

St. Michael's School News

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Fish Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Fish Dinner last Sunday. Thanks especially to Amy Crain for chairing this event. The success of the event is due to several people:

Food Donations James and Amy Crain, Longhorn Restaurant, Bobbe and George Wenzel, Monroe and Mary Margaret Rieger, Kevin and Dale Denton, Richard and Holly Weber, Chris and Debbie Rath, Connie Boedeker, Jill Saenz, and Chris and Jill Crain.

Monetary Donations James and Amy Crain, and Patrick Crain.

Workers Lloyd Boedeker, Chris Crain, James and Amy Crain, Patrick Crain, Dale Denton, Melissa Keseling, Lorine Meitzen, Chris and Debbie Rath, Jill Saenz, Mike Uresti, Richard and Holly Weber, Danny and Tracey Blank, Jim Crain, Brent and Jennifer Bishop, Tronica Owens, Diana Spears, Lorine and John Meitzen, Amanda Rickman, Pam Zengerle, Audrey Sauer, Lourdes Saenz, and Connie Boedeker.

Tickets Standard Printing.

Thank you to the many, many of you who donated cakes and/or cookies for the meal.

The meal brought in \$3,156.00.

*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.*

Safe Environment

The Diocese of Victoria has adopted the following process for all employees and volunteers who have regular contact with minors:

1. They must complete the online application and background check process and be approved to work by the diocese and the site.
2. They must attend an orientation session regarding the "Code of Pastoral Conduct and the Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors."
3. They must attend the child abuse awareness and prevention training component known as "Safe Kids."

The application form may be completed on-line. A copy of this form is available in the school office. When you have completed this application on-line, please send a check for \$8.00 to the school made payable to St. Michael's School. Anyone needing help completing the application may ask at the school office. **It is very important that you complete this application online BEFORE attending any of the sessions.**

The only session for the "Code of Pastoral Conduct and the Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors" and the "Safe Kids" component **in Cuero** scheduled for this year will take place on **Wednesday, September 9th** in our St. Michael's School library, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** Please register for this session in the school office. Additional sessions held throughout the diocese may be found at the diocesan website www.victoriadiocese.org.

New Traffic Laws

Several new traffic laws are going into effect on **September 1st**. Those most important to our school are HB 537, SB 61, and HB 55. The first law requires **all** occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle. SB 61 requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

Uniform Policy

We have had several instances of uniform policy violations in these first two weeks of school. It is unfortunate that many of you purchased items this summer that do not comply with our policy. However, the policy will be enforced as it is written on pages 23 and 24 in the Family Handbook. Some accommodations will be made for our Pre-Kindergarten students. Since this policy has been in effect for the past ten years, it is time to review it for possible modifications. A committee will be formed soon so that any new regulations may be in place before March registration. Thank you for your cooperation.

Meet our Sponsored Child

For the past three years, St. Michael's School has sponsored a child through the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). Our "child" is Cristobal, a fourth grade student in Guatemala. Cristobal's parents make their living through farming. Cristobal is the oldest of four children. They live in a wood house with no floors and have no electricity or running water in the home. Their monthly income is \$90 in U.S. currency.

Our students in the past have written letters and made cards for him. He is always very appreciative and sends us letters showing his gratitude. Two years ago we sent school supplies and small toys for Cristobal to share with his siblings. We also send the CFCA a monetary donation each month with which they provide him with clothes, shoes and food. Each classroom has a container in which the students may turn in their change for Cristobal. Each Tuesday at flag-raising, the classes bring their money and add it to the collection. Please remind your child to give, if only a quarter each week, to help Cristobal and his family. If you would like to see any of the letters that Cristobal has sent, or would like any more information, please contact Ms. Roeder.

RCIA Classes

Any adults who are interested in joining the Catholic church, or any parishioners from St. Michael's or Our Lady of Guadalupe who have not made their First Communion and/or need to be confirmed, should contact St. Michael's rectory at 275-3554. Classes will begin on September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Michael's School library.

Generations of Faith

All St. Michael's School families are invited to participate each month in *Generations of Faith* at St. Michael's or Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year's theme is "Responding in Prayer." Sessions are held the first Sunday and Wednesday beginning in October. (You choose either the Sunday or the Wednesday session.) The first sessions will be held October 4th and 7th at OLG.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will hold its annual Jamaica on **Sunday, September 6th**, on the parish grounds, 207 Graham. Mass on Sunday will be at 8:00 a.m. Barbecued brisket with all the trimmings will be served in the OLG Parish Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. Cost of the meal is \$7.00. The auction begins at 12:30 p.m. There will also be food booths, children's booths, dancing, and a raffle drawing. Tamales will be on sale while supplies last for \$7.00 per dozen.

Arts and Crafts Show

The St. Michael's Home and School Association annually sponsors a pancake breakfast in December. This year's event is scheduled for December 5th at the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Along with the breakfast, this year we are featuring an Arts and Crafts Sale. Vendors are being solicited to sell their crafts, gifts, and gift ideas. Registration forms are available on the trophy case or in the school office. If you would like to set up a booth yourself, or know someone who might be interested, please take one of these forms. More details will follow as the event draws closer.

Classes will not be held next Friday, September 4th so that teachers may attend a diocesan workshop in Victoria.

August daycare and lunch bills will be sent next week.