

October 10, 2007

Dear Parents,

“Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.”

The **rosary is a beautiful prayer**. I hope that personally and with your families you find many opportunities to pray this prayer together. As a child growing up, my family prayed the rosary together every night after supper. In addition to the rote prayers, I learned about the life of Jesus and Mary through the mysteries of the rosary. It was **90 years ago, in 1917**, that Our Blessed Mother appeared to the three children at **Fatima**. You are invited to attend our **Third Annual Living Rosary** celebration on **Friday, October 12th at 2:15 PM**. The rosary will be prayed on the athletic fields. The **Glorious Mysteries** will be enacted by students from various grades on the hillside.

Grade 7 will attend Mass on Wednesday, October 17th. Grade 2 will attend Mass on Thursday, October 18th. Both Masses begin at **8:30 AM**. You are welcome to join us.

In order to prepare for our **SACS accreditation** visit, an **additional Late Opening Day** has been planned for **Wednesday, November 14th**. Please mark your calendars now. The Before School Care Program will be in session if you need this service.

The **total sales for Angel Bucks this week sales were \$15,153.95 and profit was \$883.60**.

Reminder that Science Olympiad meetings will take place on Thursday mornings (7:15-7:45) and Thursday afternoons (3:00-3:45), starting on **Thursday, October 18th**. If any parents are willing to volunteer their expertise and serve as coaches, please contact Mrs. Davey as soon as possible. All volunteers must complete the Diocesan background check. A short volunteer/coaches meeting will be held following our first Olympiad meeting on **Thursday, October 18th from 3:45-4:00**. Thank you for all your support in building the St. Michael Science Olympiad Team!

Congratulations to **Delany Sisiruca and Danielle Herman** who created the winning designs for the **Jingle Bell Fun Run T-Shirt contest**. Mark your calendars for the Jingle Bell Run that will take place on Saturday, December 1st.

An **Out-of-Uniform day** for the entire school is planned for **Friday, October 19th**. The money will support the Grade 8 Light the World Service project at the Stop Hunger Now warehouse in Raleigh. Our goal is to send 20 students with \$30 each to pay for 3,000 meals that they will package on October 24th. The meals are shipped to poor countries worldwide. Please visit the website at www.stophungernow.org for detailed information on this program. Each meal costs 20 cents. If you would like to send in more than \$1 it will all go toward the packaged meals. Contact **Janette Skowron**, dkowron@nc.rr.com, for specific **questions** regarding this LTW service project.

Tuesday, October 22nd is a Teacher Work Day. School will not be in session. St. Michael School students are invited to gather at **White Tiger** for organized activities that run from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. It is sure to be a great time...all for **2 cans of soup!**

The entire student body, faculty, and parents are invited to attend a **pep rally** for the **Girl's Volleyball** and **Boy's Soccer** teams. The pep rally will be led by our newly formed **Spirit Squad**, and the **band** will provide the music! Activities will take place on the **blacktop** near the Office entrance at **3:30 PM** on **Thursday, October 11th**. Plan to attend the pep rally and then stay for the **final home game** of the season for both teams! **Students must be accompanied by an adult to attend the pep rally.**

Our **kindergarteners** should be very proud of themselves for the beautiful **KinderGarden** they planted behind their classrooms on **October 2nd** as part of their **Light the World** project. Come see the flowers when you visit the school. Their mission is to keep God's world beautiful and they will continue their mission when they go to Bond Park on October 18th for a trash clean-up day there. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who help with these efforts.

The **third graders** received a visit on October 3rd from **Ms. Cerelisa Burr from the St. Michael Parish Meals-in-Need** program to talk to the children about those who are ill or have other urgent family responsibilities and need the help of prepared meals. As part of their ongoing Light the World effort, our third graders make prayer cards to be sent to anyone who requests help from the Meals-in-Need program. Thank you, third graders.

The **St. Michael School Book Fair begins today, October 10th, and runs through October 19th**. This weekend, the **Book Fair** will be open from **9:30 AM - 12:00 PM** on **Sunday, October 14th** for before- and after-Mass sales and is open to the whole parish. In addition, **Monday, October 15th, will be Pajama Night from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM.** The children are welcome to come in their pajamas to the book fair and enjoy desserts. At **7:00 PM**, our own **Mrs. Nancy French** will do a **book reading** for our little ones. She has illustrated two wonderful children's book and will be selling them during the book fair.

As you shop for Christmas or birthday gifts at the Book Fair, please remember to bring in some **gently-used books** with you to donate to our first graders' Book Drive. This drive is part of their Light the World effort. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Fall Social** scheduled for **Saturday, October 13th** has been **cancelled**.

Autumn Peace,
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler