

St. Michael's School News

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Santa's Arts and Crafts Show

We have eleven Arts and Crafts vendors who have registered to attend our annual "Santa's Arts and Crafts Show" on Saturday, December 5th. There will be a variety of items that will be sold.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. If you did not sign up, we still need your help. Just come to the hall on Saturday and we'll find something for you to do.

This event is sure to bring in a large crowd of shoppers to our fund-raiser. We are in need of items to sell that day. Items needed are home-made baked goods, home-made canned foods, or home-made crafts. Cookies or rice krispies may be packaged in smaller bags for individual sale. Larger Christmas items are needed for the Silent Auction. If you have not already sent in your ticket money, you may bring it to the hall on Saturday.

We are starting at 6:30 on Saturday morning. All pancake flippers are welcome!



*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.*

Roof Problems

As any of you who have been inside the fifth and sixth grade classroom on a rainy day can attest, we are having major problems with our ten-year old roof. Replacing the roof has been part of our school's five-year plan, but not for this year. We were only planning to begin the process of getting bids and soliciting grants. However, because of the problems we are currently experiencing in this classroom and throughout the building, we can't wait another two to three years.

We thought the roof could just be patched now while we looked for funding. However, the roof contractors that we contacted all told us that it would be useless and a waste of money to just patch. Since the current roof was just set on top of the old roof, the leaks could be coming in anywhere and just running down to that end of the building. Another decision that we are researching is whether to go with another flat roof in which case both of the old roofs would be removed or to just put a sloped roof over them in which case the air-conditioners and electrical boxes would have to be moved. This has not been an easy decision as we are looking at all possibilities.

Our bids range from \$97,000 to \$124,000 just for the roof itself, not taking into account any of the added work that will need to be done. We will need to borrow the money to complete this project. We have begun a massive grant writing campaign but this takes time. Because of the type of work that will be done and the length of time it will take, the roof will not be replaced until next summer. The students will move into the computer lab during inclement weather and we will continue to mop the floors and put out buckets and towels in that classroom or wherever else it chooses to drip. I just wanted to make sure that you know we are aware of the problem and are doing what we can to find a remedy.

If You Wish Upon A Star

Have you been wondering what to buy your child's teacher this Christmas? The faculty and staff have created the "***If You Wish Upon a Star***" Christmas tree. The stars on the tree each list a particular item the teacher would like for her classroom. Of course, we also have one for the office which includes school-wide needs. All of the items are under \$20 but feel free to share the cost of an item with another parent. If you are buying the item on a particular star, please take the star with you and attach it to the gift. Thank you all for your generosity.

Students will attend mass on Tuesday, December 8th for the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mass begins at 8:05 a.m. School dress uniforms are required.

Christmas in the Country

The annual St. Michael's School Christmas pageant will be presented on Wednesday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this heart-warming event. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors as well.

Several things are needed for this year's pageant. If you have any of these, please contact Mrs. Denton or Ms. Roeder.

- Child-sized snow skies
- Large pieces of cardboard for scenery
- 14 bales of hay
- Old barn equipment, wagon wheels, etc.
- Someone to build a stable façade with the posts we have available.
- At least 4 men to move risers from the gym to the hall **on Monday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m.**
- Odd home-made Christmas gifts (shirts with one sleeve longer than the other, etc.)

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthday in December:

- 4 – Mrs. Susan Raabe
- 7 – Jake Avant
- 18 – Macon Thomas
- 19 – Madison Cardenas
- 21 – Kale Blank
- 23 – Allison Zengerle
- 25 – Jesus Christ

Advent Parties

The students and faculty will celebrate the Advent season in anticipation of Christmas on Friday, December 18th. Parties for 3K – 6th will begin at 11:00 a.m. Students will exchange gifts at the party. Each student is asked to bring a wrapped gift that costs between \$5.00 and \$7.50. Names or numbers will be drawn during the party for the exchange of gifts. If students choose to exchange gifts with additional students, this must be done away from school unless the entire class is included.

Delinquent Tuition Payments

Please keep in mind our school policy concerning late payments and delinquent tuition as written on pages 9 and 10 of our school handbook. “. . . school families who have missed two monthly payments and have not made suitable arrangements within fourteen calendar days of the second missed payment will be informed that their children will not be readmitted to school . . . “ Our policy also reads, “If tuition is delinquent as of December 20th, students will not be readmitted on the first day of class in January.”

We have bills that must be paid in December, including our property insurance of more than \$10,000. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.