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Mission Statement:

St. Michael School, founded in 1913 as an extension of St. Michael Parish, is committed to providing quality Catholic education for the diverse student body we serve. Our mission is to provide a Christ-centered environment as a means to foster the growth of each individual in the following areas: moral and spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, psychological, emotional and physical, social and cultural.

APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Lenten Season is quickly coming to an end. We anticipate the most sacred days of the Christian calendar, March 28 – April 4. Students will begin Holy Week with a special Prayer Service on Monday, March 28. Families are encouraged to reinforce the sacredness of this week through family prayer and attention to the significance of what we celebrate. The Paschal Triduum begins with Holy Thursday as we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Good Friday we reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus and Holy Saturday we anticipate the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

As we look forward to the beautiful Feast of the Resurrection, I wish each of you the blessings of New Life and Renewal of your spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad."*



Holy Week Services include:

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bilingual)

Mass is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 11PM

GOOD FRIDAY

11:30AM
Stations of the Cross
1PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

8PM Solemn Vigil of Easter (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses in Church:
6:45AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM (English)
12:30PM (Spanish)
Mass in Parish Hall
8:15AM, 9:45AM, 11:15AM (English)

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Third Quarter ended Friday, March 19th. Report cards will be distributed Thursday, March 25th. Optional Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 29, 20, 31st.

Please note school will be dismissed at 12:25PM March 29-April 1st. Extended Care is available until 6PM.

TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES

Members of the school board finalized the 2010-2011 school budget during their March meeting. Tuition rates and registration fees were determined following the projected expense budget. Attached to this newsletter, parents are receiving the tuition and registration fee information. Board members considered the current economy and made as many adjustments to the expenses as is feasible. Parents are encouraged to apply for financial assistance as the re-registration periods begins.

FINANCIAL AIDE

Parents who anticipate a need for financial assistance with next year's tuition are asked to get a Financial Aide Form from the school office. Completed forms with Income Tax 1040 and two months pay stubs are due in the office by May 1st.

REGISTRATION FEES

The Registration Fees cover the costs of assessments due to the diocese for each student as well as instructional supplies for each child on site. The diocesan assessments include fees for the following:

- Student Accident Insurance
- Health Fee to cover the cost of required student screening of vision, hearing and scoliosis.
- Standardized Testing
- Catholic Television Network
- Diocesan School Department Assessment

The 2010-2011 diocesan assessment fees average \$125.00 per student. The remaining funds collected through registration fees are used for instructional materials including textbooks, workbooks, and additional materials as required for individual grades.

Registration Forms for the 2010- 2011 school year are attached to this newsletter. All Registration Forms and a registration fee for the first child are due April 16th.

PARISH FUNDRAISER

The St. Michael Annual fundraising event is planned for

Friday, April 23, 2010
Robert Livermore Community Center
6PM - 11PM.

The proceeds from this event support the religious education programs of the parish. A volunteer sheet is attached to this newsletter. Thank you for considering how you can help make this event successful. Thank you to all who participated in class auction projects and baskets.

PARISH FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TICKET CONTEST

The last day to turn in raffle tickets is Friday, April 23, 2010.

A Few reminders...

- each student must sell 2 books (or 10 tickets) to be eligible for a free dress day. Please write the student's name and grade on the back of each ticket stub that you sell.
- the top two ticket selling classes will receive an ice cream party.
- the top selling student will receive \$60.00 in gift certificates; second place student will receive \$40.00 in gift certificates; third place student will receive \$20.00 in gift certificates.

If you have any questions please contact Kim Robinson 925.456.3415



HAITI COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations to the Haiti Coin Collection. We were able to send a check for \$820.50 to Catholic Relief Services.

BEAR RAFFLE COLLECTION

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the raffle to benefit the Dominican Sisters Mission Program in Tijuana. Through your generosity we were able to collect \$446.00

SCHOOL BOARD

Any parent interested in serving on the school board is invited to fill out an application, which is available in the school office. Applications are due April 13th.

PTG

The PTG is in need of parents who are willing to serve on the PTG Board for the 2010-2011 school year. The PTG officers coordinate all parent social and fundraising activities during the school year. Faculty and staff are most grateful for all that parents do to supplement and enrich the educational program of our school.



BACKPACK PROJECT! LET'S ROLL!

We did such a fantastic job last year providing school backpacks to children in real need. The Parish response was splendid. Time to do it again folks! The 2010 goal is **150** elementary school backpacks with supplies and Payless Shoe certificates. **Backpack weekend is April 10 and 11.** This year an envelope for your April Backpack donation will come to you in the mail with regular St. Michael Donation envelopes. Make your check out to St. Michael. Write "**BACKPACK PROJECT**" in the memo spot. Just put what you can in the envelope and pop it in the collection basket April 10-11. **If** you do not receive an envelope in the mail, any envelope with "BACK-PACK PROJECT" written on it will do just fine. If you want to send money before April 10-11, write "Backpack Project" on an envelope and pop it in the basket whenever it suits you. **If** you would like your donation to be in the name of a teacher, student, or loved one you wish to honor, include that information and the necessary address in your envelope and that person will be sent a card (designed by Ernestina Shay) informing him/her of your gift. Not one cent of your hard earned money will be wasted. We buy in bulk from suppliers who give us great deals! The cost of the fully loaded backpack is \$40.00, but any donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated. We will place our order in March, pick up and fill our backpacks in June, and deliver them to the children in August. You know what the world is like for many good people right now so we thank you in advance for your generosity.

For more information contact Ernestina Shay at 455.1089 or ernestina.shay@comcast.net

Or Lynn Macedo at 443.3287 or wmacedo@comcast.net



2010 BOOK FAIR DINER NEWS

Thank you to all St. Michael School families for supporting our school's book fair. It was a really great event. We didn't quite make as much as last year but enough to help our teachers fill their classroom shelves with books and enough to add more selections to our school library. We were even able to donate Scholastic posters to help fill the Shamrock Bingo fundraiser baskets. Thank you to all of you that came by and shopped. We would like to give a very special "Thank You" to our wonderful book fair volunteers who were so generous with their time to help us with this event...

Stacy Jess, Paula Flessatti, Phyllis Rucker, Suzanne Ratinho, Becky Morrisroe, Tami Vieira, Cathie Jelenic, Lena Paiva, Margaret Graber, Suzanne Gutierrez, Doris Javier, Diane Granger, Jennifer Stephenson, Nancy Vavuris, Kathy Lawrence, Donna and Bob McKenzie, Carla Merriam, Cristina Bukus, Michaele Weasner, and Michelle Rosa.

Kim and I thank you so very much for your generous support.

Warmly,
Rosemarie Adams and Kim Robinson
2010 Scholastic Book Fair Chairpersons

SWEATSHIRT AND T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Special Spirit Sweatshirts and T-shirt order forms were sent home last week. These items are being offered for student wear outside of school hours or Free Dress days. Moms and dads are invited to show your spirit too.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly into the general school account. Special thanks, to Jennifer Stephenson, for her hours of work researching and coordinating this project.

ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 1ST.

JAMBA JUICE COMING TO ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

On **Wednesday, April 21st** the 8th Grade Class

will be hosting a Jamba Juice Fundraiser to support their graduation.

After school (2PM) Jamba Juice will be available for purchase for \$2.50.

Pre-orders will be taken on Friday, April 16th.

A flyer will be sent home the week of April 12th with more details.

Please support the 8th graders by purchasing a cool and delicious Jamba Juice smoothie on April 21st.

Thanks in advance.



BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Plan ahead and mark your calendars for some family fun on

SATURDAY, MAY 22

6PM

GRANADA BOWL

Bumper bowling is available for children, so no need to find a sitter. Guaranteed fun for ALL ages and lots of FUN prizes. Reservation forms coming soon.

THANK YOU

- to Laurie Maita and her committee for coordinating Shamrock Bingo in March
 - to Mr. Halter and Mrs. Roberts for planning Lenten Prayer Services in March
 - To Sister Timothy Anne for coordinating the Bear Raffle for the Dominican Sisters Mission Program
 - to Mrs. Calhoun and the student council for coordinating Spirit Week activities for the student body
 - to Mrs. Oliva and the Resource Committee for coordinating the St. Patrick Day dance for the middle school students
 - to the Kindergarten parents for providing a delicious staff lunch in March
 - to Mr. Roman and Mrs. Stephenson who collaborated on the sweatshirt and t-shirt project
 - to Mary Crivello, Liz Khasiev and the PR Committee for the St. Michael School informational cards. These were mailed to all parishioners
 - to members of the Rotary Club who provided dictionaries for our third graders
 - to Mrs. Tyler for all she does to assist every school program all year.
- Happy Secretaries Day.

FLEA MARKET

Forms may be picked up in the school office any time during the school day. All ads will appear as written in the next month's NEWSLETTER. Please use any of the following categories when writing up your ad: Clothing, Toys, Furniture, Crafts, Wanted, Services, Household, Help Wanted or Miscellaneous.

Cost for each ad per month is \$1.00 and is limited to school parents only.

