

January 23, 2008

Dear Parents,

*“Catholic Schools Light the Way”
National Theme for Catholic Schools Week*

Catholic Schools Week begins on January 27th. This is a national observance that is celebrated in every Catholic School in the United States from **January 27th – February 1st**. We have a wonderful committee that has planned great activities for each day of Catholic Schools Week. **Monday, January 28th** is an **Out-of-Uniform Day**. Plan now to join us for an **Open House** from **8:30 AM to 9:40 AM on Friday, February 1st** and for **Mass at 10:00 AM**. A complete listing of Catholic Schools Week activities was included in last week’s Wednesday folder. **We are grateful that Bishop Burbidge will be able to join our students for lunch on Thursday, January 31st in the Parish Center**. Once again this year, each student will be given a button to wear in observance of Catholic Schools Week. I will be drawing names several times each day. If a student is wearing his/her button, they may come down to my office to choose a great prize.

Please join with me in congratulating **Mr. and Mrs. Davey** as they anticipate the **birth of their first child**. The baby is due in August. St. Gerard, bless this child!

Congratulations to **8th graders, Taylor Dworznicki and Kaitlyn Hall**, who have been named **State Winners** in the **Young Authors Writing Contest**. Their entries were chosen from hundreds of regional winners across North Carolina. Thanks to their teacher, **Mrs. Cindy Johanson**, for entering our students into this contest.

The **PTO Meeting will be tonight, Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center**. **Phase II of the building project** will be discussed. This is a very important meeting as we plan for our future parish needs. A formal presentation will be made with opportunity for questions. Please plan to attend.

Report cards are included in today’s Wednesday folder. If your child did not receive a report card, it is because of an outstanding tuition balance, After School Care balance, or whose debit or library accounts are in arrears. Please call me if you have any questions.

Enclosed with the Report Cards, you will find the **mid-year Angel Bucks report**. Please contact the Angel Bucks office if you have any questions.

Our total **Angel Bucks sales** this week were **\$13,055.92**. The total **profit** was **\$777.11**.

Students in **Grade 7** will be attending **Mass on Wednesday, January 30th**. Students in **Grade 1** will attend **Mass on Thursday, January 31st at 8:30 AM** in the **Church**. You are invited to join us.

The **classroom auction basket deadline** is quickly approaching! Don't forget the **last day to contribute** will be **January 31st**. Contact your Room Parent for more information. Thanks for your help in making this year's auction a great success!

Bishop Michael Burbidge has designated **St. Michael Church** as the site for the **Chrism Mass** which will be held on **Tuesday, March 18th**. In order to accommodate the number of cars that will be in the parking lot, Msgr. Tim has asked us to dismiss early on that day. **Please mark your calendars: Tuesday, March 18th, dismissal at 11:30 AM.** There will be **no After School Care on this date**. I apologize for any inconvenience that this may create.

The **Out-of-Uniform Day** brought in **\$527.00** for the **Brown Bag Ministry**. Thank you.

Grades 5 & 6 will enjoy a night of **bowling** on **Friday, January 25th**. **Grades 7 & 8** will have their second dance in the **Parish Center** on **January 25th**. Students are reminded to sign up for these activities and pay in the office.

St. Michael School does not endorse the **book or the movie**, *The Golden Compass*. This **book will not be catalogued into our library**, it will **not be read in classrooms**, and the **movie will not be encouraged**. A recent flyer from Scholastic Books included this book. Scholastic Books markets to public, private, and Catholic schools. This flyer was not specifically designed for St. Michael School. Orders placed for this book will not be processed and filled at St. Michael School.

We are getting organized for the **2008 PTO Elections** and need your help! If you would like to **serve on this year's nominating committee** or have any **questions**, please contact **Jennifer Butler** at jbutler9@nc.rr.com, or 468-0635.

Please remember to support this year's **auction, "An Evening to Build On"** by being an **underwriter and sponsoring** the event and/or by **donating** an item to be auctioned. The auction **team needs your support** to make this fundraiser a success! Please contact **Liz Fenton** efenton@nc.rr.com for **sponsorship information** or **Maryanne Lutz** maryannelutz@nc.rr.com for **donation information**.

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 2008-2009 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 at 3:00 PM**. 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.

The **Time/Talent/Treasure sheet** (green form) was due to the parish office of the parish to which you are registered on Friday, **January 11, 2008**. This year St. Andrew's parishioners must return their entire re-enrollment packet to St. Andrew Church. This is a change from what has happened in the past, but this is a directive from Father David Fitzgerald.

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

Debit Cards continue to be sold in **\$50.00 increments** even though the price of the lunches has increased to **\$3.50**.

Come see America's favorite orphan in the **Cardinal Gibbons High School Drama** department's production of "Annie!" The show will be performed on **February 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at 7:30 pm and on February 10th at 2 pm** in the theater of the school, across from the **RBC Center on Edwards Mill Road**. **Tickets are \$5** and may be purchased at the door. Check our web site, www.cghsnc.org, for additional information.

Our third graders will be hosting their **Light the World Vitamin Drive** from January 29th – 31st during morning carpool. Their efforts are in support of our **St. Michael delegation** going to **Honduras** in February to fortify the children in our sister parish. The students and parent volunteers will be collecting bottles of children's non-gummy vitamins from 7:30-8:00 each morning during the drive. Today, **Sister Joan Jurski** will be visiting with our third graders to share with them the healthful and preventative impact they will have on our Honduras sisters and brothers simply by sending them much-needed vitamins. **We collected 225 bottles last year**, and we are hoping to surpass that number this year!

After searching the seas for oxygen-rich space, the bingo committee has concluded that **Deep Sea Bingo** is sold out. **Pizza dinners** will begin at **5:30 PM** in the Blue and Gold Room for families who placed orders. The Parish Center will open at **6:00 PM**, and **Bingo** will begin at **7:00 PM**. Pre-ordered bingo cards, raffle tickets, and pre-assigned seat numbers will be available on the evening of bingo at the check-in table in the Parish

Center beginning at 6:00 PM. Families who submitted volunteer forms will receive a confirmation letter in today's Wednesday envelope detailing assignments and times.

Winners from the Deep Sea Bingo Fishbowl Drawing:

Madison Clark

Heather and Kirsten Keleher

Sam Greck

Ashley and Amanda Taylor

Andy Dawson

Jake Holley

Emily Golden

2008 Triangle Catholic School Chess Championship

March 15, 2008 St. Mary Magdalene School Apex

Contact Jenny Kosnik at jensk@nc.rr.com or (919) 363-7143 for registration and additional information

Peace,

Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler