

St. Mike's Matters

Thursday Notes

December 1, 2016

Issue #11

This Week's Calendar

THURSDAY	Boy's Basketball vs Oakland Bay Black - 3:30 PM
FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
MONDAY	MMO -5th Grade -8:30 AM 2:15 Early Dismissal
TUESDAY	St. Nick's Day Readings 1:00 to 3:00 PM - Library Boys' Basketball @ Hood Canal - 3:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Spirit Shirt Day Sing-a-Long with Ric Z. Pre-K through 5 10:15 AM to 1:10 PM MS Robotic Competition - 2:00 to 3:00 PM - Gym
THURSDAY	Immaculate Conception All-School Mass - 9:00 AM Boy's Basketball vs Oakland Bay Red - 3:30 PM
NEXT FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM 4th Grade to Mother Joseph's - 10:00 AM

**NOON DISMISSAL
NO LUNCH
Report Card Planning**



Senior 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 have been mailed to our Seniors. 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.



Dear St. Michael Families:

I hope that you enjoyed a rewarding and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving with your children and relatives last week. It certainly seems as if our students have emerged from the long holiday weekend well rested and recharged for these final weeks of the trimester. As we enter into this Advent season, excitement, joy and anticipation are definitely in the air. Thank you for supporting the high achievement of your children and working beside us to encourage their very best efforts, especially as this trimester concludes and we get closer to Christmas.

Well, December is here and rumor has it that snow may be headed our way next week. If this indeed happens, please check the news, our website or our Facebook page. We follow Olympia School District so watch to see if the district schools are closed. Since it is so cold out, always watch for ice on the roads and be extra careful when driving. Warm coats are a must during this time of year in Washington-thank you for making sure that your children arrive to school prepared for the weather. We want them all to be safe, warm, and healthy!

As an active ministry of St. Michael Church, the school will receive a grant from the parish totaling \$384,121 to assist with the many expenses of running the school this year. This generous grant comes directly from your sacrificial giving to St. Michael Parish and helps to reduce tuition costs. All parish families who financially support the mission of the parish through their sacrificial giving help provide the funds that generate this grant. For every \$1.00 given during a calendar year by a St. Michael School family to the regular Sunday offertory collection at St. Michael Church, the parish gives the school \$1.90 from the Sunday collection. Thus, the more generous your giving, the greater the grant to the school! With this in mind, please ensure that you have submitted your new, 2017 Sacrificial Giving Pledge Card and fulfill your 2016 pledge. Thank you for the depth of your stewardship to our church and school!

**Blessings,
Connor Geraghty, Principal**



REEL IT IN FOR OUR FIRST MOVIE NIGHT!

We are hosting our first movie night of the year on Friday, December 16 at 6:00 pm in the multipurpose room. We will be showing *The 12 Dogs of Christmas*. It is FREE. We will also provide popcorn for your movie enjoyment. There will be concessions with pizza, juice and water for sale for a small fee. Bring a blanket and the family and spend some quality family time before the hectic holidays. We hope to see you there! Sponsored by the PTSA.

Volunteers are needed to help with this fun event. A few parent chaperones are needed to help things run smoothly and to help with concessions. This counts towards your school volunteer hours.

Contact JanAi Lundquist,
missjanai@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping with this family bonding night.

Bring on your Green and Gold!!!



It's Spirit Shirt Day on Wednesday, December 7. Wear your St. Michael School Spirit Shirt to show your Spartan Spirit (with uniform bottoms). Last year's spirit shirts are welcome.



THINK SCRIP

Don't Forget to THINK SCRIP for your holiday shopping. It's quick, easy, and who doesn't love getting a gift card!
Also a great idea for those last minute teather gifts. See Lynn and Barb in the school office! We are fully stocked!

Christmas Concert Reminder



The Christmas concert is just a couple weeks 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 children have out grown.

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

Be on the look out for an email from Mrs. Peterson today regarding costume requirements for your child(ren).

**God bless,
Erika Peterson**



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