

March 5, 2008

Dear Parents,

*“Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof;
only say the word and my servant will be healed.”*

Matthew 8:3

During the time that I was hospitalized, I was blessed to receive the **Body of Christ** each day. The words that I spoke with the Eucharistic minister had a special meaning to me during this challenging illness, **“Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the WORD and I shall be healed.”** Each time I repeated that sentence I thought how easy those words flow, but **how challenging it is to truly be healed.** This has been a very different Lent for me. I hope that during this Lent, **you have heard the Word** that will allow you to heal whatever may be causing you physical, emotional, or spiritual pain. **Let us continue to pray for one another and for all members of our school and parish community who are ill.**

I have returned to school this week on a **limited schedule.** I apologize if I have not returned your e-mail or phone message. It will take me awhile to catch up. I hope to be back to a moderate school schedule next week. I am grateful for a diagnosis and for the commitment of my dedicated doctor to find the cause of a headache that has now moved into Day #42.

It is with a deep sense of **gratitude and good wishes** that I announce that **Mrs. Molly Carlin and her husband Doctoral Candidate Ryan Carlin** will be **moving to Georgia** this summer. Mr. Carlin will soon defend his doctoral dissertation and has accepted a position as professor of Latin American Politics at Georgia State University. **Mrs. Carlin has been aggressively recruited by Catholic and private schools in the Atlanta area.** Due to her association with the Notre Dame ACE Leadership Program, she is known all across the United States by superintendents. **Mrs. Carlin has accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Queen of Angels Catholic School in Roswell, Georgia.** I know Dr. Kathryn Wood, the principal, who will have the pleasure of working with Mrs. Carlin as she continues to grow to be one of the strongest Catholic educational leaders in the United States. I have appreciated working with Mrs. Carlin as teacher and administrator and will miss her as my friend.

Knowing that Mrs. Carlin’s husband would eventually complete his course of study and that they may need to relocate, I have been looking for potential leadership within the school, the diocese, and through my travels. I am pleased to announce that I have asked **Mr. Travis Davey** to accept the position of **Assistant Principal** and he has accepted the position. Mr. Davey has begun to work with Mrs. Carlin to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. Mr. Davey will continue to serve as Athletic Director, but will not teach. I have appreciated the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Davey during this past year and I look forward to sharing this important educational ministry with Mr. Davey. Mr. Davey received his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame. He is presently involved in the ACE Leadership Program at Notre Dame where he will complete the requirements for a Masters degree in educational leadership. I thank God for all that has been and look forward to all that will be.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held on **Friday, March 7th.** You should have received your scheduled confirmation time. Please call the office immediately if you are unable to arrive on time or keep your scheduled appointment time. **Plan to arrive on time** so that the schedule for the day can be maintained. The school office and the school will be **closed on on Monday, March 10th.**

Mark your calendars for a **PTO event at Hoop City U/TK's Jungle**. This event is in lieu of a Jelly Beans outing. It will be held on **Friday, March 7th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. Information was included in the folder last Wednesday.

Our **school PTO** has decided to plan our future school **auctions bi-annually** so don't miss the opportunity to attend this year's auction and gala. There are **still some tickets available**. A list of just some of the phenomenal auction items was sent home in last week's Wednesday folder. Support the valuable programs for our children and future building projects and buy your tickets today. **This will truly be "An Evening to Build On."**

The total Angel Bucks sales last week was **\$21,751.53**. The total profit was **\$1,263.33!** As you prepare for spring break, remember Angel Bucks for your traveling needs.

Plan to attend the **PTO Meeting on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 PM** in the **Parish Center**. The meeting will include a presentation of the new **SMART® Board** technology in use at St. Michael and an update on the **proposed building project**.

Students in **Grade 6** will attend Mass on **Wednesday, March 12th**. **Students in Grade 3 will attend Mass on Thursday, March 13th**. You are invited to join us during Lent. **Grades 2 and 3** will pray the **Stations of the Cross** on **Tuesday, March 11th at 10:00 AM**.

A **flyer** from the **PTO nominating committee** is included in today's Wednesday folder. Please review the PTO board positions and begin **submitting those nominations!!** We need – and appreciate – your help in making the PTO a continued success!!!!

Parents please remember that the traffic lanes leading from High House Road to the Weatherstone Circle are for **two-way traffic at all times except during our morning and afternoon carpool**. Please be especially **vigilant on Late Arrival Days** or when dropping students off later in the morning when ECC drop off/pick up is taking place. There have been some close calls in the parking lot recently.

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. You are also welcome to attend the Chrism Mass.

The deadline for ordering a school **yearbook** is **March 7th**. An order form was included in last week's Wednesday folders. **8th grade students do not need to order yearbooks; it is included in their graduation fee.**

Remember to continue to collect **Campbell's Soup Labels and Box-tops**. This potential trash provides materials and money to St. Michael School. There is a container in the office for easy drop off.

St. Michael's Vacation Bible School at SonWorld Amusement Park will be held Monday, July 14th – Friday July 18th from 9:30am until 12:30pm. Children will be grouped with their peers according to 2008-2009 school age (Pre-K through 6th grade). Cost will be \$45.00 per child and includes a camp t-shirt and music CD. We are in need of **Music and Theatrical Coordinators, Decorations Coordinator** and **Snack Coordinator** at this time. If you are interested in any of these positions, please call the Faith Development office at 468-6120 or email stmVBS@yahoo.com.

Lenten peace,

Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler

