

St. Mike's Matters

THURSDAY NOTES

January 5, 2017

Issue #13

This Week's Calendar

TONIGHT	Boys' Basketball @ CCA - 3:30
FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 Fulcrum Tuition Assistance Application Deadline
MONDAY	MMO: 3rd Grade - 8:30
TUESDAY	Boys' Basketball vs McCleary (Home) - 3:30
THURSDAY	Muffins with Mom - 8:30
NEXT FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00

Dear St. Michael Families:

Welcome back! I hope that you had a very restful and rewarding break with your children and a beautiful Christmas celebration. How blessed we are as a community to celebrate the birth of Jesus through such a moving Christmas program, Mass, and our own Christmas traditions at home throughout the break. In checking in with the teachers and observing the students this week, it is clear that our students are recharged and successfully transitioning back into their school routines. Thank you for all you are doing to help your children get back into school mode!



Please mark your calendars for our annual Catholic Schools Week celebration, which is scheduled for January 29-February 3. Next week's Thursday Notes attachments email will contain the detailed calendar of special events and non-uniform days to help us celebrate our proud heritage as a Catholic school. To give you an early heads-up, our homeroom teachers are inviting students to serve as greeters, gift bearers, and lectors at each Mass on Sunday, January 29 (and the 5:00 on Saturday). We hope to have a strong, visible school presence at each Mass that weekend. To help with that, please have your children wear their uniforms to Mass. Following the 9:30 Mass, we are opening our school for an Open House from 11AM-1PM. This is an exciting event for both our current and incoming families; I hope that you can attend. Please help with our recruitment efforts by encouraging a prospective family to attend the Open House! We are offering you a gratitude gift of a waived registration fee when a new family registers and indicates that you referred their child to our school. This is our small way of thanking you for partnering with us to grow our family of families. Our registration for new families will begin during Open House at 9:30 on January 29.

There are some exciting new additions to our Catholic Schools Week schedule that you will see on the calendar next week. We will be holding our first ever *National Geographic School Geography Bee*. This competition is for students in grades 4-8, with preliminary rounds held in the classrooms. The top qualifiers from each class will compete against the other 4th-8th graders who have qualified at an all-school assembly during Catholic Schools Week. Over 11,000 schools are participating in this bee and students advancing to the state and national levels could win a \$50,000 scholarship, plus a prize trip. Students can study for the contest and learn more about it at the following link: <http://nationalgeographic.org/bee/study>

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Attention: Prospective 2017-18 Pre-K & Kindergarten Students

Are you a current St. Michael family who has a child that will be entering Pre-K or Kindergarten next fall (2017)?

Please call the school office and let us know! We are creating our list of Pre-K and Kindergarten siblings for the 2017-18 school year.

Do you know of any outside families who are planning on having their children attend St. Mike's? Please invite them to our Open House and New Family Registration!

**2017-18 Open House & New Family
Registration - Sunday, January 29th
11:00 to 1:00**

Another exciting addition to Catholic Schools Week is our Career Fair. Tables will be set up in the gym so that students can learn about the various vocations of our parents and community members. As our students visit each table, they will receive simple hand-outs or take-away items from our participants. Our Career Fair will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 1:00-2:45. Please RSVP with your child's homeroom teacher so that we can reserve a space for you. It is completely fine if you can only attend part of the Career Fair.

**Blessings, Connor Geraghty
Principal**

Tuition Assistance 2017-18 DEADLINE: Tomorrow!



If you plan to apply for tuition assistance for next school year, please note that the application deadline is tomorrow, January 6, 2017. All families who request tuition assistance for the next 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. You may access the application at this link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4CDW0>



Brrrrrrrrrr ...

With the frigid cold and blustery weather upon us, please be sure your children come to school appropriately dressed.

We send our kids out to recess everyday. So kids need to have warm clothing -

COATS. GLOVES, HATS!!!!



SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

This is just a little reminder that aside from tuition, all school fees need to be paid in a timely manner. Please remember that band is \$31.50/month and Athletic fees are \$25/sport. Thank you.

Also remember to turn in your stewardship hours! We are almost half way through the school year! :)

St. Michael's Girls' Basketball!



Girls' basketball begins after school Tuesday on January 17th. If you have a girl in grades 5 through 8 who would like to turn out, please look out for information packets coming home with them next week. Also be sure they have a current sports medical clearance from your doctor (good for two years).

I also need two volunteers to help with the clock and the official book during games. Please let me know if you are interested. Great for school stewardship hours!

Practice Times:

Mondays 2:15 to 4:00 PM
Tuesdays - Fridays 3:00 to 4:45 PM

Game schedules will be handed out at practice.

Thanks, Coach Graver

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

- PTSA update regarding this year's PTSA projects and new initiatives
- Principal's report featuring highlights and updates from the month of December (including a budget report, an enrollment update, and an overview of Catholic Schools Week)
- Report on the 2016-2017 self-study survey results