



# THE MUSTANG *messenger*



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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

August 24, 2017

## **Happy New Year!**

Many use this greeting at the beginning of a calendar year. However, to me, the first day of a new school year is my Happy New Year. This is always my favorite day of the year. It was so exciting to see all of the smiles on the children's faces as they returned to school today. I am looking forward to another wonderful school year filled with faith, friendships and learning.

Wednesday is once again the day in which school-wide communications are sent home. Our Mustang Messenger is also available online and is emailed to parents weekly. All print copies of communication are sent home with the youngest child each week. Parents needing a print copy of the Mustang Messenger should indicate so on the form sent home today. We would be happy to send a print copy if needed.

I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new families this year. This year we are happy to welcome 54 new students to St. Michael! I ask all of our current students and families to help them to feel welcome. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Hileman for all of her work arranging the buddy families. This labor of love is so appreciated by all of us here at St. Michael. Thank you also to our buddy families who help to make our new friends feel comfortable here by welcoming them so warmly into our school and parish community.

All of our staff members will be introduced on our Curriculum Nights, which are August 29th (1-3) and 31st (4-8) at 7:00. Save the date!

As you go through the many pieces of information you receive from us this week, you may notice that our school handbook is now available online. Many additions and necessary changes were made. While we prefer that our families utilize the online handbook, you will also be given the option for a printed copy if online access is not available for your family.

Over the summer, our maintenance department has been very busy sprucing up our school. All of the classrooms in the main school building have been painted and received new shades. The map of the United States has been repainted. The multipurpose room has received a beautiful facelift.

Mrs. Hannah has spent the summer landscaping our grounds. She has truly made God's Creation look beautiful. She is artistic and inspiring working in the yard.

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I want to thank our generous PTO for purchasing new desks and chairs in Mr. Herbert's classroom while Mrs. High received new science lab tables and chairs.

We ask all visitors to come to the main office prior to entering any other buildings. With the safety of everyone, we are utilizing new visitor stickers to help us identify guests. The stickers are larger and bright orange. After we met on the playground for Fr. Tom's blessing, I showed them to the students. I explained to them if they see someone with an orange sticker to say hello as they passed. If they see someone they do not recognize without an orange sticker they need to let a teacher know.

We have so many things to look forward to this school year. St. Michael Parish School truly is a special place to learn and grow "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet". Each new school year brings impressive accomplishments, engaging opportunities and inevitable challenges. I am delighted to be experiencing all of these events with you and your children and will be sharing all of this information via the Mustang Messenger throughout the school year.

Have a wonderful week!

Yours in Christ,

*Carolyn Murphy*

Principal

## 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](mailto:kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net).