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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

February 21, 2018

I hope you had a wonderful long weekend. I loved having the warmer weather and especially loved seeing the sunshine. I know the students enjoyed playing outside yesterday.

Thank you to the parents who came to have coffee with me yesterday. I appreciate the thoughts you shared; it is nice to hear the parent perception. I will plan for another one after spring break.

We started our Third Trimester yesterday. Report cards will come home on Friday.

I am looking to form a small marketing committee to assist in the marketing of our parish school. If you have some background in marketing and would like to be considered, please call the office or send me an email.

Thank you for all that you do!

Have a wonderful week!

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 20-23 - Book Fair

Feb. 20-23 - Right-to-Read Week

Feb. 21 - Family Art Night

Feb. 23 - Report Cards Distributed

Mar. 4 - Sports Mass at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses

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!

Don't forget to **RSVP!**

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>

Art Night

Tonight, 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!

Parish News

Safe Families for Children

Imagine that you are the mother of three beautiful, funny and smart young girls. You have come to Cincinnati to escape the domestic violence that plagued you back home. Imagine that these troubles are compounded by the fact that you have a serious heart condition, which often leaves you incapable or unavailable to care for your children while you seek the necessary treatments to keep you alive. Who can you rely on to take care of your girls while you are in the hospital or recovering from your most recent surgery?

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, this Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 in the Multi-Purpose room adjacent to the cafeteria. 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!

Boosters News

Sports Mass

Every year, St. Michael Parish holds a Sports Mass to recognize our young Mustangs and Golden Bears. This year, it is **March 4, 2018, at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses.**

The kids are encouraged to wear their uniforms if they happen to have them, and to wear blue and gold if they play a fall or spring sport and don't have a uniform.

The coaches may contact you to arrange sitting together as a team; you can arrange for your kids to sit together with teammates; or you can sit together as a family, whatever you choose. Either way, we encourage blue and gold that day to show Mustang Spirit. Go Mustangs!

St. Michael Serves News

Lent St. Michael Serves – March 2018

St. Michael Serves weekend is March 9-10, and we will be offering service opportunities that are open to the entire parish – families, singles, seniors, teens, etc. **Space is limited for off-site projects, so advanced sign-up is mandatory.** Please contact Mary Heilers at mary.heilers@gmail.com or 779-4626 to sign-up and get additional details on the projects, or if you have questions.

Friday, March 9 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Princeton Closet – (Adults only) Volunteers will sort and fold clothes for needy kids in Princeton Schools.

Saturday, March 10 – Offsite Locations

Cottingham – 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Visit with residents of Cottingham Retirement Community while enjoying the following activities with them:

- Coffee, juice, donuts, and conversation
- Sing-along OR Bingo

Warm Welcomes – 9:00-11:00 a.m. - The mission of Warm Welcomes is to partner with community members of all ages to encourage, empower, and enrich the lives of youth in foster care. Volunteers will be going to their West Chester location to stuff Welcome Bags with age-appropriate items that will be given to children entering foster care in Southwest Ohio.

Healing Center – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon - The Healing Center provides help to residents of Greater Cincinnati when challenges invade their lives by offering practical (food pantry and clothing/household items), social, and spiritual support to over 3,000 guests per month. The majority of the guests are families with young children. Volunteers gather to sort, organize, and prepare food donations from Kroger and clothing donations to be distributed to their Food and Warehouse stores. Younger children (ages 10+) can work in the prep room making bags of groceries with adult supervision.

Saturday, March 10 – St. Michael Cafeteria

Come any time between 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Rosary Making – We will be teaching craft bead rosary making. The completed rosaries will be donated to Holy Cross Family Ministries. <http://www.hcfm.org/en/SupportHCFM/Volunteer/SendUsYourRosaries.aspx>

Warm Welcomes Blankets – In additional support of Warm Welcomes Foster Care Outreach, we will be making no-sew blankets that will be used in the Welcome Bags. A blanket is included with every bag that is given to a foster child.

St. Vincent de Paul and Princeton Closet Personal Care Bags - Volunteers will assemble care bags for our St. Michael chapter of St. Vincent DePaul and Princeton Closet to hand out to their clients in need. The bags will include personal care items and a prayer card. *Personal care item donations are needed for this project - toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.*

Cottingham Easter Basket Making –Volunteers will be making Easter baskets and filling them with candy and goodies for the residents at Cottingham.

Dog Toy Making – Braided dog toys will be made from old t-shirts to donate to a local animal shelter.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

News to Share?

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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.