

**Upcoming Dates For
Your Calendar**



January

29 – Feb. 3 – Catholic Schools Week

February

4 – Father/Daughter Dance, Duffy Center
20 – No School, President’s Day
22 – Ash Wednesday, 10:00am Mass

March

2 – No School, Teacher-In-Service
7 – Spring Picture Day
16 - No School, Teacher In-Service
21 – End of 3rd Quarter
22 – Health Fair – 5:30pm – 8:30 pm, Duffy Center
23 – March Madness, 6:30pm, Duffy Center

April

5 – Early Dismissal, Holy Thursday
6-13 – No School, Easter Break
16 – Classes Resume
20 – Spring Auction Setup
21 – Spring Auction, Prestwick Country Club
25-29 – 8th Grade Trip
28-May 6 – Scholastic Book Fair, Science Lab



St. Michael Catholic School GATOR BITES



From the School Office

Parents, in your Tuesday Envelopes this week I hope you all found a copy of the 2012-2013 school calendar. Keep in mind, that this calendar only has the “bare-bones” dates, (i.e. holiday breaks, teacher in-service days, etc.) and does not yet include any of the PTO meetings, fundraising events, etc. If you did not receive a copy of this calendar or should you need another copy you can find it on the school website either under the principal’s page or the school administration page under file downloads.

The office has a real need for volunteers for the receptionist desk on Tuesday afternoons 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday mornings 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Friday mornings 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please remember this will count towards fair share hours. If you can help in this area, please contact Nancy Esposito in the front office. Thanks in advance for your help.



SAVE THE DATE

SMCS ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012

6 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING

PRESTWICK COUNTRY CLUB

DINNER, CASH BAR, LIVE & SILENT AUCTION



2011-2012

Girls & Boys

Basketball Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 2nd,
Home, 5:45pm, vs.
Conway Christian

Friday, Feb. 3rd, Away,
TBA, at Low Country
Prep

Monday, Feb. 6th, Home,
5:45pm, vs. Palmetto
Academy

Thursday, Feb. 9th,
Home, 5:45pm, vs. PICA



PTO Meeting Highlights

- Spring Auction will be held on April 21st at Prestwick Country Club. Tickets will be \$35/person and include dinner. There will be a cash bar. This year, there will be class projects as well as class baskets. Items for the baskets can be purchased by families or obtained through solicitation of area businesses. The goal is to have 3 baskets per class. Donation letters are available in the office for businesses to use their donations for a tax deduction.
- Presentation by Mrs. Cherry:
 - SMCS & entire Diocese seeking accreditation through SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) – AdvanceEd.
 - Principal & Board are looking into the length of the school day for next.
 - Budget for 2012-13 being reviewed by board – looking into tuition costs; tuition assistance program (comes from second collection at masses).
 - Ms. Cherry will be reviewing the handbook for the next school year.
- Thank You to all volunteers who helped with the Soup Bowl –overall \$5,000 profit.
- Fair share forms - everyone is encouraged to continue participating.
- Reviewed emailing system of communication – asked that everyone please update their contact and email info so that there can be effective communication.
- Teacher luncheons will be on a monthly basis – first one was Monday, January 30th, however we need volunteers for upcoming months.
- Elections for PTO officers coming up – President and Secretary.
- Looking for chairs for all fundraisers for next year.
- Good as New Sale – bring in donations; will be held in May on campus –contact PTO members.
- PTO budget – \$35,000 a year to rise for school’s operating fund and off set tuition – currently \$15,900 has been raised. Hope to make the difference with spring auction and good as new sale.

Basketball News



This year’s basketball season is quickly drawing to a close. If you haven’t had an opportunity to see our Gators on the court your chances will soon be gone! Our next home game is tonight, Thursday, February 2nd, at 5:45pm, in the Duffy Center! Come out and cheer on our basketball players as they take on Conway Christian School!

Annual Health Fair News



Health Fair plans are in full swing! The committee has added exciting and new things. Healthy food will be served. It will be educational and fun for all adults and children. Mark your calendars and come join us on Thursday evening, March 22nd, in Duffy Center from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We welcome any help including ideas from the parents, students, doctors, dentists and nurses.



Father-Daughter Dance



The 3rd annual Father-Daughter Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 4th, 6:00-8:00pm in the Duffy Center. Deadline for signing up for the event is Friday, February 3rd. Also, if you would like to provide food items for the dance please contact Susan Koch at 843-457-0286 or kochmama@yahoo.com to inform her of what you would like to donate.

Congratulations!

Congratulations Eugene Utley! Eugene played in the 7th Annual Patrick D. Hart Memorial Scholastic Chess Tournament in Charleston on Saturday, January 21st and won first place in the "unrated" category. He was then invited to challenge twenty-two "rated" students in the K-12 division and he took 3rd place in that Tournament.

This was Eugene's first chess tournament.



Parish News



Cub Scouts

Saint Michael Parish would like to start a Cub pack, which would include students from the school. (P819) However, in order for this to become a reality there will be a need for the following dedicated male & female persons: den leaders, a Cub master, an assistant Cub master, and a committee chairperson who would be responsible for the overall operation of the pack including the recruitment of additional cub adult leaders as required.

Those adults who have children of Cub scout age and wish to serve the youth of Saint Michael's and also learn more about the Cub scout program should contact the following members of Troop 819:

Mike Samra, Scoutmaster at: msamra@prodigy.net or
Stephen Tullock, Troop Committee Chairperson at: swtad@bellsouth.net.

This program, once established, will be open to boys who are in the following categories: Tiger cub - 1st grade; Wolf - 2nd grade, Bear - 3rd grade, Bobcat - any grade and Webelos - 4th and 5th grade.

The local Boy Scout council has an interest in establishing a Cub Scout Pack at St. Michael and its representatives will provide us support and assistance in this endeavor. We just need a few parents to step up and fill several necessary leadership positions.

Your PTO Officers are:

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Want to submit something for the weekly publication of the Gator Bites?*

Email Angela Victoria:

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Also, copy Nancy Esposito:

schoolinfo@saintmichaelsc.org

**All submissions are subject to approval.

Boy Scouts

Scout Sunday:

Please come and help celebrate Scout Sunday with Saint Michael's Boy Scout Troop 819! Scout Sunday will be held at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, February 5th. All scouts, their families, friends and previous scouts and scouters are encouraged to attend this once a year event. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Boy Scout Troop 819 meets every Monday at 7 P.M. in Duffy Center. Boys must be 10 1/2 and in the fifth grade or 11 years old to join. If you like the outdoors, camping and learning outdoor skills, you will love being a Boy Scout!

Contact Information:

Mr. Mike Samra

msamra@prodigy.net

843-685-9156 (Cell)



www.boy scouttroop819.shutterfly.com

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop 150 is open to all parish girls in Kindergarten through 8th grades. Meetings are held on Mondays. Grades K – 5 meet until 4:30pm and grades 6-8 meet until 5:00pm. Please contact Kyle Myres if you would like more information or have any questions.

Contact information:

Troop Leader ~ Kyle Myres

e-mail gstrop150@live.com



Respect for Life

The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a CHANGE FOR LIFE bottle project. We need your help.

January 10 – February 11, 2012

- Baby bottles will be placed in each classroom.
- Students are encouraged to bring spare change and fill the bottle.
- Change will be collected each week.
- 100% of all proceeds will go to support Birthright of Georgetown.

Spare Change can Spare a Life!



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus collect aluminum cans and cash them in to help fund the programs they support. Let's join them in their effort to raise funds by recycling cans at our games. A trash can will be provided at all games and will be located by the concession stand and marked for cans only. We appreciate ALL your effort in supporting the Knights of Columbus.