



St. Michael School PTO Newsletter

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You Make The Difference

How do we properly acknowledge and thank chairs **Colleen Ueland** and **Laura Usher** for leading last weekend's wildly successful 2010 A Decade of Dreams Dinner & Auction?

First, we say **thank you. Thank you. Thank you.** Your tireless work and dedication to the details of such an enormous event will help facilitate the next two school years with a **staggering estimated \$100,000+ profit** for the PTO to directly support Religious and Spiritual Enrichment, Fine Arts & Performing Arts, Athletics, Technology, Teacher & Administration Support, Capital Building Improvements, Library and the Phase II Building Project.

Next, we say **thank you to the committee chairs** who led the 15 segments of the auction that came together on the final night: Acquisitions, **Maryanne Lutz**; Graphic Layout and Publishing, **Kendra Daw**; Classroom Baskets, **Sue Grieb**; Computer Network and Setup, **Dermot Allen**; Correspondence, **Amy Shea**; Décor, **Sheila Schlageter**; Entertainment, **Jenipher Free**; Finance, **Kermit Dowdy**; Software and Data Management, **Christine Lavelle**; Sponsorship, **Laura Grelick**; School Correspondence, **Rosa Messer**; Publicity, **Marylynn Fitzgerald**; Wall of Wine, **Michele Simmons**; and Volunteers, **Sandy Lyons**.

Finally, we say **thank you** to the honorable **Dr. Wannemuehler, Mr. Davey, and Monsignor Tim**; and to our considerate **teachers**, the many kindhearted **volunteers**, the considerate **contributors**, our magnanimous **sponsors**, helpful **room parents**, thoughtful Wall of Wine **donators**, wonderful **basket donators**, and extremely generous **attendees** who brought this event to an exhilarating crescendo on Saturday.

Guests shopped tables filled with generously donated items and bid on these prizes during the Silent Auction. The Live Auction was heated at times with attendees outbidding each other for the Lock-In, for a drive-up Carpool space, for beach vacation homes, for group dinners with our principal and priests, and more!

Kids with involved parents and guardians do better in school. For involvement help, check out: SchoolFamily.com

Then all danced the night away, pleased with their purchases knowing that all monies spent will start another Decade of Dreams for St. Michael School.

Other PTO News



We are delighted to have a ballot full of volunteers who have offered their **candidacy for the PTO Board for the 2010-2011 school year**. Candidate statements and photos will be available in the school office next week or online in the PTO section of the school website. Ballots will arrive home next Wednesday for your votes and are due back in the school office **by Friday, March 23**. Thank you to all candidates for your time.

The next **PTO meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 18, at 7:00 pm** in the Archangel Centre Gallery. Joining us will be **guest speaker Julia V. Taylor** - author of two books, national speaker, and high school counselor - who will share with us how to help our **children Navigate Friendships**. Learn some positive strategies to help our kids maintain healthy friendships and deal with the social challenges of growing up.

On **Wednesday, March 24 at 8:00 am**, we are delighted to offer another opportunity to learn from Father Mike Spurr. **"Coffee and Conversation with Father Mike" will be an informal time for questions and discussion. Coffee and bagels will be served.** Come for this great addition to your Lenten practices and inspiring way to start your day.

March 24 is another fun Chick-Fil-A/Kilwin's night from 5-8 pm! Feed the kids on the way to or from sports, lessons, or just pop in for a great meal. **Please indicate while ordering you are with St. Michael School, as a portion of all StMS meal profits come back to our PTO for the school!** See you there!

The **Lenten Book Group will continue to meet on Tuesdays during Lent** at either 8:00 am or 9:45 am on the second floor of the Parish Center. Please consider nourishing your soul with spiritual discussion and prayer. Contact Liz Riegel at riegel.liz@gmail.com if you would like to attend any of the meetings.



[Why Ads?](#)

For those of you keeping up with our teacher, Terri Wasley's, daughter, Meg's, progress on supportthewasleys.com, there are many opportunities to offer assistance. There are several activities in the works through our St. Michael School community including bracelet sales and a student car wash. We will keep you posted as these plans are solidified.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day and the Irish, the Hot Lunch offering on **March 17 will be a Baked Potato Bar!** Very fun....Erin go braugh.....

Angel Bucks, Angel Bucks

Do you use Angel Bucks? If you've gotten out of the habit of utilizing Angel Bucks as a way to pay for your everyday purchases, break that bad habit! Buy a \$25 Wal-Mart card so you can go pick up some toothpaste and soap with it! Or buy a Dick's Sporting Goods card.....spring sports are in high gear and you just know you will need something for the kids. **Every time you use Angel Bucks - every time - for regular, everyday purchases, St. Michael School profits. So simple.**

For Your Calendar.....

- **March 16, 23, 30:** Lenten Book Group, 8:00 or 9:45 am, Parish Center, 2nd Floor
- **March 17:** St. Patty's Day! Baked Potato Bar for Hot Lunch and 7th Grade Light the World Rest Home Visit
- **March 18:** PTO General Meeting with Guest Speaker Julia V. Taylor, 7:00 pm in the Archangel Centre Gallery
- **March 19:** 8th Grade Formal, 7-10 pm, Archangel Centre Gallery and 5th Grade Brown Bag Ministry lunch preparation
- **March 22:** 6th Grade Light the World Share Sunday food sorting
- **March 24:** Coffee and Conversation with Father

Mike, 8:00 am Archangel Centre Gallery; 2nd Grade Hitouch Hitech In-house Field Trip; and Chick-Fil-A/Kilwin's night from 5-8 pm

- **March 29:** 3rd/4th Grade Concert, 7:00 pm, Parish Center
- **March 31:** 8th Grade Living Stations of the Cross, 2:10 pm

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