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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We come to the end of another incredibly busy school year here at Saint Michael School. I am very proud to be able to serve our wonderful students and the entire Saint Michael School Family. Your continual support, understanding, and patience have been immeasurable and greatly appreciated throughout this past year!

Thank you for all you have done to make this a successful year for your child. We are grateful for our many school volunteers, family participation in our fundraising efforts, and for all parents who regularly communicate questions, concerns, and suggestions with our teachers and me to improve Saint Michael School. Your commitment and dedication to Catholic education, but most especially to Saint Michael School, does not go without recognition. Without you, our families, our school would just be a building. You are Saint Michael School and the pride you have is reflected in all that you continue to do in support of the "Good News" in education. Education is a partnership and we look forward to next year as we continue to work together to meet the needs of your child.

A few reminders regarding end of year procedures: report cards will not be given to students until the last day of school. Students who miss the last day of school may return during the summer to pick up their report card from the office.

The IOWA test results for all students in grades 2 through 8 will be enclosed with their report cards on the last day of school.

We say good-bye to our eighth graders as they move on to high school. For those students and families not returning to Saint Michael School next year, we wish you success in your future endeavors. Thank you for the time you've spent with us. Know that each one of you is welcome back any time you wish to visit. You will always be a part of our Saint Michael Family!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."

-St. Therese of Lisieux

We wish all our mothers a very happy and relaxing Mother's Day!

MID-TERM WARNING NOTICES

Wednesday, April 28th, marked the **mid-point** of the fourth marking period. Mid-term grades and/or warning notices will be sent home via email to the parents of students in grades 4 – 8 on Monday, May 3rd.

SPRING JUBILEE

On Thursday, May 6th, students will enjoy a day of fun and games. Our seventh and eighth grade students will host a jubilee at OLOLCH. Pizza will be served from Dunny's for lunch. Students will also enjoy an ice cream treat for dessert. The day is sure to bring lots of laughter and memorable moments with their friends.

READING COMPETITION

Many students in 4th through 6th grades will participate in the spring Interscholastic Reading Competition virtually.

The Elementary Reading Competition will be held on Tuesday, May 11th. Our elementary team includes the following members: Ella Beiswenger, Ava Itle, Jenna Eckenrode, Emma Eckenrode, Belle Eckenrode, Colin Beiswenger, Liam Statler, Molly Itle, and Vincent Seymour.

Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Beiswenger have been preparing the students for the reading competitions. Their enthusiasm and love of reading is evident as they work with the students. We are grateful to them for their time and interest. We are also thankful to Maryann Shoemaker and Amy Gresh for serving as moderators.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our best wishes to all the students and families who are celebrating special moments at the end of this school year.

Kindergarten – Our Kindergarten students will "graduate" during a special ceremony on **Tuesday, May 25th, at 12:00pm** in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. Our graduates include: Jeremiah Clapper, Alyza Davis, Michael Eckenrode, Caleb Harr, Makena Klatt, Jewelryia Kline, Jacob Strittmatter, and Aviendha Sutton. Families are invited to attend.

Eighth Grade Graduation– We wish the best of luck to our 8th Grade students who will be graduating during a special Mass on **Monday, May 24th at 6:00pm**: Riley Diehl, Hudson Farabaugh, Austin Gray, Briette Hite, Connor McMullen, Brenna Phister, Declan Schrock, and Gage Spielvogle. Our hope is that the time our 8th Grade students have spent here at Saint Michael School has prepared them well and that they continue to reflect Christ to all those they meet. We will miss our eighth-grade students!

FIRST COMMUNION

We congratulate our **second-grade communicants** on their reception of their First Holy Communion: **Larissa Clapper, Gavin Cole, Alexzander Eckenrode, Kaleb Freidhof, Owan Hoover, Ella Klatt, Bryce Kline, Kylie Kubat, Alexander Little, Giuliana Riccella, Rory Weakland, and Ariya Williams**. We thank **Mrs. Emily George** for instructing and guiding our students as they continue their sacramental journey in deepening their relationship with Christ.

IN APPRECIATION

A dance recognizing our student athletes will be held on **Saturday, May 8th** in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall from **6:00 – 9:00pm**. This dance is for **ALL** students. There will be a pizza party for the first and second grade team and the third and fourth grade boys' team from 12:00 – 3:00pm. We congratulate all our student athletes for putting forth their best efforts and showing positive sportsmanship. We thank **Brian Beiswenger**, our athletic director for all his endless hours in organizing our athletic program this year. His dedication and commitment to our athletic program has made a positive impact on our students. Brian's leadership is valued and appreciated. We also express sincere gratitude to **Rachel Beiswenger** for all her behind the scenes work throughout the year that does not go unnoticed! We also thank Rachel for organizing the sports banquet and heading the decorating committee. We also express gratitude to everyone who will assist with decorating the hall, clean-up, and chaperoning the dance for the players. Appreciation is also extended to all our **parents** for transporting their children to and from practices and sporting events, and lastly, but certainly not least, all our **volunteer coaches** for the giving of their time and talents. Thank you all for making Saint Michael School a special place and for making our sports programs a reality!

COUGAR DASH/5K FUN RUN

Our **Cougar Dash 3k Run** will be held on **Saturday, May 15th at 9:00am** here at Saint Michael School. Registration begins at 8am at the OLOLCH. We thank all our students, parents, faculty, staff, parishioners, and the numerous community members who support our efforts by participating! We extend our deepest appreciation to **Becky Seymour** for all her hard work in organizing this fundraiser. Her time and talents are greatly appreciated! We also extend our gratitude to our sponsors, the LVFC, and everyone who assisted in any way to make our **Cougar Dash 3k Run** successful! Thank you all for being a blessing to Saint Michael School!

CAFETERIA NEWS

With the school year quickly coming to an end, are asking that all cafeteria accounts be paid in full by **Friday, May 7th**. If you have a positive balance it will be carried over for next year. As always, if you have any questions pertaining to your child(ren)'s account, please call the school office and ask for Becky.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Please note that the **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** for **students** is going to be **Friday, May 28th**. Bus transportation will be provided in the morning only. Dismissal will be at approximately **10am** following the conclusion of Mass and report card distribution. **Parents will need to provide transportation home.**

STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED THROUGH THE BOTTOM BUS DOORS THAT EXIT INTO THE PARKING LOT CLOSEST TO THE CAFETERIA. TEACHERS WILL ESCORT THEIR CLASS OUT TO YOU. IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO COME IN TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD(REN).

SUMMER PROGRAMS

An application for Camp Zacchaeus was sent home with the students in grades 2 – 8. If you are interested in this summer program, please complete the application and send the registration fee to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office by **June 25, 2021**.

TUITION

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the school year. With that in mind, please remember to keep your **tuition payments** current. Our policy regarding outstanding balances applies to **all students** in grades **K-8**. **Until your account is brought up to date, your parent privileges to access PowerSchool will be inactivated, you will not receive mid-term grades for the fourth nine weeks (grades 4-8), final report cards will not be issued nor will student records be transferred to another school, and if your child is in kindergarten or eighth grade, they will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies. Once payment arrangements are made and payments are received, privileges will be reinstated.**

PLEASE RECONCILE ALL TUITION BALANCES BY FRIDAY, MAY 14TH

We realize that choosing a Catholic education for your child involves sacrifice on part of the family. The choice is well worth the extra effort! Please be a responsible steward of treasure so that Saint Michael School may satisfy the financial obligations that we have incurred educating your child(ren). If you are having financial difficulties, please bring this to our attention so that we can assist you now. Thank you.

FIELD/PARK DAYS

Every grade will enjoy a fun day at the LAMAA Fields at Saint Francis or the Veteran's Park in Cresson. More information will be forthcoming from your child's teacher. We hope the students will enjoy a nice day outside with their friends. Lunch will be provided.

VIRTUAL DAYS

There will be a slight change to our schedule during the last week of school. As you may have noticed on the monthly May calendar, we have called two virtual days for different grade levels. On Wednesday, May 26th grades 5, 6, and 7 will be virtual. On Thursday, May 27th, grade 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be virtual. Teachers will send home their assignments.

FIELD TRIPS

Dates for upcoming field trips/events are as follows:

- May 2 - First Holy Communion 10am Mass**
- May 6 - Summer Jubilee**
- May 17 - K & 1st Field Trip Veteran's Park (10am-1pm)**
- May 17 - 4th & 5th Field Trip LAMAA Ball Fields**
- May 19 - Gr. 6,7,8 LAMAA Ball Fields**
- May 20 - 2nd & 3rd Field Trip Veteran's Park (10am-1pm)**
- May 24 - 8th Grade Graduation**
- May 25 - Kindergarten Graduation**
- May 28 - Last Day of School - Students in Grades 1-7**
- June 11 - Uniform Fittings – BC Gymnasium – 10am -3pm**
- August 24 - Meet the Teacher Night 6pm-7pm**
- August 26 - First Day of School**

Information concerning each event has already been sent home with the students or will be forthcoming.

REMINDERS

1. Students may now wear knee length navy or khaki dress shorts on **warm** days. Navy, light blue or white knit shirts with a collar or blouses are to be worn with the shorts. Girls do not need to wear a vest with their shorts.
2. **NO** sandals, clogs, or open backed shoes are to be worn to school. (This includes the Kindergarten students). These pose a danger on the stairways and hinder physical activity on the playground and blacktop during gym class and at recess.

3. **REMINDER:** Socks are to be dress or crew style in white, black or navy blue and must be at least 2 inches above the shoes. Low cut sport socks are **NOT** permitted!

UNIFORM MEASUREMENTS

Representatives from School Belles, our uniform supplier, will be at the Bishop Carroll Gymnasium on **Tuesday, June 11th** from **10:00 am – 3:00 pm** to fit those students in need of uniforms for next year. Additional information will be forthcoming.

UNIFORM GIVEAWAY

We have an abundance of boy's pants and shirts and some girl's navy pants, blouses, skirts, jumpers and a few vests. If you would like to come into school and see if your child(ren) can use any of these items, please feel free to do so.

You may come into the school to see what is available from May **3rd** to **May 14th** the hours of **9:00am and 2:00pm**. You could save money by taking advantage of this opportunity!

As another school year ends, I take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our school families for choosing to educate your children at Saint Michael School. The dedicated faculty and staff put tremendous time and effort into all they do, but without you, and the financial support received through your tuition payments and your willingness to support our various fundraisers, we would not be in existence. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and for choosing Saint Michael School.

We appreciate the support and cooperation you have given throughout the school year and know that we can count on your continued support and cooperation during this last month of school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rhonda Seymour, Principal

A PRAYER TO END THE SCHOOL YEAR

Betty Manion

Dear Jesus,
How exciting it is
to have an entire summer ahead of us!
We'll have time to enjoy our families,
create new memories, learn new things.
Help us, Lord, to be thankful for the memories from this year
and to thank you for the opportunity to learn new things.
Bless our teachers and our classmates,
and keep them safe over the summer.
Keep us safe as we enjoy the outdoors.
Help us make each new day a time
to learn new things and be closer to you. Amen.

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