

SCHOOL NEWS

"A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; good news makes for good health."
Proverbs 15:30

Upcoming Events

March 5

Stations of the Cross
2:15 pm, Every Friday during Lent

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SMPS Fish Fry

4-7 pm, Every Friday during Lent

March 22-25

School Book Fair
(Angelus Center)

March 24

SMPS Parent Assn. Meeting
(6 pm, School Hall)

April 11

New! SMPS Open House
For prospective school families to learn more about Grades 1-8
(Noon - 2 pm, School Hall)

April 14

Grandparents Day (Grades 3-5)
After 8:30 am School Mass

April 19-23

Career Information Week
Grades TK-4: In-Class Presentations
Grades 5-8: Career Fair -- April 22
(9 am - 2:30 pm, School Hall)

April 23

No School (Teacher In-Service)

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Night at the Races Fundraiser
(6-11 pm, Generations Restaurant)



Full color versions of SMPS News are available for download on the SMPS website at: stmikesparish.org/schoolnews.pdf

Fundraiser, student events mark this year's SMPS Mardi Gras Celebration

On the heels of the New Orleans Saints' exciting Super Bowl win, St. Mike's hosted a few Mardi Gras celebratory activities for students, parents and parishioners to enjoy. Among the student activities was an annual assembly for 6th graders hosted by parent (and preschool teacher) Paula Foster. Foster reviewed Mardi Gras history with the kids and introduced the idea for a Mardi Gras service project for next year's 7th graders. The kids were also treated to beads and King Cake!

On Feb. 12, more than 140 guests joined us at the Mardi Gras Fundraiser held at Generations Restaurant. Amidst the balloons and Jester hats were delicious appetizers, dancing and music by DJ Shag, the Mardi Gras store -- stocked with blinky jewelry and cups, Hurricane drinks, Cafe Du Monde Coffee -- and the annual King and Queen Contest (our crowned royalty this year were Jason Rine and Paula Foster!). An estimated \$9,000 was raised for our new playground area! A special thanks to Chairwoman Stacie Palmer and her committee members for a job well done.



Sixth grade teachers Michelle Thompson and Lee Gruber get into the spirit of Mardi Gras.



Sixth grader Brandon Angalich shows the baby he found in his slice of King Cake.

"Thanks for Making Our Mardi Gras Fundraiser a Success"

-- by Stacie Palmer, Committee Chair

Thank you to everyone who attended, purchased raffle tickets, and to our donors for helping to make St. Mike's Mardi Gras Celebration a success. We look forward to building our new playground this Spring!

A very special thanks to our Sponsors:

St. Michael Circle Sponsor (\$1,000)

Anonymous Donor

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Mr. and Mrs. Chad Carter and Family

Kalkreuth Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc.

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Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Tiu

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We also thank these Additional Donors:

Mr. Tom Dailer

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Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

One-Year Free Tuition: Melvin and Terri Kahle

LCD Television: Pat Hurley

Restaurant Gift Basket: Norman Duffy

One-Year Free SMPS Hot Lunch: Mildred

Nixon*

**Mrs. Nixon has generously donated her prize back to SMPS to be given to a needy family.*

SMPS PROGRAM INFORMATION

2010 Career Information Week planned

St. Michael's Quality Education Committee, chaired by Donna Niggemyer, is planning for the third annual Career Fair for SMPS students. On April 22, students in grades 5-8 will visit the School Hall where 20 business professionals will be on hand to share information about their respective careers. At past fairs, students have learned interesting facts from an airline pilot, nurse, nutritionist, chef, priest, college soccer coach, and water specialist, among others. We expect this year's fair to bring the same high quality of career information to our students.



Nurse Anesthetist Brian Bakaitis, father of 7th grader Nate Bakaitis, served as a presenter at the 2009 Career Fair.

This year, for grades TK-4, career experts will be invited to make in-class presentations as part of *Career Information Week*, beginning April 19. This will give younger students more opportunities to ask questions in a smaller setting.

Any parent, parishioner, alumnus/alumna, relative or retiree interested in participating as a Career Fair booth presenter or as an in-class guest speaker should contact Alyson Hurley, SMPS development director (ahurley@stmikesparish.org or (304) 242-3966).

Kroger Plus Card online renewal process

The anniversary of Kroger's *Community Rewards Program* is May 1. As such, individuals who currently have their Kroger Plus Card enrolled under St. Michael's to earn rebates for our Scrip Program must update their enrollment information on the Kroger website beginning **April 1** to continue having their Kroger purchases applied to SMPS.

To update your enrollment information, please visit the Kroger website at: www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Also please be advised that, beginning May 1, Kroger store clerks will no longer accept and scan the paper version of the SMPS enrollment barcode. Therefore, all Plus Card users participating in our Scrip Program must go online and enroll their Plus Card with Kroger using a personal email account.

If you have any questions about the update process, please contact Kroger Services (800-837-4483) or the SMPS Development office (304-242-3966).

NEW EVENT!

SMPS teachers to host Open House on April 11

Those families interested in learning more about St. Michael Parish School and the academic programs offered in grades 1-8 are invited to attend a spring **Open House** event on **Sunday, April 11** from **Noon to 2 pm** in the **School Hall**. Set up like a science fair, the Open House will showcase booths created for each grade with teachers on hand to present their text books, syllabus and other important information specific to their grade. Information about the SMPS Mustangs athletic program, physical education classes, and music program will also be available.

This event is geared to families not currently enrolled at SMPS. So please spread the word to your neighbors and friends!



POEM OF THANKS

The following poem was written by Parishioner Patty McFadden to Mrs. Smoulder's first graders in appreciation of the snowman artwork the students sent to Miss McFadden as part of their "First Friday" monthly service project.

Mrs. Smoulder said the children were very excited to receive this poem of thanks.

"To the First Graders at SMPS"

Sending warm wishes
from your heart

Is just a lovely way
for my day to start!

The snowman's colors
were a work of art

I hope the students received a
good grade for it on their chart!

Just think on March 20th, 2010,
The snowman and flakes will go
away --

Then you can go outside to play
because Spring will be here to
stay!

*Sincerely,
Patty McFadden*



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For registration or
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please contact
Mrs. Marilyn Richardson,
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Welcoming children of all faiths.