

October 17, 2007

Dear Parents,

**“Prayer brings an awakening of the presence of God within us.”**

**Thomas Merton**

Each day the teachers of St. Michael School gather in a **circle of prayer** as you are preparing for your day. We take a few minutes to **reflect** upon a passage from scripture or some other inspired writing. Then, we **offer intentions** and **join hands** to prayerfully begin our day of work and ministry with you and your children. This is one of my most treasured times of the day. This is a time of **awakening** to me **of the powerful presence of God** that I witness in the community of St. Michael the Archangel. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Thank you for your presence at our **Third Annual Living Rosary** on Friday. Our prayer was enhanced by the sound **system** that was provided to us by **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keleher who are the parents of Heather (Grade 4) and Kirsten (Grade 2)**. As we were praying the rosary, I just thought about how fortunate these children are to be in a school environment where we can just stop everything to come together as a community in prayer. The fields provide the perfect setting. We are so fortunate to have such a **wonderful environment** for your children to learn and grow.

As the **North Carolina State Fair faces traffic congestion** this week, our **carpool line** continues to move very quickly. It is amazing to think that **519 students** are dismissed and in their cars in **15 minutes or less**. **Thank you for your cooperation and support** of this system.

**Grade 6 will attend Mass on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Grade 3 will attend Mass on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.** Both Masses begin at **8:30 AM**. You are welcome to join us.

The **First Quarter ends on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. **Report cards** will be sent home on **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Per the handbook policy, all accounts must be up to date for a student to receive his/her report card. There can be **no outstanding balance** on tuition, after school care, debit cards, or library fines. Thank you for bringing all accounts up to date prior to report card distribution.

The St. Michael Before School Room/After School Room/Cafeteria/P.E. Room has been officially renamed: **St. Michael Blue and Gold Room**. Many students and teachers submitted potential names for this contest. The winning name was submitted by Mrs. Julie Spencer. Congratulations! In the future, it will be referred to by its new title.

In order to prepare for our **SACS accreditation** visit, an **additional Late Opening Day** has been planned for **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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: **\$17, 058**. Our **total profit was \$1,057.78!!!!** **Thanks to all of you!**

An **Out-of-Uniform day** for the entire school is planned for **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**. The **\$1.00 donation** will support the **Grade 8 Light the World Service project**.

The **End of the Quarter Parish Center Lunch** will take place on **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. **All students** will be able to **enjoy the dessert** whether or not they purchase a hot lunch on that day.

Thank you to everyone who worked and/or attended the **Book Fair Blizzard Pajama Night on Monday!** It was a tremendous success and we thank all of you who came in your pajamas to support our school. We very much appreciate our **fifth-grade safety patrol** who wore their pajamas in the carpool lines Monday to remind families to share in this fun event. The book fair continues through Friday morning.

The **Second Grade Light the World** project, **Warm Hearts and Soles**, will run next week, **October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>**. The children will collect coats, boots and shoes during the morning carpool. Thank you for your generosity for those who cannot afford to purchase the necessary items to stay warm this winter.

If you have taken any **pictures** of our **soccer or volleyball teams** this year, **Mrs. Goodwin** would love to have some of those pictures to post on the website. You can share the pictures with her on a disk or you can share the memory card with her. She promises to return it to you.

**Monday, 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 **Pep Rally** last Thursday was a great success and a way to celebrate our **Volleyball and Soccer Teams**. A special thanks to **Mrs. Okamoto** and our **Pep Band** who performed during the Pep Rally and at half-time during the soccer game.

The **St. Michael School Book Fair continues through October 19<sup>th</sup>**. All of the proceeds from the Book Fair enable our school to purchase more books for your children to enjoy.

The **Grade 6 Light the World project** is this **weekend**. On the third Sunday of each month, the Grade 6 class will be coordinating **Share Sunday**. In addition to the regular Share Sunday donations (non-perishable food items), the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is taking part in a program called **“Backpack Buddies”** with the **Inter-Faith food shuttle**. We will be collecting food that is needed to pack a nutritious backpack of food for children who receive free or reduced-cost lunches during the school week, but do not have food to eat

on the weekend. A flyer is included in the Wednesday folder today listing the items most needed for the backpacks. So please remember to bring your regular donations and/or donations for "Backpack Buddies" to Mass this weekend. **Contacts Julie Alexander [kjls@nc.rr.com](mailto:kjls@nc.rr.com) or Barbara Spangler [bmspangler@mindspring.com](mailto:bmspangler@mindspring.com).**

Our **Grades 5 and 6 bowling night** is **Friday, October 26, 2007** from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Buffaloe Lanes in Cary. A **sign-up sheet** will be in the **office** starting **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. The **dance** for **Grades 7 & 8** will also take place on **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Over the weekend, the **Girls' Volleyball Team** participated in a memorial tournament to honor Coach Joe Uniacke, the long-time volleyball coach at Our Lady of Lourdes who passed away back in February of this year. Most of the schools in our conference participated as well as a number of club teams from the area. Our girls team earned an impressive **second place finish** in the **Silver Division**. Eighth grader **Mary Ellen Barone** and seventh grader **Kelly Majewski** were selected to the **'All-Tournament' team**, which recognizes their performances among all players in the tournament! Congratulations!

Autumn Peace,  
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler