

St. Mike's Matters

Thursday Notes

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This Week's Calendar

FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Basket Delivery/Pick-Up Day Beginning at 2:30 PM
MONDAY	MMO - 7th Grade -8:30 AM 2:15 Early Dismissal
TUESDAY	Sounders Rave Green Day Passport Club Check Day
THURSDAY	Prayer Service - Gym - 11:30 NOON DISMISSAL NO LUNCH

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING BREAK**



Turkey Basket Delivery Reminder

For those of you who have already signed up with Ms. Lockard in the office, this is just a reminder to please come to the school office/lobby tomorrow between 2:00 and 3:30 PM to pick up your turkey basket (box) for delivery. We can also still use some more families to make deliveries.

Thank You!

Dear St. Michael Families:



Thank you for attending our PTSA General Meeting on Tuesday evening. I am grateful to our PTSA Executive Committee for sponsoring this night focusing on Catholic education in our nation, in our region, and here at our own school. We were so blessed to have Dr. Haggarty join us to share compelling data demonstrating just how much a Catholic education impacts the academic and faith lives of our students, and shapes the future of our church. I hope that his presentation further confirmed your belief in the tremendous value of a Catholic education.

At the meeting we also unveiled our revised Mission, Philosophy, and School-Wide Learning Expectations (SLEs). These documents are the result of ongoing analysis, reflection, and input from our faculty and School Commission during this school year. This process is an essential part of our accreditation journey during this self-study year. These three foundational documents for our school lead us into the future by clarifying and articulating our values of Catholic education. Our new SLEs use the framework of the Six Elements of Discipleship to better depict the learning that we expect of our students through the lens of our faith. We are excited to start taking steps to document and collect evidence to show how our students are living the SLEs. Thank you for your input on Tuesday in helping us see what the SLEs look like in action at our school. Please see the Thursday Notes email for attachments of Dr. Haggarty's presentation and our Mission, Philosophy, and SLEs.

As the data presented by Dr. Haggarty reveals, a Catholic education significantly impacts the spiritual and academic dimensions of our students, thus enhancing the quality of their lives (see pages 6 and 8 of his presentation). We have a priority as a Catholic school to seek to educate more students in order to impact more lives and bring more students closer to Christ. With this in mind, the Archdiocese of Seattle has set a goal of increasing enrollment throughout the 74 Western Washington Catholic schools to 25,000 students by the year 2020. As a school, we are aiming to increase our enrollment by 10% by the year 2020. We all play a part in helping reach this goal through the strength of teaching and learning at St. Michael Parish School, our ongoing efforts through accreditation, and the word of mouth recommendations from you as our valued ambassadors of Catholic education. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in our school.

There is still time to sign up to deliver a Thanksgiving basket to families in need throughout Thurston County. Delivering one of these baskets with your children is such a beautiful example of our faith in action! Please contact Mrs. Lockard if you would like to pick up a basket tomorrow.

**Blessings,
Connor Geraghty, Principal**



Rave Green Day Reminder!

The resilient Seattle Sounders have persevered through a challenging season and are now in the Western Conference Finals of the MLS Playoffs! We are inviting students to wear Sounders shirts or Sounders colors (rave green and blue) and uniform bottoms on Tuesday, November 22nd. Students may also choose to wear their St. Michael spirit shirt on this day along with uniform bottoms.

Tuition Assistance 2017-18 Currently Accepting Applications

We are currently accepting applications for our tuition assistance program through the Fulcrum Foundation (Archdiocese of Seattle). All families requesting tuition assistance from St. Michael Parish School and/or the Fulcrum Foundation must complete this process. Please see the school website for additional information or contact Mr. Geraghty.



The application may be found and must be completed on line at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4CDW0>

All applications will be due no later than
January 6, 2017



St. Michael's 5th Grade Wreath Sale

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered their Christmas wreaths. If you did not get a chance to order a Advent or Door Wreath we will have a limited supply for sale over the next two weeks. We will be selling Advent wreaths and candles at the Advent Fair this Sunday Nov. 20th. We will also have door, Advent wreaths and candles available after school on Nov. 22nd, 23rd, Dec. 1st and 2nd and after mass on Nov. 26th, 27th Dec. 3rd and 4th. Thank you for supporting the 5th Grade Class and helping us get closer to our sales goal for Ashland.

Senior Mass - Luncheon - Christmas Program



Our annual Senior Luncheon will be Thursday, December 15th. The Mass of Anointing will begin at 11:00 AM in the church and will be followed by the luncheon at 12:00 (in the school gym). Invitations will be mailed this Monday. Our Christmas program, "The Christmas Shoe Tree" will follow the luncheon at 1:00 PM for our guests. The parent showing of the program will begin @ 7:00 PM.

Hello St. Mike's Families:

The Christmas concert is just one month away and the kids have been working hard putting together a wonderful show for you all!



The theme this year has to do with helping those in need and showing them love. With that said, we will be collecting LIGHTLY USED SHOES to donate to a company called

"Soles for Souls" that distributes shoes to people all over the world in need of them.

ALL SIZES AND TYPES OF SHOES ARE WELCOME

Please look around your homes and find shoes that you are willing to part with, or that your students have grown out of. I know my kids grow out of theirs in about two weeks!

One of our students had a great idea. She thought it would be fun to ask her neighbors if they had shoes they'd like to donate as well. It would be wonderful to get 750 pairs of shoes to donate! I know that sounds like a lot, but what it really works out to is only 4-5 pairs of shoes per student, which is completely feasible.

Start collecting now and please turn in your students' shoes in a bag by Monday, December 5th.

More information will follow concerning the costume requirements for the students, which will be simple and certainly things you can find in their closets at home.

I hope that you enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday and you will all be in my prayers as we enter into the Advent season!

God bless,
Erika Peterson