

# Thursday Notes

## 10/15/09

Dear St. Michael School Families,

This week we celebrate our annual “SMART” Family Night followed next week by our Gala Night Dinner Auction. By all measures these events will be a huge success. Our auction is truly a labor of love; hundreds upon hundreds of hours go into the preparation of this truly extraordinary annual event. Even though our auction takes place on two evenings this fall it is truly an event that takes twelve months to plan and execute.

We are truly blessed here at St. Michael to have many people who are willing to share their many talents and time unendingly to make our school a great place. Words alone cannot convey my gratitude and thanks to Liz & Andy Kapust for chairing Family Night and Alicia & Donovan Quebedeaux for chairing the Gala Night. Their dedication and enthusiasm to our auction this past year was incredible.

The Kapusts & Quebedeaux were our leaders, and I know that they could not have achieved their goal of putting on a terrific auction with out a great deal of help and support. Many thanks and blessings go out to all of our school and parish families that have given freely of their time, talent and treasure these past months. It is because of your love and support that we can sustain the momentum that we have here at St. Michael.

Our SMART auction will benefit students of St. Michael for many years to come. Because of our love for our children and dedication to excellence our auction is important to the continued success of St. Michael School. I would like to invite everyone to “jump in with both feet” and be a part of the auction; you won’t regret it!

God Bless,

Jack Nelson

## **Parent Teacher Conferences 10/29-10/30**

Education is a joint venture with students, parents, and teachers all responsible for making it successful. Parent teacher conference days are some of the most important school days of the year. They are opportunities to work on goals, develop strategies, and share responsibilities to ensure that students are receiving the best education possible. We build these days into the school calendar for this purpose. **These days are not intended to be family vacation days.** Each year we have a number of families scheduling vacations around these days and asking teachers to schedule extra conference times for them. It is an additional burden for teachers and places extra responsibility on them. Please schedule these days into your family calendar and make conferences a priority.

## **Stewardship Hours**

Recently we have had a number of people turn in church hours that include time spent at Mass or Adoration. While Mass and Adoration are very important, they cannot be included as “church stewardship hours.” For example, if you are singing in the choir, the practices and preparation for this ministry count toward your hours. The time spent at Mass is a part of your Sunday obligation and should not be included. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **Passport**

Passport begins this month! The first check day of the year is scheduled for 10/27! This year we have a renewed effort with our Passport curriculum. We need your help, encourage your students to study, volunteer on check days. Their October maps should have come home already.

We also have a new Passport coordinator, Suzanne Scuderi. Mrs. Scuderi has experience with Passport and will be a great asset to the program. **We are seeking parent volunteers to help on “check” days. A 30-45 minute volunteer orientation will be held in the library on 10/20 at 3:15 PM. Please call the office at 754-5131 or sign up in person prior to the training. This is a great way to get those Stewardship hours!**

**Remember: NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16...  
SMART FAMILY NIGHT...SEE YOU THERE!**