

St. Mike's Matters

Thursday Notes

September 7, 2017

Issue #1

This Week's Calendar

FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 PM Final Day of Pre-K and Kindergarten Conferences
MONDAY	Kindergarten Half Days - Dismiss @ 11:45 MMO - 8th Grade - 8:30 AM Kindergarten Parent Coffee - Library - 8:15 AM 2:15 Early Dismissal
THURSDAY	Parent Curriculum Night 6:30 to 8:00 PM
NEXT FRIDAY	All School Mass - 9:00 AM



Dear St. Michael School Families:

Welcome to the new school year! I wish you and your families successful transitions back into "school mode". For me, there is always great comfort and satisfaction in leaving the joys of summer behind and re-connecting with the larger school community in the fall. I pray that you and your children are able to experience that sense of joy in being united once again with our "family of families" here at St. Michael Parish School. As I have been greeting and chatting with our students this week, there is a clear sense of excitement and happiness in being back here at their home away from home. As our valued partners in education, thank you for entrusting us with your children and enabling their readiness for this new school year. **I look forward to seeing you all at Curriculum Night next Thursday, September 14th, from 6:30PM-8PM.**

Our school will be participating in the Student to Student Campaign to assist Catholic schools affected by Hurricane Harvey. This national drive is organized by the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) and designed to unite Catholic schools in cultivating compassion and generosity in our students through serving those in need. We invite your children to bring small donations (loose change is fine) to deposit in the little house in the office on Tuesday, September 12. NCEA will distribute 100% of the funds collected to dioceses in the affected areas for their Catholic schools in vital need of support due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey.

In other stewardship news, mark your calendars for our annual S.M.A.R.T. Family Night on October 14th! Please stay tuned for information from our co-chairs, Michelle Newlean and Alysha Meyers, regarding opportunities to share your time and talents for Family Night. Our Family Night Fund A Need will be a class set of 30 iPads on a rolling iPad cart. This second cart of iPads will allow more students to use these tools for MAP testing, along with allowing us to better implement 21st century teaching and learning throughout our school. As a student response device, this greater accessibility to iPads will allow our teachers to enhance their ability to assess learning using the depth of features in our truly ground-breaking Promethean panels. After seeing the amazing capabilities of our new Promethean panels following our training last week, it is clear that a second iPad cart will enhance our abilities to engage all learners using this technology.

Our morning Pre K aide, Heather Line, resigned this week to accept a full-time aide position at another school. We will certainly miss Miss Heather and are grateful for her contributions to the Pre K program. We are currently seeking applicants for this position.

**Blessings,
Connor Geraghty, Principal**



We Begin in Faith (MMO = Monday Morning Opening)

We invite you to join us each Monday morning as we begin the week with an all school prayer service. Join Fr. Jim, Mr. Geraghty, teachers, students, and others as we ask God's blessing on the week, on our children, our families, and one another. WBIF begins at 8:30 AM in the gym.

Attendance Email!

We have a dedicated email box for parents to notify the school of student tardies & absences. Please email us at attendance@stmikesolympia.org in the morning (or call 754-5131) by 9:00 AM when your child is going to be tardy or absent. If you call your child in, you **MUST** also send in a written absence note or email to excuse your child within 2 days of their absence. Otherwise it will be counted as an unexcused absence.



Donations for the Cloran-Borch Family

As some of you may already know, Carolyn Cloran, Ross Borch, and their boys Matt and Steve, were directly affected by 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.



School Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Please DO NOT drop your child(ren) off until 7:45 AM or later. There is no supervision until that time.

Classes dismiss @ 3:00 PM Tuesday - Friday and 2:15 on Mondays (Free after-school care is available on Mondays until 3:00 - see enclosed form).

Please be sure to have your children picked up promptly after school. They will be sent to and charged for extended care if they are here before or after these times. Thank you!

Medical Alert

The blue "emergency" cards are enclosed in this week's packet. **Please complete and return them immediately**, as emergencies do arise and we need your current phone numbers and pertinent medical information. The forms are also duplicated and added to each classroom's emergency backpacks.



Note: The section that asks you to list "alternate persons to be notified in case of emergency" **must be local** and may also be used to list any additional persons who are allowed to pick up your children from school.

This is very important to hand in ASAP!



Attention Families:

Please have all Medication Authorization forms and Medications into the health room by **Monday, September 11th - 8:00 AM**

If your child needs Emergency medications for allergic reactions, they must have the medication and the authorization form in order to attend classes at school.

An adult must bring in these medications. Do not send them in with your child.

**Thank you, Jenevie Llanes
School Nurse**

Catholic Parents of Children Ages Pre K through High School!

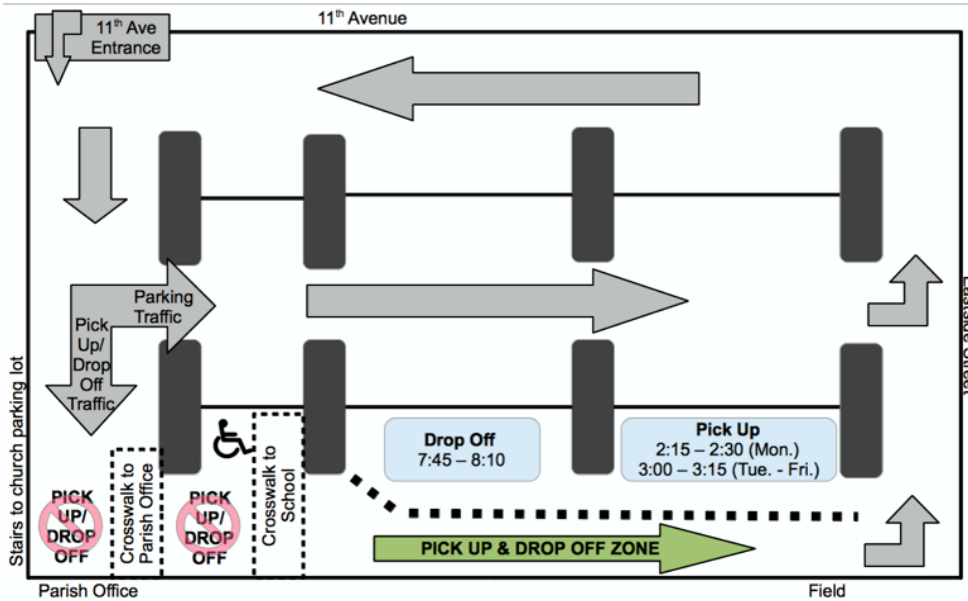


Faith Formation
Registration

Join us for an overview of all the Faith Formation Opportunities St. Michael Parish offers. You will meet the Stewards, hear a little about each program and you can register on the spot. All school and parish families are welcome to come and learn how you can connect your children to their faith community here at St. Michael.

Meet us Monday, Sept. 11th @ 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Multi Purpose Room

Need childcare to attend this informational meeting? Contact Ann Ashe at aashe@saintmichaelparish.org



St. Michael School Parking Lot Map

For the safety of our students, please take a few moments to study our parking lot map to insure we are all going with the flow of traffic in the correct directions. Please remember to stop at crosswalks as directed by our crossing guards. When in the green drop off pick up line, please pull all the way forward. Thank you

Monday After School Care & Extended Care

If you intend to have your child in the free Monday after school care program from 2:15 to 3:00 PM, please complete the enclosed form and turn it back to the school as soon as possible. Also don't forget to ask about our Extended Care Program. We still have openings!



St. Michael School Sweatshirts & Vests

Be on the look out for Sweatshirt/Spirit Shirt order forms next week. Spirit shirts will be allowed on specially announced Spirit Days.

Thursday Notes Purple Envelope Reminder

Please remember to turn in your Thursday Notes Folder by Monday of the following week!

Driver Information Form

If you plan to drive on field trips this year, you must complete and return a "Driver Information Form" to the school office. These forms are enclosed in today's Thursday Notes packet (gray).

SMALL GROUPS



Interested in joining a small faith-sharing group? A group of school parents will meet Wednesdays after drop-off this school year. We will start on Wednesday, September 20th, and will meet from 8:10am to 9:30am in Room 4 of the Gathering Space. All faith backgrounds are welcome! To sign up, or if you have questions, please email Christina Hu - ccahill4@aol.com. We hope you will join us.