

All hard work brings a profit,
but mere talk leads
only to poverty.
-Proverbs 14:23

SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Events

November 7

*Ladies' Wine & Cheese Social
and Shopper's Delight Auction
(6-9 pm, Angelus Center)*

November 10 & 12

*Grades 1-4 Parent/Teacher
Conferences*

November 11

*Veterans Day Prayer Service
Featured Speaker: MSG Ron Ward
(1:30 pm, St. Michael Church)*

November 11

Parent Association Meeting

November 15

*"Family Pasta Night" Fundraiser
(Noon-6 pm, Angelus Center)*

November 17 & 19

*Grades 5-8 Parent/Teacher
Conferences*

November 18

First Penance for 2nd Graders

November 22

*"An Afternoon at the Angelus --
What You Need to Know
about Estate Planning"
Educational Seminar
(12:30-1:45 pm, Angelus Center)*



2009-2010 School Year Theme:

**"Build it
and they will come."**

Angelus Center Dedication held Nov. 1

More than 500 join in celebration of new \$4M facility

With great fanfare, the blessing and dedication ceremony of the new Angelus Center was held on Nov. 1, following a special liturgy celebrated by His Excellency Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield, bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. "It is with great joy we are here to celebrate the opening of a beautiful new facility that will complement St. Michael Parish and the local community," Bishop Bransfield



Bishop Michael J. Bransfield bestowed his blessing on the new Angelus Center and to those in attendance at the dedication. SMPS sixth grader Lucy Hartzell and seventh grader Billy Teufel assisted as servers. Looking on is Rev. Paul Hudock.



Eighth grade teacher Ann Railing visits with Fr. Chris Turner at the reception.

said during his homily.

A special moment was shared before the start of Mass when the congregation, upon seeing Fr. Chris Turner walk from the sacristy to the church vestibule, broke out in heartfelt applause. Fr. Chris, former associate pastor at St. Michael's, suffered a brain aneurysm last spring and continues to be in the hearts and prayers of parishioners and school families as he recovers. At the end of mass, as Bishop Bransfield recognized Fr. Chris, the congregation gave Fr. Chris a standing ovation.

The Angelus Center dedication was a beautiful event that marked the culmination of a 10-year building project. We thank all those who joined us in prayer and celebration.

SERVICEspotlight

Students raise \$900 for Breast Cancer Research

Congratulations to SMPS students for raising \$450 through a Dress Down Day for Breast Cancer last month that was then matched by the school. The total donation of \$900 will be split evenly between two foundations: the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Lee Ann Foundation (established in memory of Lee Ann Schaumbach of Wheeling who recently lost her battle with cancer). Seventh grade teacher Kim Burge also worked with students to create a Prayer Wall that displayed more than 200 names of family and friends who have battled the disease. We thank all our school families for their support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



STUDENT HEALTH EDUCATION

SMPS promotes germ prevention to kids



Parishioner Kathleen Dieffenbauger, R.N., shared important information about how germs spread with SMPS kindergartners earlier this fall.

Since the start of the academic year, the school administration has stressed the importance of teaching students about how germs spread and the best ways to keep themselves and those around them healthy. With the flu season fully underway and many reported cases of H1N1 flu in the Ohio Valley, the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department provided an H1N1 Vaccination Clinic for SMPS students, along with children from Wheeling Country Day and Linsly on Nov. 4. Department officials stated a total of 499 students from all

three schools received the vaccination at the clinic.

At St. Michael's, teachers have also been diligent about reminding students to wash their hands, cough into their sleeves, and use hand-sanitizer. Our younger students also saw a fun, educational video on how to prevent the spread of germs, provided by Belmont County Health Department.

We thank the Advance Practice Nurses of the Upper Ohio Valley for donating 21 hand-sanitizer dispensers to SMPS that were recently installed in every classroom. The donation was made as part of the group's health promotion and disease prevention program.

With our staff's continued focus on disinfecting desks, doorknobs, and bathrooms on a daily basis, as well as our in-house student educational efforts, we are doing our very best to keep the spread of



First graders Margaret Hartzell and Michael Funka use one of the new hand sanitizer dispensers that were donated by the Advance Practice Nurses of the Upper Ohio Valley to assist with health promotion and disease prevention. All St. Michael classrooms have the dispensers installed.

germs and viruses at a minimum at St. Michael's during this lengthy flu season. As always, we urge parents to keep their children home from school if they present any symptoms of flu or sickness.



Student nurses at West Virginia Northern Community College presented their "Join the Germ Busters" educational program to our preschoolers last month.

WELCOME miss bell



The staff at St. Michael's extends its best wishes to Mrs. Jaime Pettit (right), who resigned effective Oct. 30 to accept a teaching position at Moundsville Junior High, her alma mater. Mrs. Pettit has been a fifth grade teacher at SMPS for the past two years, as well as the advisor of the new Mustang Media news team. During the week leading up to her departure, Mrs. Pettit worked closely with her replacement, Miss Katie Bell (left), to ensure a smooth transition for her students.

Miss Bell is a 2007 graduate of West Liberty University with a degree in business administration and elementary education. In her spare time, she also works as a personal trainer at CentreTown Fitness. She resides in Wheeling.

We warmly welcome Miss Bell to the St. Michael community!



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