families with any **corrections** are due on **Friday, February 1, 2008**. The **tuition for 2008-2009 for registered stewards with students in Grades K – 8 is \$5,205.00**. The cost for **non-registered stewards for Grades K-8 is \$6,715.00**. The **tuition for 2008-2009 for registered stewards with students in Pre-K is \$5,595.00**. The **tuition for non-registered stewards for Pre-K is \$7,105.00**. The application forms and information regarding tuition costs is posted on the website under the Admissions tab. The **Tuition and Book/Seat Fee amounts were set by the Governing Board of the Catholic Schools of Southwest Wake County**. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

A reminder to all parents of students **presently enrolled in Pre-K**: you **must complete a new application to be considered for Kindergarten admission in the 2008-2009 school year.**

Pre-K students enrolling for the 2008-2009 school year must be 4 years old by August 31, 2008.

The **Time/Talent/Treasure sheet** (green form) must be completed and submitted to the parish office of the parish to which you are registered by **January 11, 2008**. This year the **time that you give to the school** as a volunteer may be included on the Time/Talent/Treasure form. Msgr. Tim asks that there is a balance of Time/Talent/Treasure between the school and the parish.

The **FACTS Financial Aid application** is due by **February 1, 2008**. Tuition assistance letters will be mailed on **April 8, 2008**.

Just a reminder that the cost of **school lunches** will increase on **January 3rd to \$3.50**. This increase was announced in August and is necessary to meet the rising cost of products offered.

The break from school may provide the opportunity to make sure that your child's **uniform is in compliance with the handbook guidelines**. You may also want to get the New Year off to a good start for your sons with a **fresh haircut** to return to school in January.

The **Out-of-Uniform Day** last Friday to benefit the **Grade 5 Light the World Brown Bag Ministry project** brought in a total of **\$525.00** for the homeless. **Thank you!** The **Grade 6 Light the World Share Sunday** project collected **1,209 pounds of food**. The students of St. Michael School are **making a difference in this world**.

Tom and I are eagerly anticipating a visit with our children during the holidays. Our son **Aaron and his fiancée, Anna**, will be in from Louisville, Kentucky. Their wedding is scheduled for **July 12, 2008 in Louisville**. **Lauren** will be here from New York, but her fiancé will be with his family in the Dominican Republic for Christmas. **Lauren and Rafael will be married on July 11, 2009 in the Dominican Republic**. These are exciting times!

Advent Peace,
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler