

May 21, 2008

Dear Parents,

*“There are in the end three things that last – faith, hope, and love.  
And the greatest of these is love.”  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:13*

The students in **Grade 8** are completing their exit interviews in anticipation of Graduation one week from tonight. The interview begins with their memorized **recitation of St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 13** that includes the above passage. For many of the students, this is the longest scripture passage that they have ever memorized. Many of the students state that this was the first reading at their wedding of their parents. It truly **sums up the way that we should live our lives** and hopefully reflects what students have learned about love during their years at St. Michael School. During the days ahead, let us strive to live these words.

The students in **Grade 7** will be going to **Camp Thunderbird on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This is an **important trip for our seventh graders** as it is a team-building trip that prepares them for the leadership, spirit, and community of their eighth grade year. Many eighth graders will tell me during their exit interview that this was **one of the most memorable field trip** of their elementary years. Please **remember them in your prayers** this week.

**Congratulations** to our **Grade 8** students. The entire class successfully passed the **North Carolina State Computer test!**

Please note that the **Closing Liturgy and Awards Ceremony** for **Grades Pre-K through 7** will take place on **Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

Please **notify Mrs. Mary Alice Burton** if your **address, e-mail, or other contact information** has changed or will be changing during the summer. Current information allows us to make sure that you receive the **back-to-school packet** that will be mailed in August.

Students in **Grade 7** will attend **Mass** on **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. **Grade 4** will attend **Mass** on **Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. You are invited to join them.

The **second graduating class** from **St. Michael School** returned yesterday. **31 graduates** from the **Class of 2004** were in attendance. Each graduate also completed a survey that will allow us to track our graduates. They were an impressive group who plan to attend the following universities: **Duke, Elon, Purdue, NC State, Louisiana State, UNC-Wilmington, Duquesne, Virginia Tech, Georgia Tech, Wellesley College, UNC-Charlotte, Clemson, Naval Academy, Western Carolina, East Carolina, Wake Tech, Appalachian State, and UNC-Chapel Hill. May God bless them!**

The **Angel Bucks** total this week was **\$23,029.08**. The profit was **\$1420.96**. **Thank you!**

The **2008-2009 Parent Student Handbook** and **Photo Video Release** 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. Remember, it is **due this Friday**. Please help Ms. Gallagher and Mrs. Griffin out so that they do not have to call to remind you.

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 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>**. Check out your closets and plan to donate used uniforms. I will gladly supply a tax letter for your uniform donations.

Don't forget to send in your **box tops** 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. This year your box tops and labels brought in **\$900.00** for St. Michael School. In addition, we were able to purchase audiovisual equipment for classroom use. Next year, we plan to begin grade incentives with the grade that brings in the most receiving a special prize each quarter. **Collect** the box tops and labels **during the summer** and plan to bring them to the **Orientation and Ice Cream Social on August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to label your child's grade on them and bundle them with a rubber band or in an envelopes. Thanks to **Beth Smith** for her work with this program.

The cost of the **Debit Card for 2008-2009** will be in a denomination of **\$70.00 (20 lunches)**. This will not reflect an increase in the cost individual lunches however. Remaining Debit Card credit balances will rollover to the 2008-2009 school year as has been done in previous years.

St. Michael School raised one of the greatest amounts of money in the country for the St. Jude Math-a-Thon.

*Prayer for the Success of our Capital Campaign*

*Lord God, we are so grateful for your many gifts; our lives, our loved ones and especially our faith.*

*We ask for your help as we continue to build our community of faith here at St. Michael the Archangel.  
Send your Holy Spirit to us as we seek financial gifts to make our parish expansion a reality.*

*Help us to be generous in giving you the first fruits of our labor, not the leftovers. May our gift be a real sacrifice and not a token gift.*

*As we build, may Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Saints, especially St. Michael the Archangel, and all of the generous people of the past especially those of our family, intercede for us.*

*Lord, we ask that with your help and guidance, our campaign will be a success. We make this prayer in the name of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.*

*(Please pray daily during June, July, August, September, October, and November)*

Peace,  
Dr. Wannemuehler

