



THE MUSTANG *messenger*



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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

August 29, 2018

Thank you to all of you for coming to Curriculum Night last night. It was wonderful to see so many of you! Thank you to the many people from PTO and the Walk-A-Thon Committee who shared important information with us as well. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful community!

Today, your child is bringing home many important papers. Most of the papers are concerning Walk-A-Thon. There is also an income form. This form is very important as it determines the amount of federal funds St. Michael Parish School receives. This is completely confidential. If you haven't filled out and returned the forms from last week (permission forms, student handbook, and family data form), please return them to your child's classroom teacher by this Friday.

The Parent-Student Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year is now available on the school website.

The beginning of the year is always a good time to bring to your attention some general rules: skirts/skorts are not to be more than 4 inches above the back of the knee; socks are to be only solid navy, black, or white; students in grades 6-8 must wear a black or brown belt with all shorts or pants. Students who bring electronic devices (cell phones, e-Readers, iPads, smart watches, etc.) to school are responsible if they are lost, stolen, or damaged. These devices are not to be out or used during school hours without teacher permission.

I want to mention again our drop off and pick up procedures. When you drop off your child on Walnut, pull up as far as possible. This will allow more cars to drop off. Attached to this Mustang Messenger are two detailed maps (1 for drop off and 1 for pick up). If you have any questions, please call the office.

Volunteers and VIRTUS Requirements: We love to have parents volunteer at our school. Please know that we cannot accept any volunteers who have not attended a VIRTUS Child Protection class. They must also complete a Fastrax background check. Both registration for the VIRTUS class and the background check can be found at www.virtusonline.org. We are holding a special VIRTUS class on September 12th at 6:15 p.m. for St. Michael families only. Those who plan to attend must pre-register online; there can be no walk up registrations. Volunteers who have already attended a class must read the monthly bulletins and answer the follow up question in order to remain compliant, therefore remaining eligible to volunteer. Anyone who is behind three or more bulletins becomes ineligible to volunteer and will have to take the class again. All of this information is according to Archdiocesan rules and regulations. For the safety of all of our children, we cannot make any exceptions.

Have a safe and fun-filled Labor Day Weekend!

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

School News

Cafeteria

If you feel that you qualify for free or reduced lunches, please see the eligibility guidelines and application on our website at <http://stmichaelsharonville.org/CURRENTFAMILIES/CafeteriaMenu.aspx>.

Spirit Day/Penny Power

Usually, the first Wednesday of the month is Spirit Day / Penny Power. Our first Spirit Day / Penny Power Day is next **Wednesday, September 5**. For those who are new to St. Michael Parish School, on Spirit Days, you can wear any St. Michael spirit wear (festival, Walk-A-Thon, etc.). If you are new to St. Michael and do not have any spirit wear, you can wear our school colors (blue and gold). Students do not need to wear uniform bottoms, but they must adhere to the dress code (not too short, etc.). Penny Power encourages students to bring in loose change to their homeroom teacher. This helps the teacher to fund special projects throughout the year.

Important Dates to Remember

August

31 School Mass—8:15 a.m.

September

3 No School—Labor Day

5 Spirit Day/Penny Power

6 PTO Meeting—7:00 p.m.

19 Fall Picture Day

20 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting—7:00 p.m.

21 Walk-a-Thon

27 Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting—7:00 p.m.

28 St. Michael Feast Day Celebration

Other News

Join Cub Scouts!

Boys in grades 1-5 are invited to join St. Michael's Pack 96 and have a blast! Camping, fishing, shooting sports, field trips, crafts, and more - parents and sons together. To find out more, join us in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, September 4 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., or contact Cubmaster Jeremy Helmes, jhelmes@gmail.com, 513-484-0257.

What is Girls On the Run?

Deadline to register is tonight!

Meeting twice a week in small teams, Girls on the Run teaches life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches and includes three parts: understanding themselves, valuing relationships and teamwork, and understanding how girls connect with and shape the world at large. GOTR is not a running club. Girls on the Run is a physical activity, positive youth development program.

GOTR at St. Michael School is open to girls in grades 3 and 4. We will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays right after school from 3:00-4:30 p.m. for 10 weeks! Please only register if you know you can commit to these 10 weeks, meeting twice a week. Our season will end with a 5K at Sawyer Point on November 17th.

More information is available in the GOTR handout included with this Mustang Messenger.

If you have questions, contact Andrea Pellegrino at apellegrino11@gmail.com.

Job Opportunity

The Extended Day Program (EDP) is in need of two adults to work Monday, Thursday, and Friday, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. You must be VIRTUS compliant. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Francis at sfrancis@stmichaelsharonville.org.

PTO News

Walk-A-Thon

The 2018 Walk-A-Thon is right around the corner and will take place on **Friday, September 21st** at Sharon Woods! The themed Walk-A-Thon is the largest and most important fundraiser that St. Michael School PTO sponsors, and it is 100% profit for the PTO. For those new to St. Michael School, Walk-A-Thon is a fun-filled day where students, faculty, and parents walk laps at Sharon Woods to raise money for the school. Parents are invited to donate small prizes to be awarded to students at a pep rally which will take place a few weeks after Walk-A-Thon. Students love winning movie certificates, gift cards for sporting goods, frozen yogurt, Sky Zone, etc. - no donation is too small! Information regarding fundraising, volunteering, and the day's activities will be coming home with students soon. We hope you can join us to walk with your kids! If you have any questions about Walk-A-Thon, feel free to contact one of the committee members: Heather Willis (trailrunn@yahoo.com), Jen Tierney (jentierney314@gmail.com), or Jen Snyder (jensnyder22@gmail.com).

Walk-A-Thon t-shirt order forms are included in your Wednesday packet today. Please fill out one T-shirt form PER FAMILY and return to the school no later than **Friday, September 7, 2018**. The shirts are a great way to show school spirit on the day of Walk-A-Thon, and can be worn on Spirit days throughout the school year. The shirts are not just limited to students! Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa and little sibs are welcome to order shirts too! Please let Jen Tierney know if you have any questions.

Help Needed!

Jen Tierney, **WAT Treasurer**, is looking for someone to shadow her this year with the goal of taking over the treasurer position next year. She will be available next year to provide backup and support. The position only requires a time commitment from August through mid-October. If you love organizing spreadsheets and tracking money-this is the positions for you! You can contact Jen at jentierney314@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like more information.

We are also in need of someone to shadow our **WAT Pizza Chair**, Casey Burwinkel, this fall, as this will be her last year at St. Michael School. Please contact PTO at stmichaelpto@gmail.com if you are interested, or would like more information.

PTO Meeting

Our first PTO meeting of the year is a business meeting on Thursday, September 6, at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars now to plan to attend! We will once again offer out-of-uniform passes for the students of all who attend (and teachers too!)

Service Hours

We are looking for a few junior high students to provide babysitting for parents at our PTO Meeting. This volunteer opportunity does count as service hours. As a reminder, 8th grade students need 15 hours of service as part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your student is interested, please contact PTO at stmichaelpto@gmail.com.

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.