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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

September 6, 2017

Welcome to September! I hope all of you had a wonderful long weekend. The weather was certainly gorgeous. Please send your child to school with a sweater or sweatshirt, as the mornings can be chilly and warm up in the afternoon.

Thank you to those of you who have sent in items for Matthew 25 Ministries to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We are still accepting items if you would like to donate. Please keep in mind those that may be affected by Hurricane Irma.

I have noticed a lot of congestion on Oak Street in the morning as some of you are dropping off your child, and the buses are trying to pull up and drop off bus riders. Beginning tomorrow, I am asking that car riders be dropped off in the morning on Walnut Street, while the buses will continue to drop off students on Oak Street.

I am reminding you to use the crosswalk when crossing with your child.

Teachers typically check email before and after school. If you have a last minute transportation change, please call the school office and we will relay the message to your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful week!

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

School News

Protecting Our Children

If you are planning on volunteering at St. Michael Parish School, you must be VIRTUS compliant, which means that you have attended a VIRTUS class, are current on your monthly training bulletins, and have passed a background check. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires that any adult having any contact with any student must be compliant. This includes chaperoning field trips, coaching any sports, and volunteering in the classroom, cafeteria, playground, and at Walk-a-Thon (September 22). St. Michael currently has a VIRTUS class scheduled for September 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. You must preregister online for the class at www.virtusonline.org. If that date doesn't work for you, you can register to take the class at another parish. If you need a background check, please call the Parish Office at 563-6377 for a payment token.

Feast Day Volunteers

We need parent volunteers to assist/run our St. Michael Feast Day activities on Friday, September 29 from 8:00 until approximately noon (at the latest). If you are able to help us, please email Mrs. Schworer at wschworer@stmichaelsharonville.org. Remember, you must be VIRTUS trained and current with your bulletins to volunteer. Thank you.

Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 7 - PTO Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 18 - Booster Meeting @7:00 p.m. om cafeteria
Sept. 19 - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20 - Fall Picture Day
Sept. 22 - Walk-A-Thon
Sept. 28 - Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29 - St. Michael Feast Day
Oct. 1 - Spaghetti Dinner

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>.

Bible Study News

I would like to invite all of you to join us for child-friendly Bible study at my house presented by Fr. Tom. The Bible study is done in the style of Lectio Divina and focuses on the Sunday readings for the upcoming week. Generally we meet two Wednesdays a month at 9:45, but the dates are a little odd this time since Fr. Tom is traveling in September and October. The dates for the remainder of this year are:

- September 20, 27
- October 11, 18
- November 8
- December 13

This is a very child-friendly group and we all understand interruptions, disruptions, crying, and all the other challenges we face with young kids. This is a great way to make time for reading scripture, which often gets forgotten in our very busy lives. It is also an opportunity to share your faith in a small group format. Please email me if you are interested in joining us - mary.heilers@gmail.com.

Mustangs Serve News

Mustangs Serve

Mustangs Serve, a service group at St. Michael Parish School, provides family friendly volunteering opportunities outside of school hours. As a group, we get out in our community and partner with various local organizations to serve others. It is a lot of fun, a perfect way to get to know other families, and these opportunities are great for any age.

If your family or school group is interested in organizing a Mustangs Serve event, please contact me by clicking [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to subscribe to the Mustangs Serve mailing list.

Click [HERE](#) to like our Facebook page.

Thanks! Wendy Sauer, Wendy.Sauer@Outlook.com or cell: 513-702-4844

Hurricane Harvey

Mustangs Serves is partnering with **Matthew 25 Ministries** in Blue Ash to help aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We are praising God that trucks filled with relief aid left M25M yesterday and are already on their way down south. But, this will be a long-term relief effort, so they will continue to accept donations of relief supplies for future shipments.

Father Tom had the great idea of turning this into a teachable moment for your kids. Please consider having your kids do a few chores (or even use their own money!) **to earn** the money to buy the items that will be passed along to M25M!

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Please consider donating any of the items listed below. Donations can be sent to school, dropped off at Matthew 25 Ministries, or the home of Wendy Sauer (4083 Peachey Ct., Sharonville).

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, 100% of donations designated to Hurricane Harvey through Matthew 25 Ministries will be used for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Click [HERE](#) to donate.



PTO News

Walk-A-Thon

The 2017 Walk-A-Thon is right around the corner and will take place on **Friday, September 22nd** 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. **Please note that t-shirt order forms are due by September 11.** 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).

PTO Meeting

Our first PTO Meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will be introducing our board and our teachers, presenting our budget, discussing Walk-A-Thon, and having some fun! Babysitting will be provided. Stay tuned for more information!

Boosters News

Boosters Meeting

The next Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, in the cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact St. Michael Boosters President Matt Graber at mattgraber44@gmail.com.

Basketball Registration

Registration is now open for both boys and girls basketball (grades 3-8). You can register online at www.stmichaelboosters.org.

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.