

May 14, 2008

Dear Parents,

*“Then He embraced them, laid His hands on them, and gave them His blessing.”
Mark 10:16*

In just a few days, our **Grade 8 students will complete their education** at St. Michael School and become the **sixth graduating class in the history of St. Michael School**. Let us pray for these students and pray that they will continue to experience the reality of God’s presence, His abundant grace, and His love for them as they move to more fully become the young men and women that God has created them to be. I pray that their souls will be adventurous, seizing every opportunity to create, to encourage, to appreciate, to love, and to be occupied with the needs of others. It is my hope that **St. Michael School** has provided a **faith-based learning environment for an education that addressed their spiritual, intellectual, moral, social, physical, and emotional growth and well-being as our students**. As they begin the next phase of their education and their lives, **may they make strong moral decisions and become ethical leaders of our Church and of our world**. Please remember our **Grade 8 students** in your **prayers** as they prepare for **Graduation on Wednesday, May 28th**.

Please note that the **Closing Liturgy and Awards Ceremony for Grades Pre-K through 7** will take place on **Friday, May 30th**. The **Mass will begin at 9:45 AM** with an Awards Ceremony to follow. You are all invited to join us. **Dismissal** will begin at **approximately 11:30 AM** on that day or as soon as the Awards ceremony and promotion ritual end.

You are invited to join us for the **Spring Musical** on **Thursday, May 15th** beginning at **7:00 PM** in the Church. The performance will highlight the students in **Grades 7, 2, 3 and 4**.

The end of the school year always brings with it staffing changes. You all know that Mrs. Carlin and Mrs. Ward will not be returning. However, I wanted you to know of the other changes in staff for the 2008-2009 school year.

Staffing Changes 2008-2009:

Retiring: Pat Ward

Not Returning:

**Jane Bergman
Rene Hacker
Sister Anne Heath
Donna Pratt**

**Meg McDevitt
Lynn Maslowski
Maria Griffith
Molly Carlin**

New Hires:

**Diane McClellan – Grade 6 Math and Science
Gail Graff – Office - 5 days
Pat Hodges – Grade 1 Teacher Assistant – 2 days
Diane Tetro – Pre-K Teacher Assistant – 3 days
Ashley Roman – P.E. - part-time
Art - Pending**

Students in **Grade 5** will attend **Mass** on **Wednesday, May 21st**. **Grade 3** will attend **Mass** on **Thursday, May 22nd**. You are invited to join them.

The **Angel Bucks** total this week was **\$16,775.00**. The profit was **\$921.80**. **Thank you!**

The **2008-2009 Parent Student Handbook** has been posted on the school website. Please take time to read the changes noted in red, sign the Parent/Student Signature page, and return it to school **no later than May 23, 2008**. This form must be on file before the final report card is sent out.

Check out the **Used Uniform Sale**. Everything is **half off** from now until the end of the year!!!!!! The Used Uniform Collection will take place during carpool on **May 27th, 28th, and 29th**. Check out your closets and plan to donate used uniforms. I will gladly supply a tax letter for your uniform donations.

Grade 8 will take the **Algebra EOC Test** on **Monday, May 19th from 8:10 AM – 11:10 AM**. Please refrain from making appointments during this time.

Field Day for Pre-K through Grade 4 will be held on **Monday, May 19th**. **Field Day for Grades 5 – 8** will take place on **Tuesday, May 20th**. We hope for sunny days. **Thanks to Coach Davey and Coach Milmo**e for planning this fun day.

Grade 8 will be hosting a reception for the **second St. Michael graduating class** who will be graduating from high school this month. The reception will be on **Monday, May 19th at 2:00 PM** in the **Blue and Gold Room**. This has become an annual tradition at St. Michael School.

Tuesday, May 20th is **Sports Appreciation Night**. It will begin in the **Parish Center at 7:00 PM**. I look forward to this evening to recognize our athletes and the many volunteers who make this program so successful.

The last **Share Sunday** collection will be this Sunday. Thank you so much for your generosity with this Grade 6 Light the World project this year. You can also drop off your donations at carpool on Friday morning if you are going to be traveling this weekend.

Don't forget to send in your **boxtops** and **Campbell® soup labels**. We are coming close to the end of the year and want to close this year out with the most benefit to the school. A receptacle is available in the office for your convenience. This year your boxtops and labels brought in **\$900.00** for St. Michael School. In addition, we were able to purchase audiovisual equipment for classroom use.

I will be attending the diocesan meeting for principals in Goldsboro on Friday and will not be in school.

Peace,
Dr. Wannemuehler

