

St. Mike's Matters

Thursday Notes

September 8, 2016

Issue #1

This Week's Calendar

FRIDAY	All-School Mass - 9:00 PM
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	Mass of the Holy Spirit @ St. Martin's University - Buses Leave at 9:45 AM Parent Curriculum Night 6:30 to 8:00 PM
NEXT FRIDAY	All School Mass - 9:00 AM



Dear St. Michael Families:

Welcome to the new school year at St. Michael Parish School! I hope that your family is having a successful and happy transition back into the routine of the school schedule. We are helping our students transition by setting clear routines and procedures in the classroom. Through this, students are learning what is expected of them so that they can do their best this year. Our teachers look forward to meeting you next Thursday at Curriculum Night to share these key expectations with you and begin partnering with you to support the growth of your children. Clear and open communication between parents and teachers is a guiding principle of our school, so we certainly look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

We are so blessed to offer an extended care program this school year! Thank you for your support of this exciting new program. Our before and after care program offers safe, convenient, faith-based care for your children. The program follows a balanced schedule that incorporates, prayer, snack-time, homework, games, and outdoor play. Please contact the school office if you would like to obtain registration information and learn more.

As a school, our first priority is always student safety. Since before-school playground supervision begins at 7:45 each morning, our morning extended care ensures the safety of all by supervising students dropped off early. Thus, students dropped off before 7:45 will be sent to our morning extended care. Starting next Monday, students dropped off early will be charged the drop-in rate for their time in extended care. Thank you for your continual support of student safety.

I am so excited to have our Pre K and Kindergarten students join us next week! These grades bring so much joy and life to our school and we can't wait to welcome these students and their families to our community.

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.



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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!

Library Volunteers Needed!



A wonderful opportunity to earn your volunteer hours... come help out in our school library!

Stop by the library on Curriculum Night and a sign up sheet will be available to sign up for various jobs or send an email to Mrs. Joanis at jjjoanis@stmikesolympia.org.

Love to have you all!



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!

Scrip Program Coordinator Needed!



In search of our next Scrip Club Coordinator ...

Help with advertising, sales, and accounting of our Scrip Program. The sale of these cards generate funding for PTSA/ Classroom projects and events. 2 to 3 hours a week will be the max required for this job ... It can be done at home and/or at St. Mike's. A shared position would be ideal ... so multiple volunteers are encouraged. Please contact Denise Demers or Lynn Lockard, if interested.



Attention Families:

Please have all Medication Authorization forms and Medications into the health room by **Monday, September 12th - 8:00 AM**

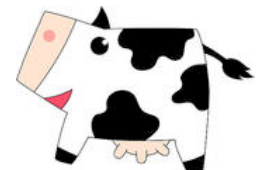
If your child needs Emergency medications for allergic reactions, they must have the medication and the authorization form in order to attend classes at school.

For your child's safety, you will be called on Monday am to pick up your child if emergency medications and forms are not in the office.

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

Thank you, Denise Demers
School Nurse

Washington State Fair



Please find your complementary student fair tickets in today's Thursday packet. If your child(ren) do not use or want their tickets, please return them to the office.

Go to thefair.com to learn more about daily events & activities. The fair runs September 2n through the 25th.



"50s Bash" S.M.A.R.T. Auction 2016

Family Night - Saturday

October 15th, 2016

Gala Night - Saturday

May 6th, 2017. Mark your calendars!

Monday After School 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. Thank you.



St. Michael School Sweatshirts & Vests

Please see the attached Sweatshirt/Spirit Shirt order form. 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 office. Forms are on the wall next to the office.



"Art for Kids School" After-School Art Classes

See enclosed green flyer for details.
Go to www.artforkidsschool.com to register.
HURRY, registration ends September 21st.
