

St. Mike's Matters

Thursday Notes

December 8, 2016

Issue #12

This Week's Calendar

FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM 4th Grade to Mother Joseph's 10:00 AM NOON DISMISSAL NO LUNCH Report Card Planning Boy's Basketball vs Oakland Bay Red - 3:30 PM
MONDAY	MMO -Saints Houses -8:30 AM 2:15 Early Dismissal
TUESDAY	Boys' Basketball @ Evergreen - 3:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Pre-K Posada Celebration Boys' Basketball @ Cornerstone - 3:30 PM
THURSDAY	Sr. Luncheon - 12:00 PM Christmas Program - 1:00 & 7:00 PM
NEXT FRIDAY	All-School Christmas Mass - 9:00 AM

NOON DISMISSAL

Dear St. Michael Families:

Advent greetings! As we journey through this Advent season together as a community, I hope that you are enjoying the celebration of your own Advent traditions within your families. Here at school, we have so many special traditions during this time of year to prepare our hearts for Christmas: reconciliation, our St. Nicholas feast day celebration, and the Senior Luncheon/Christmas Program (to name a few!). Our fifth graders led us into this second week of Advent at MMO by helping us prepare our hearts for today's feast day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you were not able to attend MMO, please be sure to take a look at our fifth graders' beautiful watercolor paintings of Mary in our hallway! I hope that the following [link](#) will inspire you and your family to pray with Mother Mary this Advent season and to seek her intercession.



One of our beloved traditions is all set for next week! This year's Christmas program, "The Christmas Shoe Tree", will be performed for the seniors of our parish on the afternoon of Thursday, December 15th as part of the Senior Luncheon. Our students and teachers have been diligently planning and rehearsing and I am so grateful for their efforts! Our annual Christmas Program is such a gift to our community during this time of year, so I hope that all school families will be able to attend the performance next Thursday evening. The show starts at 7:00. Please drop off your elementary students in their K-5 classrooms at 6:30. Light snacks and refreshments will be available for you in the gym as you wait for the show to begin (thank you PTSA room reps!).

Winter has officially arrived. The weather report calls for light snow this afternoon and evening. Since tomorrow is a half-day of school, school will be cancelled if the Olympia School District has a 2-hour late start. This would be announced through email, our website, and Facebook pages. So stay tuned and remember that no news means that school will be in session.



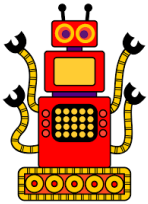
Senior Luncheon - Christmas Program

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).

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.

If a relative or friend (ages 65+) did not receive an invitation and would like to come, please contact the school at 754-5131 to make a reservation.

**Blessings,
Connor Geraghty, Principal**



Robotics News!

We are very proud of all our students who put forth their best effort to entertain our families, friends, fellow students, and guests.

This first trimester they spent endless hours working on their robots. The two top contenders were Quicksilver and Killer Fox. Quicksilver included the team of Kobe Deutscher, Simeon Cady, and Yohan Skariah. Killer Fox included Parker Estrella-Geraghty, Noah Boyd, and Santino Charneski. These two teams made it to the final robot battle and Quicksilver went on to claim victory!

Congratulations on the winning design and performance in the competition ring!

~ Paul Kuss, Science

Sacrificial Giving Update

Thank you to the many *Partner in the Mission* families who have submitted their 2017 sacrificial giving pledge cards. If you have not yet submitted your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible, preferably before the Christmas break. This will ensure that we can update your Partner in the Mission status as we head into the new year. Thank you!



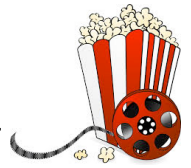
Spartan 100 & Lollipop Fridays are Back!

What? Running at recess! **When?** Beginning in January and *running* through June. **Why?** To have fun and run as many miles (a mile = six laps) before the end of the school year.

I am looking for a few excited volunteers to cheer, hand out/collect sticks, and tally laps during recess on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday from 11:55 - 12:30. I need one parent per day and we can rotate our schedules. If interested, please contact Patricia Cash at pcashfit@gmail.com

Movie Night Reminder

Our first movie night of the year is on Friday, December 16 at 5:30 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.



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

LOST & FOUND

Please make sure to stop by and see if you have any items in our lost & found.



Sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes and many other items have been turned in. All items will be turned in to St. Vincent DePaul on Thursday, December 15th.

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 third meeting of the year. The meeting focused on the following topics:

- Bob Colella, Pastoral Council member and liaison to the School Commission, provided an update concerning the St. Michael Parish Strategic Plan. The Pastoral Council has approved our request to form a School Commission subcommittee to draft project proposals involving the school that are aligned with the strategic initiatives of the strategic plan. A subcommittee of St. Michael teachers and School Commission members is now being formed to develop these proposals.
- The Pastoral Council would like to invite school parents to help build a database to categorize the parishioners' ideas related to the strategic initiatives. The ideas are contained on slips of paper and need to be digitized through a database for efficient access. Please contact Mr. Geraghty if you are interested in sharing your time and talents by joining this project. School or parish service hours will be provided!
- School Commission members completed an important survey for our accreditation self-study.