



# St. Michael Catholic School



## Coming Events

- Formal uniform for Mass tomorrow
- Tomorrow— McDonalds Day for lunch!!
- Fall Carnival Friday October 28th, 6-8pm
- New Rosary group starting next Tuesday 18th 3-3.45
- No Choir next Wednesday October 19th
- No Lego next Wednesday October 19th
- Spirit Wear form enclosed



## St Michael's Thursday Newsletter October 13th, 2016

Dear Parents,  
Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming soon. As many parent-teacher organizations suggest, the most effective parent-teacher communication grows out of an earnest and thoughtful collaboration between both parties. Below are parent-teacher conference tips as well as communication suggestions for families to stay involved throughout the school year.

### **Talk openly about your child's school experience.**

Academic progress and behavioral issues are the most common conversations at parent-teacher meetings, but every facet of your child's experience at school is fair game. Teachers can provide a window to your child's social development, engagement and general well-being. Use the opportunity of a parent teacher contact to ask how well your child is integrating socially, what activities or events she especially enjoys, and what books and lessons she did particularly well with.

If your child exhibits behavioral problems in school discuss what circumstances might influence her behavior. Within the parent-teacher partnership, explore both roots to the problem and strategies for school and home.

### **Share knowledge of your child.**

Strong parent-teacher communication involves parents contributing their understanding to fill in the picture. Offer personal insight into your child that will help the teacher more effectively interact with him or her in the classroom. Share your knowledge of your child's interests, achievements and challenges. Is your child going through any adjustments in his or her life or being assessed for medical conditions, sleep troubles or emotional concerns? If he takes medication, what side effects are possible? Is he on a consistent dosage, or are adjustments still likely? Included in today's packet is a form you may use to help the teachers in their preparation for the conference. Please return that form as soon as possible.

**Safe Environment Program:** Each year all the students in our Catholic Schools receive two lessons a year: one in October and the second in March regarding the program "Touching Safety", which provides sexual abuse prevention education for our youth. Seattle Archdioceses mandates that all grades, Kindergarten through Tenth Grade receive these lessons. If for some reason your child needs a special time for the lessons, there is an opt-out form attached to this packet which needs to be signed. Also if any parents would like to preview the lessons, you may drop by the school office to preview the materials.

Take care and Peace.

Karen Matthews, Principal

## Parents Club

### **November 4th - Second Annual Quarter Craze! 6pm in the large hall.**

Join us in the large hall on November 4th for our second annual quarter craze! This is a great night of laughs, bidding and prizes that everyone enjoyed last year! Childcare will be available at no charge in the small hall. We have many of the vendors from last year returning, as well as several new vendors (we are still accepting vendors if you are interested!). What's a quarter craze? We're glad you asked!

You buy a bidding paddle for \$5 - you are welcome to purchase multiple paddles if you wish! We have fantastic vendors lined up for you! Us-bourne books, Pink Moose Pearls, Junk in the Ole Trunk, NW Biscotti, Lularoe, Stella and Dot, and several boutiques just to name a few! Each vendor is donating an item for auction. When the item is up for bid, you have an opportunity to win it for just pennies on the dollar! An item worth up to \$25 will be auctioned for just a quarter. Toss your quarter in the jar, raise your paddle in the air, and if we draw your number it is yours! We will have desserts and beverages, opportunities to browse and speak with all of our vendors, and a night of fun! Don't miss it!

### Hot Lunches Schedule

Friday Oct 14th—McDonalds  
Friday Oct 28th—Pizza  
Friday Nov 18th—McDonalds

### Note from the School Office

- Tuition and Afterschool care payments can be brought to the office by parents.
- All other monies e.g. field trips, photos, lunches must be sent with your child and given to the teacher.
- All payments should be the correct amount and placed in a sealed envelope labelled with your student's name and the event name.
- Please do not staple checks and money to forms.
- If you have more than 1 student at St Michael, please do separate payments for each child and each separate event.

For security reasons we do not carry change in the office.  
Thank you for your cooperation

### **Friendly Reminder**

If your child is late for school (arriving after 8.30am) they **must** be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian.

### Attendance Procedure

**If your student is going to be absent or leaving early, please call the school office at 360-568-0821 ext: 102 or email: [schooladmin@smpschoo.org](mailto:schooladmin@smpschoo.org)**