

St. Mike's Matters

THURSDAY NOTES

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This Week's Calendar

- FRIDAY** All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
Passport Club Check Day
- SUNDAY** **Open House & New Family Registration!**
11:00 to 1:00
- MONDAY** MMO: We Begin in Faith
2nd Grade
See Catholic Schools Week Calendar Attached
- TUESDAY** Nat'l Geographic Geography Bee - 2:00 PM - Gym
- WEDNESDAY** All-School Family Pizza Picnic Lunch
- THURSDAY** Girl's B-ball Jamboree @ Evergreen - 3:30 PM
Skate Party @ Skateland!
6:30 to 8:30 PM
- NEXT FRIDAY** All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
All-School Book Swap
Middle School Dance
6:00 to 9:00 PM



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All-School Family Pizza Picnic Lunch

Don't forget to sign up for the Pizza

Picnic being held on Wednesday 2/1/17. Look in your purple envelope for the pizza order form.



Dear St. Michael Families:

Catholic Schools Week is here! During this week we honor our identity and heritage as a Catholic School. In solidarity, we join the 6,525 Catholic schools in the United States in celebrating our community of faith, knowledge and service. This upcoming school week opens and closes with the celebration of Mass and includes Open House, themed dress days, service projects, a geography bee, a family pizza picnic, a skating party and more. Buckle up-this will be a fun week for your children! Please see the attached calendar for the schedule of school activities. Please note that our school-wide service project is to fill my office with school supplies for the *Académie Notre Dame à Madian* school in Haiti. Missionaries from our parish will bring the supplies to this new Catholic school during their upcoming mission trip. Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Yount have visited this community in Madian, Haiti. See Mrs. Mathews' article in your child's purple envelope to learn more about this wonderful school that will certainly benefit from our support. I look forward to seeing you at our exciting Catholic Schools Week events!

You are all invited to our Open House from 11AM-1PM this Sunday, January 29. I encourage you to attend in order to start looking ahead to next year by meeting your child's next homeroom teacher and learning about the curriculum. This Open House is the perfect way to introduce new families to our school. Please help us grow our family of families by inviting just one new family to join us to learn more about our school. We will be registering new students in Pre K-8th grade for the 2017-2018 school year starting at 11AM on January 29 during the Open House.

Blessings,
Connor Geraghty, Principal



Help Wanted - Passport Club

Passport Club needs parent volunteers to quiz kids on countries. No experience necessary! Check days are one day a month in the school library. **We really need your help to keep this program going.** Please contact Michelle Pardee for more information. Pardeemail@yahoo.com

Upcoming Parish Events and Dates



Feb. 11th - **An exclusive St. Michael Parish event: Family Skate Night** at Skate Land, 5:00 - 7:00 pm with an all Christian music play list - \$5 at the door per family includes skate rental - a Valentine Day theme

Feb. 28th: - **Mardi Gras Potluck** in the GS and church 6:00 - 7:30 with 'Bury Alleluia' prayer gathering

May 5th - **Artist workshop** for children in coordination with the Marian Art Festival and May Crowning. More info to follow.

Questions? Please call
Leanne Bergford
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St. Michael Parish
360.292.7112



Volleyball for Moms

Spartan moms are invited to play volleyball! We play for fun and all skill levels are welcome.

Contact Angelea at miller_angelea@msn.com to sign up and receive schedule announcements.



Expanding Your Horizons!

The Expanding your Horizons EYH Thurston County (<http://www.thurstoneyh.org>)

will be holding its 28th annual STEM conference for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** on the South Puget Sound Community College campus. In case you are not familiar with Expanding Your Horizons (EYH), it is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to introduce girls to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The EYH conference runs a half-day annual conference with exciting hands-on workshops for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls led by women professionals in STEM fields. The conference is very affordable (just \$15.00) and offers many full scholarships to the event.

The ultimate goal is to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers, ready to meet 21st century challenges by providing them with professional women role models.

Please consider this opportunity.

~ **Paul Kuss, St. Mike's Science**

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThurstonEYH>

An article in Thurston Talk about last year's conference: <http://www.thurstontalk.com/2016/02/18/expanding-your-horizons/>



Catholic Schools Week Scavenger Hunt

Catholic Schools week kicks off this weekend with Mass and our Open

House. A fun way to visit all the classrooms during Open House is with a scavenger hunt! To join in the fun, stop by the office to pick up your scorecard. Visit the classrooms, find the listed items and earn the stamps for your card. Return your completed scorecard to the office for a prize!!!!