

# St. Mike's Matters

## Thursday Notes

October 6, 2016

Issue #5

### This Week's Calendar

**TOMORROW - NO SCHOOL**  
**Archdiocesan Teacher**  
**Excellence Day**

**MONDAY** MMO -5th Grade -8:30 AM

**2:15 Early Dismissal**

Individual Pictures  
Beginning @ 9:00 AM

**TUESDAY** Football & Volleyball @  
Hood Canal- 3:30 PM

**THURSDAY** Football & Volleyball vs  
Mason County Christian @  
Home - 3:30 PM

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

### Dear St. Michael Families:

St. Michael Parish School is deeply committed to providing tuition assistance to all families demonstrating financial need. All families who request tuition assistance for the 2017-2018 school year are invited to apply for tuition assistance through the Fulcrum Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant Program. Both Fulcrum and St. Michael Parish School use the same application process and timeline. By applying to Fulcrum, you are also applying for tuition assistance through our school endowment. Tuition assistance will only be granted for next school year by completing this application process.

**The tuition assistance application window is now open.** The Fulcrum Foundation is hopeful that more families will take the opportunity to apply earlier, before the busy holiday months and school breaks. If you plan to apply for tuition assistance for the 2017-2018 school year, then you need to apply by January 6, 2017. The amount of each Fulcrum grant is \$1,200.

The Fulcrum Foundation is partnering with FACTS to manage the collection and processing of tuition assistance applications. Award decisions will be made by Fulcrum and will be based on financial need. The partnership between Fulcrum and FACTS carries many benefits and creates an efficient and streamlined tuition assistance application process. Some of these benefits include eliminating the need to submit application paperwork to the school (everything is submitted electronically) and just one application is needed per family (elementary and high school students at multiple schools are included on one family application).

Each family will pay a \$24 fee to FACTS for the processing of your tuition assistance application. This fee covers all applications for one year, and will be fully reimbursed as long as the student(s), regardless of whether or not they are awarded a Fulcrum grant or not, enrolls in a Catholic school for the 2017-2018 school year. The application can be accessed here: <https://fulcrumfoundation.org/grants-and-programs/tuition-assistance>.

Once an online application has been completed, please send the required supporting documentation to FACTS. All of this documentation can be uploaded in PDF format online:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your 2015 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documentation can also be faxed to 866-315-9264 or mailed to FACTS. If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637.



## REMINDER!

**No School**  
**or**  
**Extended Care**  
**Tomorrow!**

**Archdiocesan Teacher**  
**Excellence Day**

Blessings,  
Connor Geraghty, Principal



## Picture Day MONDAY

Individual student pictures are MONDAY, October 10th. **The money envelopes were enclosed in last week's Thursday Notes purple packet.**

Please read the instructions carefully.

**If you have not done so already, all money envelopes are to be RETURNED TO THE TEACHER (not the office) on Monday morning with your money included.**

## Fees & Service Hours STATEMENTS!



Please find enclosed in today's *Thursday Notes* packet your September 2016 fees and service hours statement. This statement reflects any extra fees such as band, athletic fees, late fees, and outstanding registration fees (which are currently past due).

Remember as per the "Stewardship Commitment Form" you signed at the beginning of the year, **ALL families are required to accumulate at least 30 hours of service, or be assessed a fee of \$15 per hour up to \$450.00.** (15 of these hours are for the school and the other 15 are for the church.)

If you have any questions regarding your statement, please call Lynn in the school office at 754-5131. Thank you.

This statement also is an accounting of your current service hours for both the school and church.

**(All current service hours will appear on next month's statement)**

## COAT DRIVE

The Saint House of Saint Teresa of Calcutta is once again collecting new and used coats.



In order to serve our community, we will be delivering them to St. Vincent de Paul. This coat drive will run until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

*"Like Jesus we belong to the world living not for ourselves but for others. The joy of the Lord is our strength."*

*- Saint Teresa of Calcutta*



## Church Stewardship Opportunity

We are looking for families to serve as church greeters every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday throughout the entire year. This responsibility is more than holding a door open. It is an important opportunity to be an ambassador of St. Michael School and to share the spirit of our school motto "Family of Families." We ask that your child(ren) wear their uniform. This is open to **ALL** school families. The first "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" is October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Roberta McGill at [rmcgill@stmikesolympia.org](mailto:rmcgill@stmikesolympia.org).

## Help Wanted!

We are currently looking for substitutes for the following positions:



- Pre K-8<sup>th</sup> grade substitute teachers
- Instructional aides
- Extended care staff

Please contact the school office at [754-5131](tel:754-5131) to express interest and learn more.

## Attention: Pre-K - 5th Grade Conference Schedules

Please look for your 2016 fall conference schedule in today's purple envelope. Please complete this form and return it to the school by next Thursday, October 20th.

# School Commission Corner

The St. Michael School Commission is consultative and advisory in nature. Members meet once a month to advise and support Mr. Geraghty and Fr. Jim as they (Mr. Geraghty and Fr. Jim) form school policies to support the ongoing growth of our parish school. The St. Michael School Commission collaborates with the Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council and has liaisons from these councils attending the meetings.



Last evening, the St. Michael School Commission held their first meeting of the year. The meeting focused on the following topics:

- An overview of the roles of responsibilities of School Commission members
- A principal's report featuring highlights and updates from the month of September (including new programs, MAP testing, and professional development opportunities)
- A report by Fr. Jim on the St. Michael Parish Strategic Plan
- An overview of the 2016-2017 accreditation self study process and a discussion of our St. Michael Parish School Mission, Philosophy and School-wide Learning Expectations

Several new members were welcomed to the commission last night. We are blessed to have 14 members plus liaisons from the Parish Finance Council and the Pastoral Council. Please thank these members when you see them. We are so grateful for their generous service to our school.

The 2016-2017 Saint Michael School Commission members are:

- Margie Antles
- Tom Brignole (Parish Finance Council co-liaison)
- Kenny Broussard
- Maureen Camp
- Bob Colella (Pastoral Council liaison)
- Debbie Defreyn
- Connor Geraghty
- Anita Goin (co-chair)
- Jed Herman
- Vicki Kinsey
- Trang Le (Parish Finance Council co-liaison)
- Fr. Jim Lee
- Lisa Lee
- Sally Munson
- Jane O'Sullivan
- Joe Panesko (co-chair)
- Mike Rushing