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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

September 19, 2018

Walk-A-Thon is only 2 days away! The students, faculty, and I are looking forward to it! The forecast for Friday looks a bit questionable. There is a chance of rain; I am praying it holds off until school is out. In the event that we alter the plans for the day, each family will receive a RoboCall letting you know the plans. Your child is welcome to wear a hat or a visor. I also recommend sending them with a water bottle. Please label all items with your child's name. If you purchased a WAT t-shirt, your child brought it home last Friday. If there is a problem with your order, please contact Jen Snyder at jensnyder22@gmail.com. Thank you to our wonderful WAT committee and everyone who has volunteered.

On Friday, we will have our weekly school Mass at 8:15 a.m. The students will return to their homerooms, and we will leave for Sharon Woods at approximately 9:30 a.m. On WAT day, many parents have chosen to take their child(ren) home from Sharon Woods; to help us keep track of everyone, parents must sign their children out before they leave with them. There will be sign out sheets at the nurse's station.

Pope Francis has said, "The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service." I am excited to announce that St. Michael Parish School has again been awarded two \$1,000 Learning Links Grants from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation! These grants were written by Mrs. Heilers and Mrs. Sauer, along with Mrs. Capell and Mrs. Schworer, to help fund our School Day Volunteer Program, Mustangs Serve. I am so appreciative to the Mustang Serve Committee for all of their hard work and dedication to organizing these School Day Service Projects. Congratulations to Mrs. Wendy Sauer, Mrs. Mary Heilers, Mrs. Capell, and Mrs. Schworer.

I hope to see you Friday.

Yours in Christ,

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

School News

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

- 20 City BBQ Fundraiser (Blue Ash)—All 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

The deadline to sign up for Arise Small Groups is **today, Wednesday September 19!** You can drop off your sign up card in the box in the Gathering Space or sign up online through St. Michael's website at www.saintmichaelchurch.net/arise. We hope you'll consider this wonderful opportunity for a peaceful moment of spiritual growth in your life.

St. Michael Parish Centennial

The St. Michael Centennial celebration begins this **Friday, September 21**, with a concert by composer and theologian Tony Alonso. 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. We hope you can join us in **Church at 7:30 p.m.** for this very special event!



Spaghetti Dinner

The St. Michael Parish Spaghetti Dinner is an annual event that features food, fellowship, and fun for all who attend!

The delicious dinner is prepared by LaRosa's. Parish members serve as dinner hosts, servers, cooks, bussers, and in many other volunteer roles.

The 2018 Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 21**.

If you'd like to participate as a volunteer please send an email to stmichaelspaghettidinner@gmail.com.

PTO News

Walk-A-Thon

Friday is the big day! Students will attend Mass at 8:15 a.m. before going over to Sharon Woods for our Walk-A-Thon. Students may wear their Walk-A-Thon t-shirts or any St. Michael spirit wear. Students will be leaving school around 9:30 to walk to Sharon Woods. If you are a homeroom chaperone please arrive to school no later than 9:15 am. If you are volunteering as a lap counter or any other morning job at Sharon Woods, please arrive by 9:30. Thank you to our fantastic Walk-A-Thon committee for all their hard work this year! (and every year!). And thank you to all our parents and grandparents for their help that day and with sending in items needed for the Walk-A-Thon.

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. **Our next training here at St. Michael will be Wednesday, September 26 at 6:15 p.m.** If this date doesn't work for you, you can find another session at www.virtusonline.org. Remember, if you want to volunteer IN ANY CAPACITY at St. Michael—including the Walk-A-Thon—you MUST be VIRTUS compliant.

Scout News

Kindergarten Girl Scout Troop Formation Meeting

Picture this: a safe, no-limits place designed specifically for girls, where they're inspired to seek out new challenges, build important skills, and take the lead. That's Girl Scouts—a place where every girl has the space and support she needs to reach her full potential and accomplish amazing things. With a unique network of more than 50 million girls and women to cheer her on every step of the way, a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure starts here.

Join us for a Kindergarten Troop Formation Meeting in the St. Michael School Library at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26**. All kindergarten girls who are students at St. Michael School or parishioners and their parents/caretakers are welcome.

Have a question or want more information? Or do you have an older girl looking for a troop? Contact Julien Warren at julienwarren@gsw.org or St. Michael School coordinator Katie Kelley Schmid at katiek75@fuse.net.

Scout News

Mustangs Basketball

Basketball registration is open for both boys and girls in grades 3-8. Registration for boys closes on September 29, and for girls on October 13. You can register online at www.stmichaelboosters.org.

Mustangs Serve News

Mustangs Serve -- September Serving Opportunity

Project Linus: Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need. These blankets are given to kids through various organizations from hospitals to homeless shelters.

Website: <http://www.projectlinus.org/>

When: Sunday, September 30th, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: St. Michael Cafeteria

Volunteer Description: We will be making no-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus. You will need to bring ONE 1 ½ yards of fleece fabric and TWO pairs of sharp scissors. It takes about 45 minutes to make one blanket. Show up anytime between 3:00-4:30 p.m. to make sure that we are finished by 5:00 p.m. You could also make it really easy and buy one of the "No Sew Fleece Blanket Kits" at JoAnn Fabrics and bring that with you!

Please RSVP: RSVP to Wendy Sauer. Call or text: 513-702-4844 or email Wendy.Sauer@outlook.com.

Can't attend?: Consider making a blanket on your own. Completed blankets can be dropped off anytime at the Evendale JoAnn Fabrics.

Mustangs Serve -- Shadow Update

THANK YOU to Catie Anderson (Ellie – 3rd and Jacob -- Kindergarten) for leading and shadowing me this year with Mustangs Serve (projects outside of school). **If you are interested in learning more about co-leading with Catie next school year**, please either reach out directly to Catie (cjbanderson07@gmail.com) or Wendy Sauer (Wendy.Sauer@outlook.com).

ALSO, SPECIAL THANKS TO Mary Heilers (Kara – 8th, Nick – 4th, and Leah – Kindergarten) and Angie Kiser (AJ – 7th and Abby – 3rd) who are shadowing me this year to take over the school day service projects next year!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

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.