

October 3, 2007

Dear Parents,

“Service, Reverence, Leadership”
The Core Values of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School

During the last year, the teachers have taken time to consider and reflect upon the **Core Values that define us as a school community**. The Core Values of **Service, Reverence, and Leadership** were determined to be the values that are most clearly aligned with the daily practices of our faith community. Clearly **service** is exemplified through every single grade in the Light the World project. Students at St. Michael School achieve an appreciation of **reverence** from many different dimensions. Surely this community reverences our Catholic faith, we reverence our building and facilities when we are good custodians of it, we reverence the presence of God in one another by the way that we relate to one another, talk with and about one another, and encourage one another. We have a strong community of **leadership** with individuals who will be the future leaders of our Church and of our world. What a blessing it is to be a part of such a community rooted in these Core Values! Let us continue to pray for one another.

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.

Tuesday, October 9th is a Late Opening Day. Please be sure to **complete the form for Before School Care** in your folder if you will be needing child care on the 9th. All forms need to be returned by tomorrow. Lunch count for October 9th will be taken on October 8th.

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 **Fall Book Fair** will begin on **Wednesday, October 10th**. There is still a need for volunteers. The chairs need 25 slots to be filled. If you are able to **volunteer**, please contact **Beth Smith at bsmithnc@nc.rr.com**.

Plan 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.

The **Fall Social** is **next Saturday, October 13th at 7PM in the Parish Center**. This is a PTO sponsored event designed to give parents a time to socialize outside of school. Make it a parents night out and encourage friends to come. Tickets are on sale now at the school office for **\$20/person**. Get yours today!

The **total sales for Angel Bucks this week: \$ \$18,620.00 and our profit was \$1076.45!**

The attendance for **John Findlater's presentation** was very impressive. **Thanks to the PTO** for sponsoring such a wonderful speaker. I know that his words will help each of us in this **challenging role of parenting** the children that God has given to us. The students whose parents were in attendance will receive their **Out-of-Uniform coupons** today.

Plan to participate in the **Family Fun Run/Walk** during the International Festival on **Saturday, October 6th**. The homeroom with the most participants will receive an **Out-of-Uniform Day** on **Tuesday, October 9th**. **All students can wear their tennis shoes tomorrow, October 4th**, in anticipation of this event!

Remember **school will be closed on Friday, October 5th**. You will need to exercise extra patience in carpool as the tents are filling the parking lot.

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.**

The **St. Michael School Scholastic Book Fair** will begin next week! The fair will run **October 10th –19th**. Please take advantage two new times to shop. The first new time will be from **9:30 AM -12:00 PM on Sunday, October 14th**, for our parish to shop before and after Masses. The other new time will be a **Family Pajama Night** on **October 15 from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM**. Parents and children are invited to come to the Book Fair in their pajamas and enjoy desserts before or after shopping for some new reading material.

Don't forget that our first graders will simultaneously be holding their **gently-used book drive** for children who would love books and cannot afford them. Bring your books to be donated to the book fair whenever you choose to shop.

The **Jingle Bell Run T-Shirt Design Contest** has been extended to **Thursday, October 4th**.

If you have any **boxtops** at home, please send them to the office asap. The first shipment will be sent in next week. Thank you for helping our school turn trash into cash.

There will be **no Intermediate or Advanced band on October 3rd and 4th**.

MESSAGE FROM COACH DAVEY:

After speaking with many **5th-8th Grade** parents, there seems to be interest in getting a **boys' lacrosse program** started at St. Michael. With four other teams in the conference now fielding lacrosse "club" teams and many St. Michael boys already playing on local club teams, we would like to gather some information about your son's spring sports interest. Please take a few moments to discuss and fill out a 10 question survey with your son using the website below.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Ae2JsraIpo16DMSIF6LuMw_3d_3d

The results of the survey, will guide us in how we proceed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please **contact Travis Davey** at 468-6150 ext. 216 or tdavey@stmccary.org, or **David Skowron** at 795-5144 or dskowron@nc.rr.com.

Autumn Peace,
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler