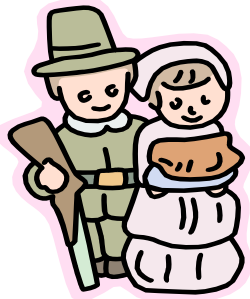


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# NEWS

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*“May we always say **THANK YOU** to God especially for his patience and mercy.”  
-Pope Francis*

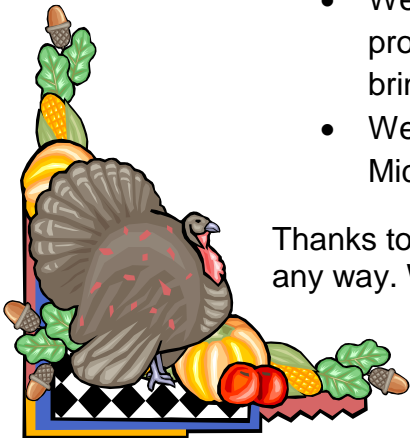
### **PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

Leaves adorned in their red and gold, dancing in the wind is a sure sign that summer has passed and fall has arrived! During the month of November, let us remember all our loved ones who have died and are seeking eternal happiness with God. Let us also pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

November is also a time that recalls all the things that we are eternally grateful for here at Saint Michael School:

- We are thankful for Fr. Byrnes for taking an active interest in the life of our school, our students, our families and for supporting Catholic education.
- We are thankful for our parents who have chosen a Catholic education for their children and willingly give of themselves by actively supporting all our efforts to continue the “Good News” of our faith.
- We are thankful for our students who eagerly come to school every day to acquire knowledge and grow in their faith.
- We are thankful for our teachers and staff who dedicate many hours to provide our students with sound instruction, guidance, and support to bring about their very best.
- We are thankful for our volunteers and parishioners who support Saint Michael School by sharing their time and talents.

Thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of Saint Michael School in any way. When counting our blessings, know that you are all among them!



## **A SINCERE NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

We wish to extend a **heartfelt thank you** to all our school families, faculty & staff, alumni, former parents, and grandparents who together, made our annual Arts & Crafts Show a successful fundraising event! Your support and assistance with the many preparations: making haluski, setting up, working the event, cleaning up, selling chances, and creating beautiful theme baskets collectively made all our efforts fruitful for the benefit of our students, your children. The selfless giving of your time and talents is a blessing to Saint Michael School! Thank you for doing your part! I know full well the sacrifices you make all in the name of Catholic education, most especially for Saint Michael School!

In addition, I would be remiss if I did not extend gratitude to Marnita Ralph for all her assistance in ordering our food and other supplies, the bingo staff for setting up the floor plan, Theresa Kelly for preparing our homemade foods, and Christine Driskel for all her work in promoting the Arts & Crafts Show through various advertising mediums. I also wish to thank our parishioners, faculty & staff members, and the craft vendors for their patronage, donations, and for volunteering to work the craft show. **As you can see, it takes many to equal success!**

## **COOKIE DOUGH PICK UP**

We thank everyone for participating in our annual magazine drive and cookie dough fundraiser. Once again, we were successful in achieving our goal.

**Delivery** of our **cookie dough** is scheduled for **Friday, November 3rd**. Parents can pick up their cookie dough between the hours of **3:15PM – 6:00PM** downstairs in the cafeteria.

I ask that you **do not** park in the school parking lot **prior to 3:15 PM** as buses will be entering and exiting through the lot. Please do not arrive before 3:15 PM as we will be busy with dismissal and will not be able to be downstairs to dispense orders. Thank you for your cooperation.

If anyone is available and willing to sort orders please call the school office. Your help is **invaluable and appreciated!**

## **PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES**

The faculty and I are looking forward to meeting with you during conferences on the evenings of **November 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. You should have received a confirmation stating the date and time for your requested conference. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to discuss the progress your child has made thus far and create a collaborative relationship in ensuring your child's continual success

throughout the remainder of the school year. Report cards will be sent home on **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** to give you ample time to review your child(ren)'s performance and prepare any questions/concerns that you may have about their progress.

### **HOSS'S COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER**

Our Home School Association is sponsoring a "Hoss's Community Event" on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Ebensburg location from **10:00 AM until closing**. Saint Michael School will receive **20%** of your purchase. In addition, by purchasing **Hoss's gift cards** through our **SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM**, we will benefit an additional **10%** in profits. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! Tickets and Hoss's gift cards for our community event can be obtained by phoning our school office @ 472-9117 or Theresa Domicica @ 886-8274. We thank Theresa for all her time and effort put into coordinating this event! **Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to dining with you!**

### **MULTIMEDIA COMPETITION**

Eighth grade students will be participating in the Diocesan Multimedia Competition at Holy Trinity Catholic School on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Each team created a Power Point Presentation under the direction of Ms. Driskel. This year's topic is "Real vs. Fake." Team members include: Jack Corcoran, Derek Domicica, Aaron Duke, Kallie Gailey, and Sydney Greene.

Our thanks to Ms. Driskel for preparing the students for the competition and to Lindsey Despot and Nadine Toth for volunteering their time to judge the presentations at the competition.

### **READING COMPETITION**

Many students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in the fall Interscholastic Reading Competition at the Bellwood Antis High School.

The Jr. High Interscholastic Reading Competition will take place on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Members of the team include: Jack Corcoran, Mason Hogue, Maya Baker, Nicholas Clark, Haley Gray, JoAnna Hoover, and Jude Koehle.

The Elementary Reading Competition will be held on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our elementary team includes the following members: Josh Corcoran, Trevor Fahr, Alec Kubat, Abby Lee, Mark Mento, Alaina Toth, Braden Wherry, Madison Cocho, Austin Gray, and Declan Schrock. Our two teams have been working very hard and we wish them much luck and success.

Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. April Cocho, have been preparing the students for the reading competitions. Their enthusiasm and love of reading is evident as they work with the students. We are grateful to them for their time and interest.

### **ATTENTION**

Please notify the office **IMMEDIATELY** of any **address, home telephone, or cell phone** number changes. It is **imperative** that this information is updated for emergency purposes.

In addition, if your child is taking **any medications** for **any reason**, we too, need to know for their safety especially in instances where you, their parents, cannot be reached. This could be a matter of life and death. All information will be kept confidential. Please see to it that you update your child's contact information and medications on a regular basis.

### **CAFETERIA**

This month we have invited the parents and grandparents of students in Kindergarten to join their child (grandchild) for lunch on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten will go to lunch after the "Pow Wow" which will be held at 11:15 AM in Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:30 AM. Adult lunches are \$3.10. Child (other than student) lunches are \$2.40.

### **CHRISTMAS GIFT EXTRAVAGANZA**

Planning and preparations for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Extravaganza formerly known as the Toy A Rama are well underway! This event has proved to be very successful in generating funds that enable the school to provide educational programs, supplies, field trips, and special events that benefit your child(ren).

A letter was sent home enlisting your help. Thank you all for such a positive response! **Thank you for responding to our call for help and assisting in meeting the needs of our school!** This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our school family together as a **team** for our students!

If you haven't already done so, please return all sold and unsold Christmas Gift Extravaganza tickets to the school office. **Basket donations and desserts** can be brought into the school office on **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** or during set-up at Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall beginning at **8AM, Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**.

To date, there has been over **600 tickets sold!** Congratulations for a job well done! We are looking forward to a very profitable, enjoyable event.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL/THANKSGIVING VACATION**

Students will be dismissed at **12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Bus transportation **WILL** be provided. We will be following the modified bus schedule. Thanksgiving vacation includes November 24<sup>th</sup> through November 27<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **LABELS/REGISTER TAPES**

Please continue saving Box Tops and labels from Tyson A+ products. These have helped us obtain many valuable materials for our school in past years, and we are hopeful for the same assistance again this year.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**RADA Orders Due** - Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Program** – December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

**First Reconciliation for Second Grade** – Saturday, December 9th @10:00 AM

**Santa's Secret Shop & Home School Christmas Luncheon**– Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Fifth Grade's Special Lunch** – Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30AM

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- When school is cancelled or delayed because of inclement weather, an announcement will be made on the local radio and television stations. If Penn Cambria cancels or delays, we are automatically cancelled or delayed. Should it be necessary to dismiss classes early due to weather conditions, broadcasts over the same stations will be made.
- SCHOOL MESSENGER - All the phone numbers you listed on your emergency procedure card in September have been entered into our School Messenger data base. As you know, we will be using this communication service to inform you of cancellations, delays, early dismissals, general announcements, etc. This has greatly improved our overall school-parent communication.

**PLEASE NOTE: After a School Messenger message has been sent out, we usually get a dozen phone calls from parents who want to know why we called. We ask that you LISTEN TO YOUR MESSAGE when you see the school's telephone number. When you call the school, you are defeating the purpose of this service. Thank you for your cooperation.**

As the weather begins to get cooler, we ask that the students bring a sweater to school that can be worn if they feel chilly. This may be left in the classroom for whenever they would need it. It is a good idea to have his/her name on the sweater. Students are not permitted to wear coats, jackets, hoodies, or sweatshirts other than the uniform approved crewneck throughout the school day.

We are appreciative of the support you give and the interest you show in your child(ren)'s education. We are thankful for the wonderful students, parents, and teachers in our school family and I pray for God's blessings on all of you.

If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please, do not hesitate to call me.

***May your Thanksgiving be abundantly blessed with family, friends, and renewed faith in all that God has and continues to provide for you! Take time each day not to ask God for anything, but to simply thank Him for all you have!***

Sincerely,

Mrs. Phister  
Principal