

September 12, 2007

Dear Parents,

**“Showing the generations to come the praises of the Lord...  
the wonderful works He has done.  
Psalm 78:4**

For many of us, **our Grandparents** have done just what David refers to in Psalm 78. I have vivid memories of going to Sunday afternoon **Holy Hours** with my Grandmother and **attending Benediction on First Fridays** by her side. My Grandparents gave me a faith that was passed down to them through many generations. It is a faith that **sustains** me through the **challenging times of life** and that **uplifts me in my daily hours of prayer**. **May God bless all who share the wonderful works of the Lord with future generations**. With our two children engaged, Tom and I look forward to the day that we will also be Grandparents and share with them the faith that has been given to us by our parents and grandparents.

The **first PTO meeting** of the **2007-2008 school year** will be held tonight **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center**. Plan to attend.

Fall picture days will be today for students in **Pre-K through Grade 4**. Students in **Grades 5 through 8** will be photographed tomorrow, **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. All students will be **photographed in uniform** on these days.

**Grandparents' Days** will take place on **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> or Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. The day will **begin at 8:30 AM with Mass** or with Grandparents meeting their grandchild(ren) at the school building. Please inform your child if his/her Grandparent intends to attend Mass. A short musical program will be held in the Church featuring Grade 3 and 5 at 10:30 AM each day. Our special time will **end at 11:00 AM**. Unfortunately, **we cannot accommodate Grandparents for lunch or parents, siblings and their families during the day**. An Open House for parents will occur during Catholic Schools Week.

Hire your babysitter now so that you can attend the **first parent education night** of **2007-2008** sponsored by the St. Michael PTO on **Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM** in the **Parish Center**. **Mr. John Findlater a national speaker and educator** will be the presenter. His topic is: **“Getting a Grip on Kids Today: Raising Kids in a Crazy and Confusing World.”** **Students whose parents attend** the session will receive an **out-of-uniform coupon**. If you attend the session, be sure to sign-in.

There will be **no Masses** during the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>. The **priests of the diocese are on retreat**.

**This week's Angel Bucks sales were \$24, 245.60 and the profit was \$1323.12!!**

The **Grade 3 Book Club** will be held on **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** from **3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**.

The **first Catholic Jeopardy meetings** of the year will take place on **Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** for students in **Grades 3, 4, and 5** and **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** for **Grades 6, 7, and 8**. The session will begin right after dismissal and **end at 4:00 PM**. Students will be dismissed from the office side of the building. Please contact me with any questions.

The students and teachers will have the opportunity to be **out of uniform on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. This is a **fundraiser for the Hispanic community in our diocese** and we ask each child who is out of uniform to bring one dollar to their homeroom teacher. All proceeds will be collected and donated to Catholic Charities. During **Hispanic Heritage Month**, this is one way that we can help those less fortunate. This is an optional activity. No child should feel obligated to participate.

Please remember that there are **two reserved pick-up spots** on the **Office Side**. The highest bidders at the Auction last March are the lucky parents who do not have to wait in line for the children. They just pull into these spots, pick up their children, and leave. Please do not wait for your children in these reserved spots at the beginning of carpool.

**Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** will be a **Late Opening Day** for students. Please **return the registration form if you will need care** for your children **prior to 9:15 AM** when students will be released to their classrooms. **Carpool will begin at 9:15 AM**. The **lunch count for the late arrival mornings** will be taken on the **day prior to the late opening**. This will allow the food providers to have the adequate number of lunches prepared. Please review the menu with your child.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a **High School Information Night** for parents from **7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Lewis Room at St. Raphael School**. There will be representatives from **Cardinal Gibbons High School, St. Thomas More Academy, Raleigh Charter High School and Wake County Public Schools Magnet Programs**. They will be speaking about their programs and providing information regarding applications, parent information nights, etc. For more information contact: **Pam Seymour at 865-5754**.

**Cardinal Gibbons High School** presents "**Into The Woods Junior**," a whimsical musical great for all ages! The fairy tale will be showing **September 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** and **September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**. Tickets are **\$1.00 for students** and **\$5.00 for the general public**. For more information contact **Kevin Ferguson at (919) 834-1625 ex. 381**.

**Alert Now®**, our emergency notification system, is in place for this school year with the phone numbers and e-mail addresses that you have supplied to the office. This system

will be utilized to notify you of **school closings** due to an emergency or inclement weather. A test of this system will take place on **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.**

The **Grade 6 Light the World** project begins this weekend. On the third weekend of each month, the Grade 6 class will be coordinating **Share Sunday**. This food drive provides food for area food pantries. Bring your donations to Mass with you this weekend.

The **International Festival** is quickly approaching. Plan to participate in the **3K Family Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. The class with the greatest participation will be awarded an out-of-uniform day. Watch for more information coming soon.

Please remember in your prayers **Mrs. Maria Ram, a Grade 5 Teacher Assistant,** whose **father died on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> in India.** A memorial Mass was celebrated on August 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Michael Church.

Peace,  
Dr. Sarah Wannemuehler