

St. Mike's Matters

Thursday Notes

September 21, 2017

Issue #3

This Week's Calendar

TONIGHT	Volleyball @ Grapeview - 3:30 PM Varsity Football @ Grapeview rescheduled for Tuesday.
FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
MONDAY	MMO - 7th Grade - 8:30 AM 2:15 Early Dismissal MAP Testing continues this week for 2nd through 8th grades - Please do not schedule vacation or doctor appts. during this time.
TUESDAY	Volleyball vs CCA Home - 3:30 PM Varsity Football @ Grapeview @3:30 PM
THURSDAY	Volleyball & Football vs Evergreen Christian @ home 3:30 PM
NEXT FRIDAY	All School Mass @ 9:00 AM Grades 7&8 field trip to the Ape Caves Passport Check Day

Dear St. Michael Families:

What a gift it is to be able to live our faith on daily basis, and in so many different ways, at our school. This week at Monday Morning Opening (MMO), Mrs. Velloso and Mrs. Mathews introduced each of their students to our community. Our school students, parents, and staff then participated in a special blessing of these Kindergarteners as they begin their full-day schedule. Later that morning, our K-8 students traveled to St. Martin's University to unite in faith with students from St. Martin's University, Pope John Paul II High School, Holy Family, St. Joe's, and St. Mary's. This Mass of the Holy Spirit enabled us to call upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we start our school year. It also served as a reminder to all of us that we are one with our brother and sisters in Catholic education throughout our South Sound Region of Catholic schools. Please pray for each of our schools as we begin this exciting new year.

I announced at the Mass of the Holy Spirit that our South Sound Catholic schools contributed an amazing total of \$1,249 to the NCEA's "Student to Student" fund for Hurricane Harvey relief! The students of our school donated \$426. Thank you for your support of this drive and let's all continue to pray for the victims of natural disasters.

Our MAP testing experienced some delays this week due to technical difficulties on the testing company's side. All schools testing this week have faced these challenges, so the Archdiocese of Seattle has decided to extend the testing window for all of our schools. We are working to adjust our testing schedule in light of the delay.

Have you see the S.M.A.R.T. Family Night sign-up poster in the front entryway of the school? It lists a variety of ways that you can support this tradition of stewardship, community building, and fun! Please check it out and share your time and talents with our community by volunteering for a specific area of Family Night.

Blessings,
Connor Geraghty
Principal

Passport Club News!

Passport Club Needs Volunteers - No Experience Necessary.

We are still in need of Passport checkers for Friday, September 29th. We are also looking for two people to take on the coordinator duties. Please contact Michelle Pardee for more information at pardeemail@gmail.com



Spartan PTSA News

Classroom Representatives-

There are still classroom representative openings in Pre-K and 5th Grade. Please contact Michelle Newlean at shell7332@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering.

Box Tops-

Congratulations to Ms. Petruska's First Grade Class for feeding the most Box Tops to Bob the Monster (named by our very funny 4th Graders). Keep feeding Bob because another treat will be awarded at the end of the semester!

September 30th Movie Night-

Spartan families will be picking the movie! See this week's purple folder for your voting ballot and instructions. The movie that receives the most votes is what we will be watching!

Scrip-

Shop, Shop, Shop! Please turn in your form and help the PTSA reach its goal of one automatic scrip purchase each month by every Spartan Family.

Thank you!
Michelle Newlean



The Spartans are running... Help Wanted!

Mrs. Cash is in need of a few parent volunteers to help with the Spartan 100 running program. Students K-5 will have an opportunity to run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at lunch recess.

How can you help? We need parents to cheer on students as you pass out sticks to runners once they have completed a lap. Once they are finished you count and record their sticks. Sound like fun? Ready to sign up?

Recess is from 11:55 AM - 12:40 PM.

Kickoff is Wednesday, 09/20. Patricia will be there to coach all parents for the first few weeks. What a great way to see your children at school and help keep them in shape through the year. Thank you for supporting Spartan 100.

Have a blessed day! Patricia Cash



Calling all Spartan Moms!

All are invited to play volleyball on select Friday and Saturday evenings.

Join us on Saturday, September 23, at 4:30 PM in the school gym. All skill levels are welcome.

To receive schedule updates, email Angelea at miller_angelea@msn.com

St. Michael School Spartan Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, Hats & Vests for adults and kids alike!

Order forms are due to the office
Thursday, September 28th!
Orders cannot be placed without your
check or cash
(please attach to order form -
attached in this email)

Make your check payable to
St. Michael PTSA.

All items are 50/50 cotton/poly blend,
emblazoned with the
St. Michael logo.



Volunteers Needed

The parish office has some volunteer needs on Mondays and Fridays. Every Monday from 8:30-11, we need help counting the Sunday collection. A background check is required. On Fridays from 9-10, we occasionally need help stuffing the weekend bulletin. Support is requested by Wednesday of the same week. Contact Mona in the parish office @ 360.754.4667 if you can help fill these needs. Thank you.

Donations for the Cloran-Borch Family - collecting donations thru tomorrow Friday, September 22nd



As some of you may already know, Carolyn Cloran, Ross Borch, and their boys Matt and Steve, were directly affected by the Hurricane Harvey flooding in Texas. They just left St. Mike's this summer to relocate to Texas and had only been in their house a month when Hurricane Harvey hit. They were able to make it to safety, but their house suffered heavy damage from over two feet of flooding inside. Their loss is estimated at about \$100,000, as nearly half of their home and belongings will need to be replaced. The repairs will take months, and they will be living in a rental.

To show our love and support for their family, St. Michael Parish School is collecting Costco Cash Cards (AKA Costco gift cards). They will be able to use these cards either in-store or on-line to purchase food, new furniture, new appliances, or even some of the remodeling work that needs to be done on their home. **If you would like to donate a Costco Cash Card to their family, you can turn it in to the school's front office by Friday, September 22.** We encourage you to include a note or card wishing them well and letting them know St. Michael Parish School has not forgotten them.

For questions about Costco Cash Card donations for the Cloran-Borch family, please contact Julie Forth at jforth@sitecrafting.com.



Have you ever wondered what "MMO" means or what exactly is our S.M.A.R.T. Auction? Ask no more! We have added a comprehensive guide to all things "St. Mike's" to our website.

The guide can be found at www.stmikesolympia.org under FAMILIES and then under FORMS & DOCUMENTS or by using this link:
<http://stmikesolympia.org/families/forms-documents/>

Don't hesitate to contact Roberta McGill,
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