

January 9, 2008

Dear Parents,

***“We must find time to stop and thank the people
who make a difference in our lives.”
Robert Kennedy***

During the holidays as I wrote **Christmas letters and thank you notes**, I was struck by the number of people who have made a difference in my life. This year, I attempted to tell them how important they have been to me and I **thanked them** for their special presence in my life. When was the last time that you thanked someone for the difference that they have made in your life or in the life of your child? **I thank you for the difference that you have made in my life.**

Please **remember in your prayers** members of our **school faculty** who have lost loved ones during the last week. We **extend sympathy to Mrs. Linda Piegore at the death of her father, Mrs. Judy Okamoto at the death of her step-father, and Mrs. Sarah McElroy at the death of her nephew.** May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The **PTO Meeting date** has been **changed** to **Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM.** **Phase II of the building project** will be discussed. Please plan to attend.

Students in **Grade 5** will be attending **Mass on Wednesday, January 16th.** Students in **Grade 3** will attend **Mass on Thursday, January 17th at 8:30 AM** in the **Church.** You are invited to join us.

The **North Carolina March for Life** will take place this **Saturday, January 12, 2008.** It starts with a **rally at 1:00 PM** followed by a March to the Capital. The starting point is Nash Square (corner of Hargett and McDowell streets) in downtown Raleigh. **Bishop Burbidge has asked us to support this.**

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.

Included in this week's envelope is the order packet for **Deep Sea Bingo.** This year's **“Fun Raiser”** will be held on **Saturday, February 2nd.** The event will include **pizza dinners, “kid sized” raffle items, door prizes for all children, and ten games of bingo.** The goal of this event is to give families an enjoyable evening together. **Seats are limited and will be assigned as orders are collected.**

We are in need of **paper towels** for our Blue and Gold Room. If you could donate a roll or two, that would be very helpful. Thank you.

There will be an **Open House for prospective students and parents** on **Monday, January 14th from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. An information session will be held at **7:00 PM**. Another Open House will be held on **Thursday, January 17th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** with an information session at **10:00 AM**. Please tell any of your relatives and neighbors who may be considering applying to St. Michael School for the 2008-2009 school year.

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**. There are still several packets in the office that have not yet been picked up. 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**.

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

Please note that the **school calendar** includes **updates and changes** each month. I would recommend that you check online for the most current information regarding activities.

Included in today's Wednesday folder, you will find forms for the upcoming auction. Please look over these forms and see if you would like to be involved as a sponsor/underwriter or make a donation to the auction. The **date for classroom auction baskets** has been extended to **January 30th**.

Please save **Campbell's labels and boxtops**. Campbell's wants the **UPC code or the specially marked points** on the labels. **Campbell's will no longer accept only the front label**. If you are unsure of what to send in, just **send the whole label in**.

The **Science Olympiad Club** members have been busy preparing for competition on **February 9th at Garner Magnet High School**. Special thanks to all parent volunteers for making this possible. The kids are having a great time exploring different fields of science each week and their enthusiasm is contagious. To provide more practice, Mrs. Davey and Mrs. Reed will be available in the Science Lab from 9:00 to 12:00 on the following Saturday mornings. These extra practices are optional.

Saturday, January 12th

Saturday, January 19th

Saturday, January 26th

Saturday, February 2nd

Peace,
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler