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# SCHOOL NEWS

"A smile is the shortest distance between two people."

## Events Calendar

**Sunday, Oct. 3**  
**Spirit Week Kick-Off**  
 Family Tailgate Party &  
 Vehicle Decorating Contest  
 5 pm (Angelus Center)

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**Tuesday, Oct. 5**  
 School Pictures

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**Friday, Oct. 8**  
 Crazy Dress Down Day  
 Be Creative!

SMPS Pep Rally  
 2:15 pm (Angelus Center)

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**Sunday, Oct. 10**  
**Family Pasta Night Fundraiser**  
*Noon to 6 pm (Angelus Center)*  
 Delicious Penne Pasta, Meatballs,  
 Salad, Roll, Dessert and Beverage  
 Italian Music and Ambience!  
 \$6 per person

### You're Invited

*Please join us every Wednesday at  
 8:30 a.m. as we celebrate our School  
 Liturgy with SMPS students participating  
 as lectors and cantors.  
 It's a wonderful way to start your day!*

## Everything You Need to Know About SMPS...

Bookmark our school website:  
[stmikesparishschool.org](http://stmikesparishschool.org)

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 new weekly Parent E-Newsletter!

## SMPS touts Bucketfiller Program Students all a-glow on first 'Bucketfiller Friday'

From preschool to 8th grade, all SMPS students wore their "safety yellow" colored Bucketfiller t-shirts on Sept. 24 to signify the school's commitment to the school-wide Bucketfiller Anti-Bullying Program. The shirts, which read, "Fill a Bucket" and "SMPS is a Bucketfiller School" have drawn much attention in the local community.



SMPS students show off their new Bucketfiller Friday t-shirts.

On last week's early dismissal Bucketfiller Friday, 3rd grader Nick Sherman left school and went for lunch with his mother Beth. After their lunch experience, Beth wrote a letter to Principal Sis Richardson describing the many people who approached Nick that afternoon asking what it was to be a "bucketfiller school." Nick, his mother says, did a great job explaining the program and how it works at St. Michael's. The passersby, she said, were impressed and told Nick to keep up the good work at school.

The t-shirts are definitely eye-catching and that's exactly what Mrs. Richardson wanted. "We want people to notice these shirts and ask questions," she said. "We want to do our part at St. Michael's to convey the message that bullying is not acceptable behavior and that our students are united to promote kindness and respect." Bucketfiller activities have also been incorporated into the religion curriculum among all grade levels.

The Bucketfiller concept is one that even the youngest child can grasp. Second grader Sydney Mansuetto recently heard her mother and a friend, who teaches at Sardis Elementary School, discussing a student and her family who are struggling financially. Sydney wanted to do something to "fill their bucket" and, unbeknownst to her parents, approached Mrs. Richardson about holding a canned food collection for the family. Mrs. Richardson agreed and asked SMPS students to bring a food offering to the next school liturgy for this family. With Sydney's initiative, so much food was collected, along with \$140, that nine needy Sardis Elementary families will be helped.

"Sydney is an inspiration to us all," Richardson said. "She has shown us that even one act of kindness can bring about great things."

Second grader Sydney Mansuetto "filled a bucket" by initiating a school-wide canned food collection that helped nine needy families at Sardis Elementary School in Ohio.



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### 2010-11 Student Council elections held

Congratulations to the following students who were recently elected to this year's Student Council, aimed at enhancing student programs and fostering a sense of community among all St. Michael students.

<b>President:</b>	<b>Alex Crum</b>	<i>Homeroom Representatives:</i>	
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Lindsey Baker</b>	8S	Zach Fahey & Holland Matlock
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Peter Hartzell</b>	8A	Brady Bower & Erin O'Leary
		7K	Brandon Angalich & Zoe Kahle
		7S	Matt Gruber & Lucy Hartzell
		6L	Jessica Ghobrial & Isaac Rine
		6A	Adam Payne & Ashley Wildern

### Mustang Media visits WTRF-7 Studios

The nine members of the Mustang Media news team recently visited the WTRF-7 News station to get a first-hand look at a professional news production. Led by Adviser Ann Railing, the students learned about news videography, writing and editing, as well as the day-to-day responsibilities of news anchors/reporters and weather forecasters.



*Pictured at the WTRF-7 News Desk are members of the school's Mustang Media News Team. In front (from l) are Brady Bower, Alison Walton-Mokros, Erin O'Leary, Joel Beaver and Peter Hartzell. In back (from l) are Eric Hasenauer, Adviser Ann Railing, Alex Crum, Jonathan Ghobrial, and Luke Fahey.*

We thank the WTRF-7 News team for sharing their expertise with our students. The Mustang Media weekly newscast will begin airing this month to all SMPS classrooms.

## PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Bullying and its long-lasting effects



*Dr. Patricia Bailey, a clinical psychologist and counselor, discussed bullying with SMPS students in grades 3-8 last spring.*

On Oct. 21 at 6 pm, Patricia Bailey, Ph.D., will present an important program to our school parents about bullying and its long-lasting effects. As a follow-up to her student presentation last spring, Dr. Bailey will share the latest information about bullying, her experiences in treating victims of bullying, and the best ways to help your child if he or she is bullied.

Dr. Bailey is a well-respected clinical psychologist who specializes in the treatment of teens and young adults. We encourage all parents to attend this informative program. If you would be attending, please register by contacting the school office at 304.242.3966.

## Win \$250 SCRIP RAFFLE

Christmas is just 12 weeks away and that means the holiday shopping season will soon be upon us. To encourage our school and parish families to purchase Scrip cards for gift-giving, we are holding the *SMPS Scrip Pre-Holiday Customer Appreciation Raffle*.

For every \$100 in scrip cards you purchase from Oct. 15 through Nov. 30, your name will automatically be entered into a raffle to win the Grand Prize: a \$250 Walmart/Sam's Club card! Four other lucky winners will receive restaurant gift card prizes. All winners will be drawn on Dec. 1.

The Scrip Program is a win-win for everyone. You benefit by earning credit for your child's SMPS tuition or hot lunch program, and SMPS earns profit for its tuition assistance program. There are hundreds of cards available from your favorite retailers, including: LL Bean, Kohl's, JC Penney's, Old Navy/Gap, Sephora, Harry & David's, Nike, Tanger Outlets, TJ Maxx, Lowe's, Crate and Barrel, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Nini's Treasures.

*Call the Development Office today!*

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

*Welcoming children of all faiths.*