Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

November 29, 2017

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving break. Spending time with family and friends is always a special blessing. The next few weeks will be filled with many special events as we celebrate Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus. I would like to invite each of you to our Advent Prayer Service on Monday, December 4 at 2:00.

Our Student Council is hosting it's annual Donut Day tomorrow and Friday. All proceeds benefit the Kevin Le Scholarship fund. They will be selling donut holes and clementines in the Multi-Purpose room from 7:35-8:00 a.m. You can buy 3 donut holes or 1 clementine for \$0.50 each. Limit 1 serving per day.

Lately, there have been many lost sweatshirts, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc., at school. Please take time to label everything in permanent marker. We want to get the lost items back to their owner.

Next Wednesday is our monthly Spirit Day/Penny Power. Students may come to school wearing St. Michael spirit wear. Any loose change brought in for Penny Power will help offset classroom projects and/or special events.

Have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Carolyn Murphy

Principal

School News

Advent Project

Madhatter's Closet collects clothing for students in grades K-12 in lower Price Hill. The students of Oyler Community Learning Center come to "shop" at the facility twice a year or more often if needed. Items are collected and sorted by volunteers who also help the children shop for their free, "new" clothes.

We are collecting GENTLY-used clothing for this very worthy charity on Tuesday, December 12. If you have any children's size clothing that is in good condition that you would like to donate, please place it in a garbage bag marked Madhatter's and bring/send it to school on December 12. The clothing will be picked up that morning by one of the facility's volunteers. NO SCHOOL NAMES MAY BE ON THE CLOTHING. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

- The Advent Committee

Donut Days

Student Council invites you to help raise money for the Kevin Le scholarship by participating in our annual Donut Day this Thursday (11/30) and Friday (12/1)! We will be selling donut holes and clementines in the multipurpose room from 7:35-8:00. You can buy 3 donut holes or 1 clementine for \$0.50 each. Limit 1 serving per day ©. For those with allergen and nutritional concerns, please see the information below. The donut holes are Kroger brand.





Cafeteria News

Beginning December 11, the convenience fee to use MySchoolBucks for online cafeteria payment is increasing from \$1.95 per transaction to \$2.49 per transaction.

Important Dates to Remember

Dec. 5 - First Reconciliation

Dec. 7/8 - Christmas Village

Dec. 8 - The Immaculate Conception—Mass at 8:15 a.m.

Dec. 14 - Christmas Program

Dec. 19 - School Reconciliation Service

Dec. 20 - Last Day of School

Jan. 3 - School Resumes

Parish News

First Reconciliation

Our second graders are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Tuesday morning. Our second grade friends in our Monday night Religious Education Program will receive the sacrament Monday evening. Please keep all our second graders in your thoughts and prayers in the upcoming week as they take this next step in their faith journey.

PTO News

Christmas Village

Our Christmas Village tradition is quickly approaching—December 7-8! We need a lot of volunteers to help make this a success for our student shoppers! Remember, all volunteers must be VIRTUS compliant! Please click here to volunteer as:

- a gift wrapper
- a personal shopper (to help the younger grades pick out the perfect gifts!)
- set up/clean up (8th graders can help and receive service hours)

If you have any Christmas Village questions, please contact Karen Foltyn at: Kfoltyn6@gmail.com.

Ornaments

Christmas Village has created a special ornament to commemorate St. Michael School's 90th anniversary. Please see the order form attached to today's Mustang Messenger.



Boosters News

Basketball Season

The regular season of GCCYS basketball begins this weekend for boys. Good luck to all our teams!

Mustangs Serve News

December Volunteering Opportunities

By Wendy Sauer, wendy.sauer@outlook.com

The Healing Center "Christmas Parties"

The Healing Center: The Healing Center provides help to residents of Greater Cincinnati when challenges invade their lives by offering practical (food pantry and clothing/household items), social, and spiritual support to over 3,000 guests per month. The majority of the guests are families with young children.

Website: https://www.healingcentercincinnati.org/

When: The first two weeks of December. Various dates and shifts available.

Where: The Healing Center, 11345 Century Circle West, Springdale, OH, 346-4080. Located behind Best Buy in Tri County.

Volunteer Description: The Healing Center will be transformed into a beautiful winter wonderland in December to provide the guests with an amazing Christmas experience. There are a lot of great volunteer opportunities from serving and/or providing homemade Christmas cookies, volunteering at the arts and crafts table, helping Santa, distributing gifts, and helping with games. These are very family-friendly serving roles!

Sign Up Here: https://www.vineyardcincinnati.com/serve-at-event and click on "Christmas Parties at the Healing Center"

Can't attend?: I am a regular volunteer at The Healing Center so you can drop off any homemade cookies at my house anytime during the first two weeks in December and I will deliver them for you...I promise I won't eat the cookies! You can also consider volunteering at The Healing Center after the holidays.

Operation Give Back "Holiday Store"

Hidden suburban poverty in our own backyard

Operation Give Back: This non-profit, located in Blue Ash, serves about 35 students daily in a warm and friendly facility. OGB also sponsors Whiz Kids weekly literacy hour, weekend movie nights, summer tutoring, weekly food pantry, training and coaching for parents, Back to School supplies for 300 children, and a Holiday Store, which provides presents to 1,500 children. OGB reaches economically disadvantaged kids in the Sycamore School District as well as Stewart Elementary School. This past fall, Mustangs Serve partnered with OGB for their Back to School supply event and it was a huge success!

Website: http://www.ogiveback.com/

When: The first two weeks of December. Various dates and shifts available.

Where: Either at their Holiday Store location (6245 Creek Rd., Blue Ash) or at Operation Give Back (10891 Millington Ct., Blue Ash).

Volunteer Description: Volunteers are needed to partner with shoppers, greet families, help with prayer, registration, and clean up. Unfortunately, OGB got this sign up to me late, so the kid-friendly roles were already taken. The majority of the spots left are for adults and kids ages 15+.

Sign Up Here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ba9ae22a0fe3-ogbholiday

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.