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SCHOOL NEWS

"Love is a canvas
furnished by Nature and
embroidered by imagination."
~ Voltaire

Events Calendar

February 6-7
Science Fair (6th & 8th Grade)



February 13
5th Grade Math-a-thon
*(Benefits St. Jude's Children's
Research Hospital)*



February 14
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
Social Studies Fair (7th Grade)



February 17
Noon Dismissal



February 19
8th Grade Confirmation
(3 pm, Church)



February 20
No School/Presidents' Day



February 21-24
SMPS Registration for 2012-13



February 22
Ash Wednesday
SMPS Fish Fry Starts!



February 23
Diocesan Science & SS Fairs
(CCHS)



February 26
Parish Festival Open Meeting
(6 pm, School Hall)

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Parish honors West's for \$500K gift

On Jan. 26, about 175 members of our parish and school community came together to honor two very special people -- Gary and Phyllis "Flip" West. Two years ago, the West's generously offered our parish a \$500,000 matching gift to relieve parish debt...and so, the 2011 Double Blessings campaign was launched.

Not only did our parish and school community meet the challenge, we surpassed it by more than \$120,000! For the first time in 30 years, the parish is debt-free.

At the celebration dinner, entrepreneur and philanthropist Gary West said he was surprised St. Michael's was able to achieve the goal in such a short time. He and his wife Flip congratulated everyone and expressed their joy to be a part of something so special at our parish.

"All of you are to be congratulated for a job well done," Gary West said. "Just look around you at this beautiful facility that is soon to be debt-free." Flip added, "It's remarkable what St. Michael's has done. Congratulations to everyone who was involved with this."

To honor the couple for their generosity, Mrs. Richardson announced the establishment of the new West Scholarship. Funded through a \$10,000 lead gift from the parish, the West Scholarship will provide a \$500 one-time award to three junior high students who successfully demonstrate, through a written essay, their love for helping others using their gifts of time, talent or treasure. "It is truly our honor to establish this scholarship in your name as a lasting tribute to your commitment not only to St. Michael's but to the entire Ohio Valley," Richardson said.

Additionally, student council officers Lindsey Baker and Isaac Rine presented a three-foot tall *Thank You* card signed by all SMPS students and staff, and a commemorative video created at SMPS was also presented to the couple as a keepsake. At the end of the evening, Fr. McSweeney blessed a new marble bench that will be housed in the Angelus Center as a permanent reminder of the West's kindness to our parish and school.



Principal Sis Richardson (right) and students Isaac Rine and Lindsey Baker present Gary and Flip West with a 3-foot tall Thank You card signed by all SMPS students and staff.

STUDENT NEWS

MLK Student Essay Contest Winners Honored



From left is SMPS seventh grader Giorgio Alexander, fifth grader Matt Mazur, seventh grader Lexie Kosanovic, and fifth grader Zoey Kefauver.

St. Michael's four winners in the state's Martin Luther King Essay Contest were honored recently at a luncheon held at the state capitol. Hundreds of students from all over the mountain state participated in this year's essay competition.

We congratulate our students on a job well done: Giorgio Alexander (1st place winner, 6-8 grade division), Lexie Kosanovic (2nd place winner, 6-8 grade division), Matt Mazur (2nd place winner, 3-5 grade division),

and Zoey Kefauver (3rd place winner, 3-5 grade division).

Monday Night Match-Up Game raises \$600

We thank all the students, parents, teachers, and friends who supported our Catholic Schools Week Monday Night Match-Up 8th Grade Boys vs. Girls Basketball Game. It was a HUGE success and so much fun for all who attended! With admissions, 50/50, and concession sales, more than \$600 was raised for the 8th Grade class trip to Washington, D.C. We thank Jimmy Payne for his colorful commentary as game announcer and Mrs. Richardson for donating her 50/50 winnings (more than \$100!) back to the class trip fund.

Before the game, Mr. Gruber was honored for his many years of coaching and service as the school's athletic director. He received a customized stadium seat from the school staff.



Above, players and fans join the "Cupid Shuffle" line dance, a half-time show started by Lindsey Baker. At right, Teresa Pockl takes a shot as Aiden Weisenborn defends.



Fish Fry News!



Please join us for great food and fellowship at the SMPS Fish Fry! The dates are below along with the grade designated to provide baked goods:

February 22: Grades 1 & 6

February 24: Kindergarten

March 2: Grade 7

March 9: Grade 5

March 16: Grade 2

March 23: Grade 4

March 30: Grade 3

The Fish Fry Committee is also asking for donations of canned soda and bottled water for the event. If anyone can help, please drop off your donations marked "Fish Fry" to the school or parish office.

If you have any questions, please contact a committee member:

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Thank you, in advance, for your support of this school fundraiser!

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