

# St. Michael's School News

November 6, 2009

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## ***We Honor All Who Served***

American Revolutionary Thomas Paine wrote in his pamphlet *Common Sense*: "It is not in numbers, but in unity that our great strength lies." Those words are as true today as they were in 1776.

The unity that is America springs from one cause – freedom. Generation after generation, Americans have stepped forward to defend our freedom and to preserve the founding principles of this great Nation. From Valley Forge to Vietnam, from Kuwait to Kandahar, from Berlin to Baghdad, these patriots have stood watch over America's peace, and when necessary, they have borne the costs of our Nations's wars.

Today, there are more than 24 million living veterans. They are among our Nation's finest citizens. On Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we honor their solemn pledge to defend our freedom. We thank them for their example of service and sacrifice, and we pledge to uphold their legacy by teaching younger generations about their role in securing the blessings of liberty.

***R. James Nicholson***

Secretary of Veterans Affairs

***St. Michael's School will  
remember all those who served  
at our flag-raising on Wednesday,  
November 11<sup>th</sup>.***

*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 did not turn them in by November 4<sup>th</sup>, please let us know 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. Keseling or Ms. Roeder.

A list of all donors is enclosed.

## ***Show Us Those Smiles!***

Individual School Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. An envelope was sent home last week. Students do not need to wear their school uniforms that day. However, appropriate dress for school is required.



## *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." Thank you to Mrs. Kathy Leske for creating the sashes with the saints' names that the children wore. They certainly added to the event.

If you borrowed any costume from school, please return it. We are in need of a few costumes for our Christmas pageant. Keep in mind that the students will portray the same saint next year except for a few students so you may want to hang on to it if it is your costume. If you have any old costumes that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the school for future pageants.

## *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 Fourth 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 classroom has a collection container where students may bring in any donation they have. We were able to send an additional \$50.00 to the sponsoring organization in honor of Cristobal's birthday on November 12<sup>th</sup>. In the next few weeks, we will be asking for additional donations we can send to Cristobal for Christmas.

## *H.S.A. Meeting*

The November H.S.A meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 11<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 "Breakfast with Santa" to be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Baby-sitting will be available and the class with the most parents in attendance will receive a prize. The agenda for this meeting is enclosed.

## *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 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

## *Christmas Tree Lighting*

St. Michael's Catholic School students in Grades 3-6 will participate once again in the annual Cuero Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</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. Students will be learning the songs soon and will practice that morning with the other choirs.

*Mark your calendars today for the annual Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Notes were sent home this week concerning your child's costume. If you did not receive one, please contact Mrs. Denton. We are in need of sheep, cow, and donkey costumes such as those used last year.*

# ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Fall Festival

Sunday, October 25, 2009

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### Autumn Pumpkin

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### Harvest Moon

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Frances Keseling

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