



# St. Michael Catholic School



## Coming Events

- ◆ Pizza Friday tomorrow Dec 2nd
- ◆ Report cards go home tomorrow Friday Dec 2nd
- ◆ St Nicholas Day Tuesday December 6th
- ◆ Please check school website for Inclement weather communication
- ◆ Thursday December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be on Thursday not Friday next week. Formal uniform required.



## St Michael's Thursday Newsletter December 1st, 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Time flies when our minds and hearts are busy! With the First Trimester ending last week, the teachers have completed the students report cards, which will be send home tomorrow, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Advent

Advent, a time of quiet and a time for reflection is seemingly challenged by our cultures busy Christmas activities. The teachers are planning lessons that will help the students connect these Christmas activities with the season of Advent, finding quiet time within the Christmas bustle! Below are some examples:

Advent Wreath-- the students gather in the church on Mondays for the Advent Wreath Prayers Service, led by the seventh and eighth grade students.

Building a bed for baby Jesus—when the students accomplish something to help others, they place straw in a manger. The manger will be used in the Christmas program.

St. Nicholas Day--On December 6<sup>th</sup> the students place a shoe outside their classroom door so St. Nicholas can fill their shoes with treats if they were good. Of course all are good at St. Michael School!! This day gives the teachers an opportunity to connect the story of St. Nicholas with Santa Claus. Celebrating St. Nicholas Day is an annual tradition at our school. One that all the children enjoy! And of course the adults enjoy also!

### Christmas Program—Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>—7pm in the Church

The students are eagerly preparing for their annual Christmas program. This year the program is Radio J-O-Y! Always a wonderful evening for the students to perform for their parents, grandparents, relatives and friends.

### Inclement Weather Communication Update:

If the school has a late start, there will be no Preschool that day.

Peace,  
Karen Matthews, Principal

Volunteers needed to help during the Christmas program.

Costumes, stage help etc.

Please contact Ms. Melander at:

[h.melander@smpschoool.org](mailto:h.melander@smpschoool.org)

## Parents Club

### Scrip Cards

#### They Make Great Christmas Gifts

Please contact Tanya Akins [ely\\_girlie@yahoo.com](mailto:ely_girlie@yahoo.com) if you would like to purchase.

Amazon -\$25, Target-\$25, Target—\$10, Cabela's—\$25, Land's End -\$25, Subway -\$10, iTunes—\$15, Papa Jones—\$10, Starbucks—\$25, Toy R Toys—\$20, Red Robin \$25, TJ Maxx—\$25, GAP—\$25, Target—\$50, Qdoba—\$25, P.F. Changs—\$25, Lowes—\$25, Barnes & Noble—\$5, Safeway—\$25, Kohl's—\$25, Walmart—\$25, Great Clips—\$25

### Uniform News corner

We appreciate any used uniform that you are able to donate to the school. We are in need of plaid skirts and jumpers.

Also:

Just to clear up any confusion. Girls that chose to wear leggings instead of tights, need to wear the same color socks as the leggings so they look like they are wearing tights.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

### Hot Lunches Schedule

Friday Dec 2nd - Pizza

Friday Dec 16th—McDonalds

Friday Jan 6th—pizza

Friday Jan 20th—McDonalds

Friday Feb 3rd—Pizza

Friday Feb 24th—McDonalds

### Scripps National Spelling Bee

Once again, our students will be competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee! We will hold a school wide spelling bee in February, in the same format as last year, with grades 1-4 followed by a bee for grades 5-8. The winner of the 5-8 bee will then go on to represent St. Michael at the regional bee in Seattle! Study guides for each grade level may be found on our school website under Programs:Enrichment: Spelling Bee. Word lists have also been provided to all teachers for distribution, and will be posted on the parents club FB site as well.

For questions, contact Niki at [niki.jeanne@gmail.com](mailto:niki.jeanne@gmail.com)

### Photo Sharing

We have created a photo repository site where all families are welcome to share their photographs from school field trips, projects, class parties, and candid moments. The photos shared on this site may be used to create the school yearbook at the end of the year. To contribute, please visit:

<https://stmichaelschoolpictures.shutterfly.com/>

### 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@smpschoool.org](mailto:schooladmin@smpschoool.org)**