

St. Michael's School News

September 25, 2009

www.stmichaels-cuero.org

P.T.C. Fall Festival

The St. Michael's Fall Festival is only a few weeks away. Plans have already begun to make this the biggest and best festival of all. Our goal this year is \$40,000! Raffle and meal tickets are being sent home today. If you need more of any of these, please check with the school office. The work list and additional information concerning the festival are enclosed.

Turkeyfest Parade

St. Michael's School will be participating in the Cuero Turkeyfest parade on Saturday, October 10th. A permission slip is enclosed.

Feast of the Archangels

The Bible tells us that angels are messengers from God who bring guidance and support in times of uncertainty. Michael, who defeated the disobedient angels, is a patron to defend us against evil. Raphael, who protected Tobias on a dangerous journey and cured his father's blindness, can be called upon when we need healing or guidance. Gabriel announced to Mary the coming of the Messiah. It is Gabriel who will announce with a trumpet the coming of Christ at the end of time.

The Church has assigned two feast days for angels in the autumn, when the earth begins to close down and people become concerned about survival during the cold, dark months to come. Angels remind us that God has not left us unprotected or alone. They remind us that spring will come, and the earth will come to life again in a blaze of color and warmth. The Feast of the Archangels is on September 29th. Everyone is invited to join us for a special prayer service on Tuesday. The Feast of the Guardian Angels is on October 2nd.

*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.*

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis. As a young man Francis liked to have a good time. His father was rich. But once, when he was sick, Francis heard our Lord calling him to leave his world and follow Him. Francis began to visit the hospitals and to serve the sick. He used to say, "When one serves the poor, he serves Christ Himself."

Because of St. Francis' closeness to nature, animals are traditionally blessed on this day. This year, however, the blessing will be given next **Friday, October 2nd** at 7:30 a.m. on the school parking lot. **Please be sure animals are on leashes or in cages.** If you are unable to bring your pets, a picture or stuffed animal can be used.

***Classes dismiss next Friday,
October 2nd at Noon for the
monthly faculty meeting.***

***Extended-day care will be open
until 5:15 p.m. Students staying in
daycare will need to bring their
lunches from home.***

Uniform Policy

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation in making sure your child adheres to the uniform policy. We do still have one major discrepancy, however. The uniform policy does not allow the navy blue dress that many of our girls are wearing. Navy, khaki and plaid jumpers are allowed, but not dresses.

A uniform committee is being formed and will begin meeting in November so that recommendations may be made to the Advisory Council for next year's policy.

Mass Days

Please remember that mass starts promptly at 8:05 a.m. on Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation. Please have your children here on time. It is very distracting and disruptive, especially for our younger students, when families arrive late.

Students are reminded that dress uniforms are required on mass days. This includes khaki pants and the navy blue polo shirt for the boys and khaki or plaid skirts or jumpers with a white shirt for the girls.

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.

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.

Generations of Faith

This year's first meeting of *Generations of Faith* will be held October 4th and 7th at Our Lady of Guadalupe. The topic will be "We are Called to Pray."

Bible Class

Father Kirby will be offering an overview of the New Testament on September 30th and October 1st from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day. The fee is \$10. Please register by Tuesday in the school office.

Thank you to James Zengerle for volunteering to mow our lawn.

Thank you to Gonzalo Diaz for replacing our lights and ballasts.

Going Green

Beginning in October, our weekly school newsletters will be sent via email. If you haven't already filled out the form, please stop by the office so we can be sure we are sending the newsletter to the correct address. You may also choose the option of continuing to receive paper copies.