

## SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**Mrs. Linda L. Cherry, Principal**  
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October 21, 2011

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Staff members,

Here we are at the end of the first quarter of the school year and autumn has finally appeared. The cooler weather with the leaves about to change colors reminds us of how great is our God. The beauty of His goodness is all around us and we sometimes miss seeing it. My husband likes to remind me to "Take time and smell the roses" if I get caught up in work all the time. Now is a good time for all of us to look around and see all of the good in our lives. Two weeks ago we adopted a 5 month-old Bearded Collie named Lizzie. Since the day she arrived in our home, I have been blessed with a wagging tail and shadow of my every step as I walk in the door at night. She makes me smile and laugh and remember that play is as important as work in our lives.

My other blessings are your children. Thank you for allowing them to be a part of my life, as their principal. As the first quarter went along, I hope you have been able to keep track of your child/ren's progress through our [TrackMyGrades](#) program, if you have a child in grades 1-8. (Pre-K and K are not tracked in this system). This year, we will be sending your child's report card home in the Tuesday packet on October 25<sup>th</sup>. That will give you time to review prior to Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held following early dismissal on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers will be sending home something with available times, so you can schedule directly with them. For the Upper Grades (5-8), you have the opportunity to schedule individually with any teacher you wish.

If you do schedule a conference, you will bring a copy of the signed report card to the teacher at the conference. If you do not need to schedule a conference, you will sign the report card and return to the homeroom teacher by November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Report Cards are a print-out of what will be on your child's Track My Grade site, so you will always be able to see/have a copy for yourself; however, you are also welcome to make a copy of the signed one prior to sending back to school.

While the IOWA/ITBS Test Scores have been distributed at conference time in previous years, the results have not yet arrived at the school. Once the scores do arrive, we will send home a copy of your child's along with the interpretation guidelines. You will always have the opportunity to discuss the results with the homeroom teacher at any time after those have been sent home.

Thank you for your continuous cooperation with the Carpool changes, as construction of our new Saint Michael Church proceeds. Preliminary plans call for the new church parking lot to be completed by October 28<sup>th</sup>, with construction of the church itself to commence on October 31<sup>st</sup>. When it begins, we will have a slightly different entrance point, but our exit will be the same. The new entrance will be a larger entrance off Cypress Avenue up by the new parking lot. There will be plenty of space to pull in and wrap around to the front of the parish offices-around to the Duffy Center as we currently do. The entrance we are now using (off 17) will be busy/blocked up with construction traffic. We will send out a confirmation of the new entrance for carpool, along with our little map, as soon as we know the exact date it will occur. Thank you for watching for that and again, being so wonderful with adaptation to change.

During the month of October we spent time with devotion to the Rosary both within the classrooms and as a school following weekly Mass. On Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Living Rosary in the church following Mass. Our students and staff members will form the Living Rosary and lead the individual prayers. You are all welcome to join us for this special day.

We congratulate our Soccer Team, who as of this date has only lost one game. They will be entering the End-Of-Season Grand Strand Middle School Tournament beginning October 24<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck to our team and our coaches. Our Volleyball Team is also having a winning season and we congratulate the girls and their coaches. We are so proud.

Our Robotics Teams have been busy each week working on their projects as the competitions are soon to begin. Beginning the evening of November 11<sup>th</sup> through that weekend, we will be hosting "Bots-At-The-Beach", a gathering of other school Robotics Teams from throughout the State. It is a weekend where teams can compete as practice for the larger competitions later in the year. Good luck to our teams and coaches.

While many of the little ones (and some of the "older" children among us) look forward to Halloween, we also look forward to the Feast of All Saints. Our children will attend the 8:00 Mass on November 1<sup>st</sup> along with our parishioners. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be remembering all of our deceased family and friends in special prayers for All Souls Day. We will keep all of your family and friends in prayers as well.

Have a blessed month.

Humbly working in His name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mrs. J. Cherry".

Mrs. Cherry, Principal