

THURSDAY NOTES

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This Week's Calendar

FRIDAY Buddy Mass, Grades 2 & 7
9:00 AM



Valentine's Day Class
Parties - 2:00 PM

MONDAY NO SCHOOL -
Presidents' Day

TUESDAY Girls' B-Ball vs CCA -
Home - 3:30 PM

Mardi Gras - 1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY Girls' B-Ball @ McCleary -
3:30 PM

**NEXT
FRIDAY** Lenten All-School Mass
9:00 AM

**Winter PTSA Meeting
February 23rd @ 7:00 PM
Multi-Purpose Room**

**NO SCHOOL
Monday
President's Day**



Dear St. Michael School Parents:



The following article was written by Dr. Charles Fay, author of *Love & Logic*. I hope that you will find it useful. Being a parent is the most difficult job in our world today.

Don't Raise a Kid Who Depends on Being Smart

There are few things that bring us more joy than seeing our youngsters succeed! Unfortunately, too many of us make the mistake of responding to their success in ways that gradually condition them to give up when the going gets tough.

- Let's see how this happens:
- Little Roger just tied his shoes. Because this warms his mother's heart, she says, "Oh Roger. You are so smart!" Roxanne got an "A" on her spelling test. Beaming with pride, her father praises, "Roxanne, you are so bright!"
- Roger says his ABC's. Grandma replies, "You're the smartest kid in town!"
- Roxanne constructs a wonderful science fair project. Her mother smiles, "Oh, sweetie, you are so intelligent."
- If this continues, Roger and Roxanne will eventually be conditioned to believe that they are successful only because they are smart. Why's this a problem?

Kids who believe that smartness is the key to success give up whenever they encounter things that leave them feeling not-so-smart. More fortunate kids are conditioned to believe that hard work, practice and perseverance are the keys to success.

Kids who believe that hard work and perseverance are the keys to success are more likely to keep trying when things get tough. Teach a powerful strategy for doing this. One aspect of this involves asking our children:

"Why did you do that so well?"

When they reply with shrugged shoulders, we ask:
"Did you work hard? Have you been practicing? Or did you keep trying?"

When kids verbalize any one of the three, they begin to believe that they have what it takes to keep going when the going gets tough.

God Bless, Jack Nelson



Mardi Gras Last Chance!

Tomorrow is your last chance to purchase your Mardi Gras tickets (7 for \$1). Order forms are attached and located in the school lobby. This year's proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services to aid earthquake victims in Haiti.

If you can contribute to the prize box, we are looking for games, gift certificates, stuffed animals, toys, etc. Please send items to Mrs. Quebedeaux or Mrs. Graver tomorrow. Thank you!

2009-2010 Current Family Enrollment



Enrollment forms for the upcoming school year will come home in next week's (Feb. 18th) Thursday packets. We need the completed registration form and the registration fee returned no later than **March 4th**. If necessary, arrangements for delayed or partial payment of the registration fee can be made by calling Lynn in the school office.

Please turn in the forms on time, we don't want to miss you! We will begin open enrollment to new students on March 14th. **Please encourage family and friends to check out St. Michael School at our Open House and Registration (March 14th - 10:30 to 1:30). We have openings in Kindergarten!**



Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Our school is having a book fair at Barnes and Noble from Feb 22-28th. You can shop anytime during that week but we're having a **special school Family Event on Feb 28th**. Please join your St. Mike's friends on 2/28 from 1-3 p.m. for a Dr. Seuss Party with story time, crafts, and Read Across America activities. Come wearing something that reminds you of Dr. Seuss and you'll be entered into a drawing for great prizes! It's easy; just bring the voucher (will be emailed tomorrow) to the book fair anytime from Feb 22-28th and let the cashier know you are shopping for the St. Mike's book fair. Our school will receive a percentage of the sales in the form of free books. We'll also have a wish list table of books students have been requesting recently. If you use Barnes and Noble scrip, it's a double fund raiser for our school. Hope to see you there!

Ash Wednesday and 40 Days of Lent



Ash Wednesday is next Tuesday, February 17th. Please join us for 9:00 AM Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season – and a time for us to grow closer in our relationship to God.

In today's Thursday folders you will find a Lenten children's calendar and a daily Lenten prayer book with prayers for children. Please use these prayers as a family as you walk each day of your Lenten journey.

Our Lenten Service Project is a canned food drive to aid the Thurston County Food Bank. We are asking students to bring in at least one can of food each week of Lent on their class's designated day. More than one can of food each week is greatly encouraged!

- Monday – K, 5th, 8th grades**
- Tuesday – 2nd, 7th grades**
- Wednesday – 3rd, 6th grades**
- Thursday – 1st, 4th grades**
- Friday – Teachers, Staff, Parents**



H1N1 Flu Immunizations Sunday, Feb 28th

If you, your friends, and /or family members are planning on getting an H1N1 flu shot at the Church on February 28th, between 8:30-1:00, please call the school office @ 754-5131 to let us know how many. No names needed - just a count, as the Health Dept. wants to know how much vaccine to provide for the day. We will add the school's tally to those who call in to the church. Thank you.

~ Suzanne Fell, School Nurse

After School Computer Class



Mr. Herness will be offering an after school computer class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:45 PM. The class is open to students in grades 5 - 8 and **parents!** Topics will include keyboarding skills, I-Movie, spreadsheets, and Open Office text documents. The cost is TBA based on the number of participants. Classes will begin in late February and continue for 6-8 weeks. Class size is limited to 15 students. Class registration can be made by calling the school office. **The deadline for registration is February 22nd.**