

SCHOOL NEWS

The sweetest sounds to mortals given
Are heard in Mother, Home,
and Heaven.
-William Goldsmith Brown

Upcoming Events

May 18

5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation
(11 am, Angelus Ctr.)

May 18

Awards Assembly (grades 1-7)
(1:30 pm, Church)

May 21

\$1 Dress Down Day
(Proceeds to Easter Seals)

May 25

Kindergarten Graduation
(9 am, Church)

May 25

8th Grade Awards Banquet
& Graduation Dance
(6:30 pm, Generations Restaurant)

May 26

8th Grade Graduation
(7 pm, Church)

May 27

SMPS Picnic
(10:30 am - 3 pm, Wheeling Park)

June 2

Last Day of School
(noon dismissal)

July 9-11

St. Michael Parish Festival

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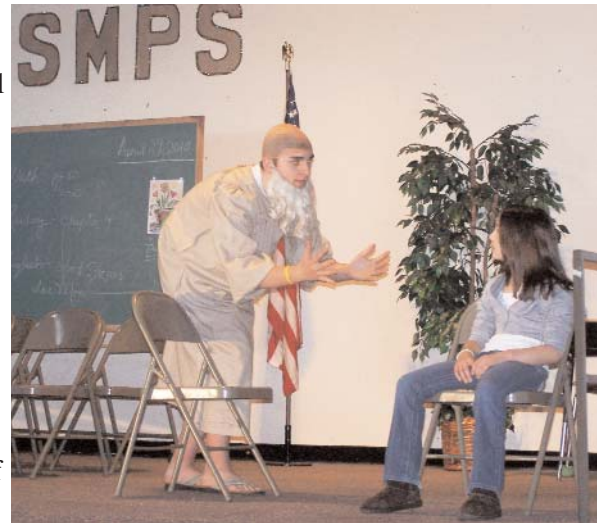
SMPS Drama Club debuts with 'Aesop's Fables' performance

Congratulations to the more than 40 students of the new St. Michael Drama Club for a wonderful debut performance on April 29.

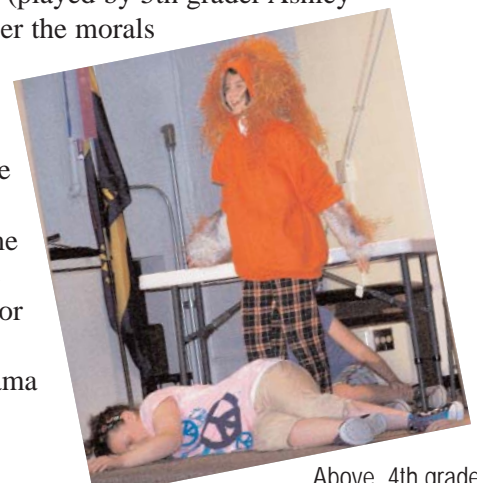
The Drama Club presented "Aesop's Fables" for two shows -- a school performance for 4th and 5th graders and an evening show for family members. The humorous 45-minute play, directed by Tim Thompson of the Stifel Fine Arts Center, was well-received by all!

Alex Crum played the narrator role of Aesop who, through a dream, comes to meet a young student named Victoria (played by 5th grader Ashley Wildern) and attempts to explain to her the morals of his famous stories. Victoria then comes up with her own modern spin to each of Aesop's fables.

SMPS students not only acted in the play but were also responsible for writing the fable sketches and costume ideas. The Drama Club will welcome new members (grades 4-8) next fall for the 2010-11 academic year. Mr. Thompson will again serve as the drama team adviser.



Eighth grader Alex Crum plays the narrator as Aesop, the story-teller of Ancient Greece, while 5th grader Ashley Wildern plays Victoria, a student with very little enthusiasm to complete a school writing assignment.



Above, 4th grader Clare Miller portrays a lion in the "Beware of False Friends" fable.



At left, Tim Thompson plays a teacher who gives his students a written paper assignment.

QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Students learn about jobs, check out equipment at 3rd Annual Career Fair event



CCHS Senior Matt Kanters, member of the Maroon Knights Lacrosse Team, shows 8th grader Jonathon Haley the face-off technique at this year's Career Fair event.

Fourteen different careers were represented at this year's Career Fair event attended by the schools 130 students in grades 5-8. Sponsored by the SMPS Quality Education Committee, this year's Career Fair featured an array of professions to help children understand not only the day-to-day responsibilities of each job but also the necessary educational path for each career.

"We were very pleased with this year's presenters," said Quality Education Chairperson

Donna Niggemyer. "They each brought interesting tools, equipment, and visual aids that helped the kids understand what it takes to do their jobs."

The exhibitors were Lt. Col Ray Blust (U.S. Air Force), Fr. Chris Turner (Immaculate Conception Parish), Mike Niggemyer (diabetics educator), Vickie Bauer (Verizon staff specialist), Amy Wear (Oglebay Resort West Spa manager), Jen Carter (intervention specialist), Robert Gaudio (attorney-at-law), Dawn Ann Dean (group fitness instructor), Kevin Maloney (CCHS Lacrosse Team coach), Brian Bakaitis (anesthetist), Wilma Beaver (CCHS science teacher), Cpl. John Schultz and Cpl. Tom Howard (Wheeling Police Department), and Terri Fultz (mining engineer).

For the TK-4 students, the Quality Education group also scheduled in-class career presentations. Those who volunteered were Kathleen Dieffenbaugher, R.N., Lt. Col. Ray Blust, Ashley Dougherty (WTRF-7), Lisa Taylor (flight attendant), Clare McDonald (occupational therapist), and Tim Queen (general manager, Xtreme Honda).



Fifth grader Jacob Pleva tries on a coal miner's helmet and SCSR unit.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Teufel wins award at WV Bowling Tourney

Congratulations to 7th grader Billy Teufel for his 5th place finish in the WV State Pepsi Bowling Tournament on March 21. With his success at the qualifying tournament held on March 14, Billy earned a spot in the state tournament held in Fairmont one week later where he was among 600 WV competitors.

Billy is the son of Larry (SMPS Class of '61) and Joellen Teufel. *Great job, Billy!*



NOTE OF THANKS

Dear SMPS staff, students and families,

It's difficult to put into words the gratitude we feel for the support you have given us during this challenging time in our lives. The multitude of prayers and cards sent our way was overwhelming. It was so uplifting to our spirits knowing so many were thinking of us.

After a hard day it was always a pleasure reading the cards and letters that were sent, and it was comforting to know that we were being remembered in everyone's daily prayers.

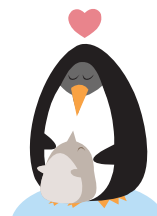
The generous donations by so many of you have given us a little room to breathe while we deal with all that has happened during these past few months.

Andy continues to make progress each day and we both look forward to returning to the love and support of our community.

Please accept our deepest appreciation for all that you have done for our family.

— Ann and Andy Raibling and family

Happy Mother's Day!



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For registration or class shadowing information, please contact Mrs. Marilyn Richardson, school principal.
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