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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

February 14, 2018

Happy Valentine's Day!

Today is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of our Lenten Season. Our theme for this season of Lent is "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". We will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:00. Once again, we have decided to support The Broken Bus Ministry as our service project for Lent. Each student is encouraged to "double" his/her lunch by donating \$3.00 (or whatever amount is feasible) one day during this season of Lent. We will present a check to Michelle Bailes of the Broken Bus Ministry following our Stations of the Cross on March 23.

Fr. Tom, Scott Hungler, and I have been discussing and updating our campus security. At the beginning of the year, we began using large, bright orange stickers for visitors. These are easily identifiable by everyone. Mr. Hall and Mr. Beimesche have been busy running wires in each of the buildings as we will be installing a comprehensive new camera system. We take our campus security very seriously, and we are constantly looking at ways to improve our safety.

On Tuesday, I will be hosting a "Coffee With Mrs. Murphy" in the Multi-Purpose room from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The main topic of discussion will be the grade level reconfiguration for next year.

I am sure you have noticed that Officer Dee Dee Smith of the Sharonville Police Department has been present during morning arrival the past few days. I have asked her to help me enforce procedures to ensure the safety of all our students. **Please follow these rules, which are for student safety:**

- Oak Street is for bus drop off.
- Walnut Street is for car riders.
- All students crossing the street are to do so at a crosswalk.

Please remember there is no school Friday or Monday.

Have a wonderful week!

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

PTO News

PTO Volunteer Appreciation Event

We are SO excited to celebrate with our wonderful St. Michael school volunteers at the Brick House on Thursday, March 8th, from 7:00-9:00p.m. If you are a volunteer for St. Michael School, this night is for YOU! We will be giving special recognition to our Committee Heads and our Homeroom Coordinators who do SO MUCH during the year!

Please see the attached flyer for more details...and don't forget **to RSVP (RSVP link is inside attachment)**.

Fish Fry Volunteers

There are still a few shifts left for students in 6th-8th to help as Bussers or at the Drink Table, as well as for clean-up crew each Friday night!

Here's the link if you would like to volunteer for this Parish event:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ca8a929a0f85-20>

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held February 20-23, and we could use a few more volunteers. If you can help, please contact PTO at stmichaelppto@gmail.com.

Art Night

On February 21, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., during the Book Fair, Mrs. Ehrler will host a mini-Family Art Night. You can enjoy making mini-art projects and shop for books!

Boxtops

Boxtops = free \$\$ for our school! BOXTOP COLLECTION SHEETS are due on February 20! Thank you to those who have sent in their Boxtops Collection Sheets!

If you need extra sheets, please just tape or glue 25 Boxtops to a piece of paper. Thank you for your support!

Important Dates to Remember

- Feb. 15 - End of Second Trimester
- Feb. 16 - No School—Teacher In-Service Day
- Feb. 19 - No School—Presidents' Day
- Feb. 20-23 - Book Fair
- Feb. 20-23 - Right-to-Read Week
- Feb. 21 - Family Art Night
- Feb. 23 - Report Cards Distributed

Mustangs Serve News

7th Annual Banana Bake Sale: Results!

Going Bananas for Orphans in India

By Wendy Sauer

Drum roll.....the Mustangs Serve Banana Bake Sale made \$1,346 for Back2Back Ministries, India! WOW! This money will purchase a 131-day supply of bananas and feed 600 children directly at:

- **Their Campus:** 33 kids. They are also preparing to break ground for the construction of a primary (K-5th) school to be built on their campus that when completed, will serve the children of 50-75 more families in rural villages.
- **Christ for All Feeding Center:** they provide a hot, nutritious meal 6 nights a week along with tutoring and Bible teaching.
- **Little Tom School:** a Muslim community.
- **4 “Strong Families”:** they live in the slums and their program helps keep families together.
- **7 girls** in a new all-female children’s home.

Special thanks to everyone who baked and purchased the yummy banana treats, gave generous donations, and to Abby Girl Sweets in Blue Ash (next to City BBQ) who donated 2 dozen delicious cupcakes! Also, thanks to the following families who worked at the bake sale table: *George, Bailey, and Sauer.*



Parish News

Safe Families for Children

Imagine that you are the young, single mother of a beautiful baby boy. You have fought hard over the last year to pull yourself out of a cycle of drug abuse and homelessness, and you are succeeding. You have an opportunity to return to school and get an education that will help secure a future for you and your baby. Imagine the anxiety of trying to find someone you can trust to take care of him while you are getting your life back on track. Where can you turn for the assistance you need?

Luckily, there is Safe Families for Children, a nonprofit, volunteer movement that provides hope and support to families in our local communities. Safe Families for Children creates extended, family-like support for desperate families through a community of devoted volunteers who are motivated by faith to keep children safe and keep families intact.

We are eager to engage the community of St. Michael in the Safe Families movement. You are invited to attend an informational evening with Chris Combs, Executive Director of Safe Families for Children’s Greater Cincinnati branch, on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00, here at St. Michael. Chris will explain the movement and the many ways you can get involved to support families in crisis. For more information, please contact Jason Sauer (jasonsauer@outlook.com, 513-545-2555). We hope to see you there!

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If you have any news that you would like to share with our St. Michael Parish School community, please email Kaylene Schwab at kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net.