



THE MUSTANG *messenger*



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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

September 5, 2018

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and were able to stay cool. Yesterday, after recess, I declared it was time for heat relief and delivered popsicles to each of the classrooms. It was a great way to cool off and continue learning.

As stated in last week's Mustang Messenger, the Parent-Student Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year is on the school website. Please pay careful attention to the detailed **No Threats/Bullying** section beginning on page 30. This updated policy follows the guidelines set by the Education Office at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The other changes fall under the uniform section. We have added criteria for the length of boys' hair and expanded the color and style of sweatshirts students may wear.

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. The next VIRTUS class at St. Michael is September 12th, which is a special session is 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 3 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.

I know many forms came home the first week of school. If you are still working to complete these, please do so and return them to school by the end of the week.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

School News

St. Michael Feast Day

Volunteers Needed: Parents, grandparents, friends, we need help for our St. Michael Feast Day celebration on Friday, September 28. The 8th graders will be running the activities, so we need volunteers to supervise and assist if needed. If you are available and willing to help that day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:20 p.m., please contact Wendy Schworer at wschworer@stmichaelsharonville.org. Please remember that all volunteers must be VIRTUS compliant!

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.

Important Dates to Remember

September

- 6 PTO Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- 19 Fall Picture Day
- 20 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- 21 Walk-a-Thon
- 21 Tony Alonso Concert—7:30 p.m.
- 27 Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- 28 St. Michael Feast Day Celebration

Parish News

ARISE Together in Christ

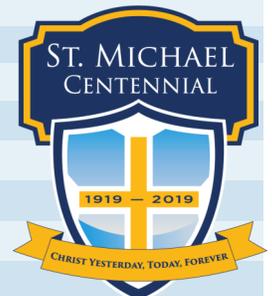
What is *ARISE Together in Christ*? *ARISE* is a newly-created three-year parish-centered process of spiritual renewal in small faith communities. Why not be part of something that promises to have a positive effect on the renewal of the Catholic Church in our parish? *ARISE* Season 1 is open to everyone, and it is an opportunity to get to know others from your parish. Only 90 minutes a week for 6 weeks can change your life. You can sign up for a group on the weekends of September 8-9 and September 15-16.

St. Michael Parish Centennial

We are about to embark on a year-long celebration of our parish centennial. The celebration officially begins the weekend of September 29 and 30, but our first event will be held the weekend before. The St. Michael Centennial celebration begins with a concert by composer and theologian Tony Alonso on Friday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. in church. Tony's music appears in compilations and hymnals across Christian denominations throughout the world. In 2015, Tony's work was recognized with an invitation to compose the responsorial for the first Mass Pope Francis celebrated in the United States.

Upcoming Centennial Events:

Date	Event
9/21/2018	Tony Alonso in Concert at St. Michael
9/29/2018	Centennial Kick-Off Mass for Feast of St. Michael
11/4/2018	St. Michael Euchre Tournament
Christmas, 2018	100th Celebration of Christmas Mass at St. Michael Parish
2/23/2019	Centennial Dinner and Dance at Manor House
August, 2019	Parish Picnic and Field Mass
2019 Season	Cyclones Game
2019 Season	Reds Game
2019 Season	FC Cincinnati Game
9/29/2019	Centennial Closing Mass for Feast of St. Michael with Archbishop Schnurr at 11:30



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 stmichaelppto@gmail.com if you are interested, or would like more information.

PTO Meeting

Thursday is our first PTO meeting of the year! This is our business meeting and our budget will be shared. All families that attend will receive out-of-uniform passes for their students. We will also be raffling off an Amazon gift card. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria and will include a presentation from Sharonville Police Department about ALICE training.

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 stmichaelppto@gmail.com.

VIRTUS

Please make sure you are VIRTUS compliant. To be VIRTUS compliant means that you have attended the class, completed a background check, and have read your monthly VIRTUS training bulletins. **There will be a training here at St. Michael on September 12. This session is only open to St. Michael parishioners and school families.** If you want to volunteer IN ANY CAPACITY at St. Michael—including the Walk-A-Thon—you MUST be VIRTUS compliant.

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.