

THURSDAY NOTES

October 1, 2009

Issue #4

This Week's Calendar

TONIGHT	Volleyball & Football @ Pioneer - 3:30 PM
TOMORROW	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
MONDAY	MMO - 6th Grade 2:15 Early Dismissal
TUESDAY	Girls Volleyball vs McCleary - Home - 3:30 PM Boy's Football Varsity Only - vs CCA - Home - 3:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Buddy Mass - Grades K, 5, & 8
THURSDAY	Volleyball & Football @ Hood Canal - 3:30 PM
FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service



Dear St. Michael School Families:

There is no doubt that our country is experiencing troubled times. It is human nature to protect and save our assets as we watch the stock market plunge, food and energy prices climb, and the housing crisis deepen. With all of the negative news swirling around us we must remember that, "all we are, everything we have, is a gift from God". St. Paul describes our life with the father in Christ as a life based on trust. He knows that whatever he needs, God will supply. A part of our mission at St. Michael Parish School is ... to Grow in Holiness through Prayer, Sacraments, and Service. We are called to go forth and serve our brothers and sisters.

On Thursday, October 8th, we are sponsoring the "Journey with Jesus" walk-a-thon on our campus to help children in Juarez, Mexico. We will be collecting money to purchase food for the Holy Spirit Center. Yes, times are tough right here in Olympia. But multiply our difficult times a hundredfold and we begin to realize the difficulty the people of the Holy Spirit Center in Juarez must be experiencing. Built on the site of a former garbage dump, the center was born of what many call a miracle — the feeding of hundreds of residents. More than 200 nutritious breakfasts and lunches are lovingly prepared and served daily to the children of the community center by a group of dedicated women from the community.

The people of Juarez earn wages far below the poverty level (when they are able to find work). Yet, the prices they pay for the basic necessities of life are comparable to what we pay in Western Washington! The center is forced to turn away many children each day because of dwindling donations.

"All the believers were of one heart and mind, and they felt that what they owned was not their own; they shared everything they had." (Acts 4:32)

We can make a difference! Last week students received pledge sheets for the walk-a-thon in their *Thursday Notes* envelopes. If each student receives pledges of \$35.00, we will be able to donate over \$9,000.00 to the Holy Spirit Center. Last year we raised over \$14,000! St. Michael Parish/School has a long tradition of "stepping up" and helping others who really need our help. Please join us in supporting this worthy stewardship project.

God Bless, Jack Nelson



SMART Auction 2009

"Picture Perfect"
Family Night - Friday,
October 16th

Gala Night - Saturday,
October 24th

Invitations have been mailed. Look for yours and get your seat/table reserved ASAP. Extra reservation cards are available in the school office and parish office.

Hurry, you don't want to miss this special event!



Student Cell Phone Usage

Recently we have had a number of students using cell phones on campus. While we want students to be able to communicate with their parents when necessary, we encourage them to use the telephones in their homeroom classrooms or the main office.

We require that **ALL** students using cell phones on the St. Michael campus receive **prior approval from their teacher, office staff, or the principal.** Calls to parents will be within the immediate vicinity of the teacher or staff member. Cell phones are to be off and in backpacks at all other times. Any student who repeatedly chooses not to follow the guidelines may have their cell phone held in the office for the balance of the trimester. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yearbook Sales

We're off and running to produce the very best Spartan yearbook yet. Order forms are in your *Thursday Notes* (blue form). Get it in early to make sure it's personalized with your child's name!



Safe Environment Training

*Volunteering in the near future?
The next Safe Environment Trainings are as follows:*

*Tuesday, October 6th @ 6:45 PM,
Downtown Gathering Space Room 1.*

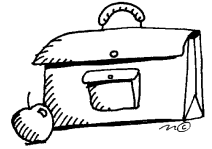
*Sunday, October 18th, 1:00 PM, Parish
Center Multipurpose Room*

Also take note:

There is now a link to the Safe Environment website on our school website. It is located on the Parent Resources page.

Reminder!

There will be
NO SCHOOL



Friday, October 9th
Teacher In-Service

and

Friday, October 16th
SMART Family Night Setup

Science Café of Olympia



The eighth **Science Café** will be held on **Tuesday, October 13, 2009** at 7 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Olympia (1530 Black Lake Blvd. SW).

Topic: "FLU Happens"

Speakers: Dr. Diana Yu (Health Officer for Thurston and Mason Counties) and Dr. Rachel Wood (Health Officer for Lewis County)

Abstract: What is an influenza virus and how does it spread? How can it be contained or treated? Are vaccines effective in prevention? What is a pandemic and what can people expect at the height of an outbreak? Why do pandemics target different groups, and why could being older be better in the 2009 influenza pandemic? What do we know about the H1N1 virus?

Important Upcoming Dates

- 10/15 Mid-Terms - Grades 4-8
- 10/16 SMART Family Night Auction - 5:00 to 8:30 PM
- 10/24 SMART Gala Auction - 5:00 to 10:00 PM
- 10/28 K-3 Halloween Costume Parade - 2:00 PM
- 10/29 & 30 Parent Teacher Conferences - No School