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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

September 13, 2017

Happy Wednesday!

We have the BEST students! I love walking around our campus and hearing the students greet me with a happy, "Hello, how are you today?" I enjoy watching a classmate help a friend when he trips. Thank you for instilling such wonderful values in your children and for entrusting them to us.

Our Walk-A-Thon is 8 days away. We will be leaving school at 9:30 to head over to Sharon Woods. Please encourage your friends and family to support our school Walk-A-Thon; 100% of the proceeds from our walk benefits St. Michael Parish School.

This week our Kindergarteners are learning all about apples! They made "All About Apples" books and listed apple facts. Their big focus is sequencing. They sequenced the life cycle of the apple and how to eat an apple. They are looking forward to their "Apple Taste Test". If you have a kindergartner, make sure to ask your child, "Which apple did most of the children like?"

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. 18 - Booster Meeting @ 8:00 p.m. in 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>. **Applications are due by Friday, September 15.**

The Kate Update

By Morgan Snyder and John Callahan

As we approach the anniversary of Kate's diagnosis, we finally have some good news to report! Her latest MRI showed that her tumor has decreased in size! This is the first time that Kate's tumor has shown a decrease in size.

Keep the positive thoughts and prayers coming—they are obviously working!

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.

PTO News

Walk-A-Thon

The 2017 Walk-A-Thon is next week—**Friday, September 22** at Sharon Woods! The 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!

Important Notes:

- **Pledge forms** (one per student) are due on Monday, September 18.
- **Pizza order forms** (one per student) are also due on Monday, September 18.
- **Chipotle fundraiser** on Wednesday, September 20.
- All forms are available on the school website.

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).

Boosters News

Boosters Meeting

The next Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, at 8:00 p.m. 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.

High School News

Mercy McAuley High School Open House

The Open House for the new Mercy McAuley High School will be held from 1:00-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, and Sunday, November 12, 2017. Both events will be held at 6000 Oakwood Avenue in College Hill. Guests may choose the date that is most convenient for them. Prospective students of all grade levels and family members are invited to attend any time during these hours. Those who attend will tour the campus and talk with current Mother of Mercy and McAuley students, faculty, staff and parents. Attendees will also learn about Mercy McAuley's academic programs, athletics, arts, clubs and more. Members of the Mercy McAuley Transition Committee will also be on hand to answer questions. Pre-register for the Open House at www.mcauleyhs.net or www.motherofmercy.org to save time at check-in.

Mercy McAuley High School, a new all-girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, will open at 6000 Oakwood Avenue in the fall of 2018.

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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.