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SCHOOL NEWS

"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."
-St. Francis of Assisi

Events Calendar

November 3
First Penance Parent Meeting
(6 pm, Church)



November 8
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Grades 1-4
(4-7 pm)



November 8
CCHS 7th & 8th Grade
Parent Night
(6:30 pm, Great Hall)



November 9
CCHS 8th Grade Visitation Day
8th Graders arrive at CCHS between 8:15-8:30 am; Parents should pick up students from CCHS gym at 2:05 pm.



November 10
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Grades 1-4
(4-7 pm)



November 11
Veterans' Day Service
(1:30 pm, Church)



November 14
No School for Grades 1-4



November 16
Grandparents Day (TK-2)

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Students celebrate All Saints Day

First, eighth graders portray saints at school liturgy

When the Saints Come Marching In was sung at this year's All Saints Mass celebrated on Nov. 1 by the students of St. Michael's. As part of the annual tradition, first graders (and their designated 8th grade leaders) dressed as one of four saints that were recognized as part of the liturgy: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, patron saint of Catholic schools; Saint Joan of



Eighth grader David Coleman gets ready to lead his first grade group in their portrayal of Saint John Bosco.

Arc, Saint John Bosco and Saint Francis of Assisi.

We thank first grade teachers Mary Smoulder and Roseann Haynes for coordinating this special tribute, as well as the first graders who dressed as saints, the eighth graders for leading the mass, and the parents for attending.



First graders Caitlin Lewis, Aspyn Bowman and Elizabeth Romanek portray St. Joan of Arc for All Saints Mass.

Hot Glass Roadshow comes to SMPS



Thanks to an arts education grant funded by the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, all 365 SMPS students learned about the history of glass-making in West Virginia and witnessed, first-hand, the art of glass-blowing. On Oct. 18, Oglebay Institute's Hot Glass Roadshow, a traveling glass-blowing studio showcased how to create art glass from molten form to finished product. The 30-minute program also offered

an appreciation of the historical significance of the glass industry and the tools and equipment used in glass production to the students.

STEWARDSHIP

Breast Cancer Awareness Activities

The students and staff members of St. Michael Parish School participated in several activities during October in recognition of national Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Standing in front of the SMPS Breast Cancer Prayer Wall are (from left) SMPS preschooler Bode Burge, eighth grade teacher Kim Burge, Transitional Kindergarten student Fallon McNally, first grader Olivia Kahle, third grader J.D. LaHood, seventh grader Chantz Chambers, and seventh grade teacher Sarah Kilpatrick.

Students first created a Prayer Wall with pink ribbons that exhibited the names of family and friends who have battled the deadly disease. The Prayer Wall was composed of more than 150 names and was displayed in the school cafeteria for all to see. Daily prayers were also offered for those touched by breast cancer.

In early October, the St. Michael school community also participated in a \$1 Pink and White Dress Down Day to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation, which is dedicated to research, education and finding a cure to breast cancer. In total, the school raised \$438 for the foundation through the dress down proceeds, a collection of loose change, and other individual donations.

Seventh grader Chantz Chambers said he was proud to show his support for breast cancer awareness to honor his mother who is a breast cancer survivor. "The hardest part of when my mom was sick was when she would have to go to the hospital for two weeks at a time," Chambers said. "She's been taking medicine over the past six years but is okay."

Spreading the word about the importance of annual mammograms and doctor check-ups has been a passion for teacher Kim Burge, who annually coordinates St. Michael's Breast Cancer Awareness activities with fellow junior high teacher Sarah Kilpatrick.

"I continue our Prayer Wall and dress down donation program each year to keep awareness at the forefront," Burge said. "So many local women are diagnosed each year and it seems that our school community knows many of them. Our students recently made encouragement cards for a young woman who is a friend of a teacher's aide and who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer - it's important to let those people know how much we care and that we are praying for them."

Burge added that this year's day of remembrance was particularly bittersweet for the school community because of the loss of Jackie Zavolta, a St. Michael's parishioner and former Kindergarten teacher's aide who passed away from breast cancer in August.

"We all felt a tremendous loss when Jackie passed away two months ago," Burge said. "She was an inspiration to so many who continue to battle this disease day in and day out."

PIANO FOR SALE

A Kohler and Campbell Piano is now for sale, perfect for a beginning piano student or an experienced player. Excellent, like new condition, rarely played. Honey oak cabinet with clear tone and rich full sound. Asking price: \$1,800.

If interested, please contact Chad Carter at 304.639.0077.



Please join us in honoring the men and women who serve in the U.S. military
Veterans' Day Service
Friday, Nov. 11
1:30 pm
St. Michael Church

This year's theme:
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



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