

SCHOOL NEWS

Life is a succession of lessons
which must be lived
to be understood.
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Upcoming Events

July 9-11

St. Michael Parish Festival

Mark your calendars!

Amusements...

Children's Games & Prize Room
Face Painting
Merry-Go-Round
Mustang Idol Contest (July 10)
Dessert Auction
Bingo
Cornhole
5K Spirit Race

Fabulous Food...

Chicken Dinners
American Favorites
Italian Favorites
Mexican Favorites
Funnel Cakes
Sno Cones
Strawberry Shortcake
Popcorn
Cotton Candy
Ice Cream

Entertainment...

The Catch Blues Band
Charlie Dynamite
...And Much More!

50/50 Raffle...

Tickets are available from the Parish Office for \$20 each. Last year's winner walked away with over \$8,000!

Confirmation Hours available to student volunteers. Please contact Mrs. Jenny Imer for more information (304-232-9218).

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Flagpole dedicated to memory of U.S. Navy Veteran Daniel Barry

On a beautiful summer-like morning last week, there was a special blessing and dedication ceremony of the school flagpole held in memory of Daniel "Chief" Barry, a U.S. Navy veteran and beloved member of the St. Michael Parish School community. Mr. Barry passed away last February and is survived by his wife Ellie and their three daughters, Jennifer, Stephanie and Allison.

Fr. Dan Pisano and Principal Sis Richardson led the ceremony. Richardson said she considered Dan a very close friend and will always remember his dedication to teaching St. Michael students how to properly handle and hang the U.S. flag. "We will forever remember his love of family, God and country...and his love for St. Michael's," Richardson said.



With full military honors, Lt. Col. Ray Blust, U.S. Air Force, and SSG Chris Kefauver, U.S. Army, Retired, hang the U.S. flag after a blessing and dedication ceremony of the flagpole held in memory of Daniel K. Barry, a beloved member of the St. Michael Parish School community.



SERVICEspotlight

First graders raise \$200 for Sisters of Mt. St. Joseph

Sister Peggy Sinnott, CSJ, visited SMPS to accept a \$200 donation from the



Representing the Congregation of St. Joseph, Sister Peggy Sinnott accepts a \$200 donation from the SMPS First Grade Class. Shown with Sr. Peggy are students (l to r) Hailey McCallen, Brianna Coughlan, J.D. LaHood, Sydney Mansuetto, Cole Bonacci and Dailey Ward.

1st Grade Class to benefit the Congregation of St. Joseph (CSJ). Sr. Peggy told the children she was impressed that they were "thinking of others at such a young age." The kids also presented a large card signed by each child which thanks the Sisters for all their work in the community. CSJ says the donation will be used to purchase and install a new flagpole at their facility. The collection of loose change for the CSJ is a tradition begun by students Abigail and Emily Mulhern three years ago.

2010 GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS

38 Eighth Graders graduate, become newest SMPS alumni



Class Valedictorian Ava Tennant, winner of the Bayer Math & Science Award and Lumen Christi Award, will attend The Linsly School next fall.

Congratulations to our thirty-eight 8th graders who graduated on May 26 in a beautiful evening Graduation Liturgy and Ceremony held at St. Michael Church. Celebrants for the Mass were Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney and Fr. Dan Pisano.

For the Liturgy, Class Salutatorian Lauren Griffin presented the Welcome Address while SMPS Aquinas Medal winner Karl Mueller read the First Reading. During the ceremony, Class Valedictorian Ava Tennant addressed her classmates with a beautifully written speech that highlighted significant moments and events during the students' past eight (or even more) years at SMPS. Her speech was followed by the distribution of diplomas and the recognition of class award winners.

We offer our sincere gratitude to all our eighth grade parents for entrusting us with your children these many years and for allowing us the privilege to prepare them for their future educational pursuits while providing them a strong spiritual foundation that will carry them well into their adult lives. We wish the very best to all our graduates and look forward to our new relationship with you as SMPS alumni!



Technology Coordinator Pam Lovesky received the St. Thomas Aquinas Teacher of the Year Award during this year's Graduation Ceremony.

SMPS graduates 33 Kindergartners on May 25



Teacher's Aide Patty Seabright escorts Kindergartners to the graduation ceremony in the Church. From left is Elijah Halicki, Leah Coleman, Sydney Warman, and Sara Gruber.

Donning pint-size caps and gowns, St. Michael's 33 Kindergarten students celebrated their own graduation on May 25 with a morning ceremony in the church, filled with songs and prayers. A cookies and punch reception followed in the School Hall for family members and friends.

We thank our Kindergarten teachers Edna Taylor and Roseann Haynes, as well as teacher aides Patty Seabright and Paula Magruder, for the special work they do with these children. We also congratulate our young graduates and warmly welcome you to the First Grade!



Teacher Edna Taylor waits with Elijah Halicki and Tommy Woods for the start of the Kindergarten graduation procession into the Church.

5th Graders graduate from year-long DARE Program

On May 18th, our 30 fifth graders were honored by Wheeling Police Department's Cpl. John Schultz for completing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. Police Chief Robert Matheny and the Honorable Harry Radcliffe joined Officer John in recognizing the graduates' accomplishments. Also on hand were Police Officer Kimball, Pfc. Rick Roxby and K9 Alf, and Cpl. Tom Howard. We thank Officer John for the valuable work he does every year with our 5th graders educating them about peer pressure and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



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For registration or class shadowing information, please contact Mrs. Marilyn Richardson, school principal.
Welcoming children of all faiths.
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The School Office will close June 15.
Phone messages will be checked weekly.