

St. Michael's School News

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ITBS Testing

Students in Grades K-6 will be given the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) during the week of September 21st through the 25th. Testing will begin promptly each morning next week. Please call the school office early if your child is ill or running late. Testing should be completed by 10:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and by 11:00 on Friday.

Students are reminded to go to bed early, get plenty of rest, and eat a healthy breakfast. Each child needs at least two #2 pencils for the testing. It's best that the pencils actually state #2 or there's a chance that the tests will not be read by the machine. Results should be available by the middle of October.

School Jackets

A brochure was sent home last week highlighting the Brite Ideas school jackets that may be purchased. **All orders are due by Monday, September 21st.** Sample jackets are available to ensure proper sizing. A deposit of \$20 is due now and the remainder is due when the jackets arrive.

Going Green

Beginning in October, our weekly school newsletters will be sent via email. Please fill out and return the form that was sent last week so we can be sure we are sending the newsletter to the correct address. You may also choose the option of continuing paper copies.

*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.*

Fall Festival

The Home and School Association's Festival Committee has been preparing all summer for this year's Fall Festival scheduled for October 25th. In addition to the meal of homemade chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans and dessert, we will have a live auction, silent auction, raffle, country store, bingo, cake walk, and children's booths.

We have several added attractions this year. Our first ever bake-off, sponsored by the St. Michael's Catholic Daughters, will be held on Saturday, October 24th, with the winners being announced on Sunday. A volleyball tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the St. Michael's Sports Field. Horseshoe and washer tournaments will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Shiner Hobo Band will entertain from 10:30 – 12:30 in the hall. Several entertainers from the Grand Ole Opry, courtesy of a professional impersonator, will entertain throughout the auction. A petting zoo will be part of the children's booths. Dot the Clown will perform for the young and the young at heart. Food vendors will be available beginning at 3:00 with foods including sausage wraps, tamales, nachos, and funnel cakes. A street dance with DJ Boogie Shoes begins at 3:00. Beginning at 4:00, a domino tournament will be held in the hall while a children's movie is shown in the annex.

As you can see, a great deal of help will be needed for this event. Sign-up sheets are available in the hallway if you would like to choose where you will work. Please consider signing up for more than one shift. If you do not sign up, you will be assigned a booth.

Garage Sale/Bake Sale/Raffle

The St. Michael's Catholic Daughters will hold their annual Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Raffle, and Food Bar on Friday, October 2nd from 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 3rd from 7:30 until noon. There will be treasures galore and delectable pastries to choose from. The food bar will consist of chicken & dumplings, sandwiches, and desserts for dining-in or to-go.

The Catholic Daughters are looking for donations of bottled water. If you would like to donate, please bring your donation to the school office.

St. Michael's School will be participating in the Turkeyfest Parade on October 10th. Look for more information next week.

Wellness Committee

As specified in our school's Wellness Policy, a Wellness Committee will be formed each year. The purpose of this committee is to set goals for the year, monitor their implementation, and evaluate their success at the end of the year. This committee is now being formed. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Ms. Roeder.

Progress Reports

Wednesday, September 16th was the end of the first four-and-a-half weeks of school. Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, September 22nd.

Conference for Catechesis and Ministry

The Diocese of Victoria XXII Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry is being held at Holy Family Parish in Victoria on Saturday, September 26th. The Rev. Stanley DeBoe, O.S.S.T will present "Proclaiming the Word in Acts of Justice" as the morning keynote presentation. All adults are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the school or parish office.

Blessing of Animals

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis. It is custom to bless our pets on this day. However, October 4th this year is on a Sunday, so Fr. Kirby will bless the animals on **Friday, October 2nd at 7:30 a.m.**

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

Registration will take place at masses on September 19th and 20th.