

# St. Michael's School News

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## ***Catholic Schools Raffle***

The annual Catholic Life Insurance Catholic Schools Raffle began several weeks ago. Because of the Fall Festival, we've delayed the incentives until now. Those families who turned in 50 or more sold tickets by noon on **November 11<sup>th</sup>** are eligible for a drawing for a \$100 gift card. The drawing will take place at our morning assembly the following week.

Next week, students who sell tickets will be eligible to receive "Money Pens" which include cash prizes. Also coming soon is a pizza lunch for all families selling tickets. If your family would like to sell raffle tickets after any of the weekend masses, please let Ms. Roeder know and she will schedule you. There will also soon be opportunities to sell tickets at Wal-Mart. Any tickets sold after mass or at Wal-Mart count towards your total.

Please remember that these raffle tickets sell for **\$5.00 each**. All money received stays right here at St. Michael's. The final deadline for tickets is January 11<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Lector at Mass***

St. Michael's students will lector this weekend at the 10:00 a.m. mass on Sunday. They are Jacob Denton, Ariana Diaz, Jared Sauer, and Elizabeth Gonzales. Audrey Janak and Cecilia Orch will carry the offertory gifts. Students are reminded to wear their dress uniforms.

## ***H.S.A. Meeting***

The November H.S.A meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. The results of the Fall Festival will be discussed and plans will begin for the "Santa's Christmas Bazaar" to be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Babysitting will be available and the class with the most parents in attendance will receive a prize. The agenda for this meeting is enclosed.

*The mission of  
St. Michael's Catholic School is  
to know as Jesus knew,  
to love as Jesus loved,  
and to serve as Jesus served.*

## ***Festival Wrap-Up***

We are trying to complete the financial statement for our festival so that we can print a report. If you have any bills or need reimbursement and have not turned in your receipts, please do so by next Monday at the latest.

**Chairpersons:** Please remember that you are responsible for any "Thank You" cards that need to be sent and for the Gift Acknowledgement that must be sent for tax purposes for any donations we received. Please coordinate this with Mrs. Weber or Ms. Roeder.

## ***Planning For The Future***

There will be an important meeting for the parents of our fourth and fifth graders on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in our school library. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss future plans for extending grades and adding programs.

## ***Give Thanks***

St. Michael's School will be celebrating Thanksgiving at our mass on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The St. Michael's Student Council is sponsoring a food drive to benefit CAMAL House. **Each student is asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be brought up at the beginning of mass that day.** Items that are needed include flour, masa, sugar, corn meal, grits, pancake mix, biscuit mix, cooking oil, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, syrup, canned vegetables, soap, detergent, bleach, and personal hygiene items.

## ***Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony***

St. Michael's Catholic School students in Grades 3-5 will participate once again in the annual Cuero Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** **Students are asked to meet there at 6:00 p.m.** Our school choir, along with choirs from neighboring schools, will perform. Permission slips are enclosed.

## ***Box Tops For Education***

Take some time to check out the Box Tops for Education website, [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). The site is full of great recipes, coupons to print and save, and great ideas to get your children involved in clipping box tops. Also on the website is a link to various stores that you can use for on-line shopping, especially with Christmas approaching. St. Michael's School receives a percentage of the total amount of your purchase. The percentage may seem small, but if enough of us use this service, it will greatly benefit us.

## ***All Saints Day***

Congratulations to everyone for doing such a wonderful job with our saints' costumes this year. All of the students looked adorable and "saintly."

If you borrowed any costume from school, please return it. We are in need of a few costumes for our Christmas pageant. If you have any old costumes that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the school for future pageants.

## ***First Reconciliation Retreat***

There will be a First Reconciliation Retreat for parents and students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The retreat will take place at St. Michael's Hall on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

## ***Honor Roll***

Students in Grades 3-5 are eligible for High Honors if they achieve an overall average of 94 in the core subjects with no grade below a 90. Students are eligible for Honors if they achieve an overall average of 85-93 in all core subjects, with no grade below 85. Students achieving this honor for the first nine-week grading period are:

### **High Honors**

Grade 5 – Jared Sauer

Grade 4 – Hally Gips

### **Honors**

Grade 4 – Jakob Denton

Grade 3 – Jacob Denton and Spencer Owens

## ***Thoughts From Our Wellness Committee***

Drink water. It keeps your body hydrated and helps you to feel less hungry.

## ***November Birthdays***

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in November:

5 – Mrs. Vertronica Owens

7 – Cody Bishop

13 – Cody Cornett

21 – Mrs. Dianne Cowey

22 – Jacey Boothe

27 – Mrs. Billie Southern

## ***Catholic Social Teaching***

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to work for justice and peace as Jesus did. Jesus worked for justice. He tried to make sure that people had what they needed. He healed the sick and fed the hungry. He listened to people when they told him about their needs. Jesus stood up for those who were neglected or ignored by society. The whole Church is called to live by this social teaching. Together we can work to change the things in society that allow unjust behaviors and conditions to exist.

Two or three years ago, our school adopted a child from Guatemala. Just \$30 monthly provides nutrition, education, basic clothing, health exams, and spiritual formation for a needy child. That's 37 cents a month for each student here at St. Michael's. Our child, Cristobal, is a Fifth Grader who lives with his parents, three sisters and one brother in a wooden home with a roof made of sheets of metal. Their home has no electricity, no running water, and their floor is the ground. They sleep in wooden beds and cook with firewood. His dad is a farmer and the family's monthly income is \$110.00.

Each of our classrooms has a collection container where students may bring in any donation they have. We were able to send an additional \$60.00 to the sponsoring organization in honor of Cristobal's birthday on November 12<sup>th</sup>. In the next few weeks, we will be saving donations to send to Cristobal for Christmas.

## ***Catholic Websites***

Learn more about our Catholic faith by going to [www.catholicanswers.com](http://www.catholicanswers.com).

***Classes will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.***