

St. Michael's School News

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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.

*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.*

H.S.A. News

The first Home and School Association meeting of the 2009 – 2010 school year will be held on **Wednesday, September 9th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the **St. Michael's School Library**. The Fall Festival, which will be held on **October 25th**, will be the main item on the agenda.

There is a sign-up sheet near the trophy case for chairpersons and workers for the festival. Please keep in mind that **ALL** of our families must help with this fund-raiser. A work list will be developed soon that includes everyone. **If you have a preference as to where you want to help, please sign up now.**

New families will be recognized at the September meeting. Free baby-sitting will be available for those parents attending the meeting. A drawing will be held for a door prize and the class with the most parents attending receives a special treat!

Families who have not already paid their \$10 H.S.A. dues may do so at this meeting or in the school office. The agenda is enclosed.

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

School will also be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day.

School Spirit Jacket Offer

St. Michael's School is offering school jackets in our school colors. Next Friday, you will be receiving a brochure explaining each of the jackets. Sample jackets are available at the school to help you make decisions as to style and size. A \$20 deposit is due by September 21st. The remaining balance is due when the jackets arrive in approximately four weeks, just in time for cooler weather. Look for the brochure next week in your child's envelope.

St. Michael's School is going green!



Look for information soon.

Absences and Tardies

Thank you to all of you who have remembered to call in when your child is absent. Please keep in mind that a written note needs to be sent when your child returns to school.

Students are considered tardy after the 8:00 a.m. bell rings. Please stop by the school office to pick up a tardy slip before your child goes to class. Tardy slips must be signed by whomever brings the child to school.

Teacher Conferences

Some of the teachers' conference times have changed. Here is the revised list.

Nancy Bluntzer – 12:30 – 1:15
Connie Boedeker – 2:00 – 2:45
Karon Copeland – 2:00 – 2:45
Samantha Denton – 12:30 – 1:15
Jody Gray – 10:30 – 11:15
Gina Haun – 1:15 – 2:00
JoBeth Stiles-Caskey – 1:15 – 2:00

Please call the school office if you would like to conference with your child's teacher.

August Birthdays

My apologies to Elizabeth Gonzales for omitting her birthday in August. A belated "Happy Birthday" to Elizabeth who celebrated on August 1st.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays in September:

2 – Jacob Catron
9 – Audrey Janak
12 – Jakob Denton
12 – Michael Kainer
14 – Abigail Kainer
15 – Spencer Owens
20 – Truitt Luddeke
20 – Ms. Judy Roeder
27 – Deacon Leo Sharron
30 – Mrs. Veronica Wanjura

Lunch and daycare bills are enclosed. Please remember that these bills must be paid by the 10th of the month or students may no longer charge their lunch or stay in extended-day care.

Generations of Faith

The subject for this year's Generations of Faith is "Responding in Prayer" and the schedule is as follows:

Oct 4th and 7th – We are Called to Pray
Nov 1st and 4th – Pray Always
Dec 6th and 9th – Advent & Christmas
Jan 3rd and 6th – Catholic Prayers
Feb 7th and 10th – Lent & Easter
Mar 7th and 10th – The Lord's Prayer
March 28th – Praying Holy Week
May 2nd and 5th – Meditative Rosary
June 6th and 9th – Different Cultures

Great website to check out with your children: www.JClubCatholic.org. There's music, games, information, and even meditations. Try it!