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# SCHOOL NEWS

"Sports do not build character.  
They reveal it."

## Events Calendar

**Wednesday, Nov. 3**  
**All Saints Mass**

First Graders Dress as Saints  
(8:30 am)



**Thursday, Nov. 4**  
**Parent Night at CCHS**

(6:30 pm, Great Hall)



**Friday, Nov. 5**  
**8th Grade CCHS Visitation**  
(8:30 am to 2:00 pm, CCHS)



**Saturday, Nov. 6**  
**Wine & Cheese Social**  
**Shopper's Delight Auction**  
\$10 advance tickets/\$12 at door  
(6-9 pm, Angelus Center)



**Monday, Nov. 8**  
**First Forensics Competition**  
(3:30 - 6 pm, St. Vincent's School)



**Wednesday, Nov. 10**  
**Grandparents Day (TK-2)**  
8:30 am Mass, followed by  
classroom visits and reception



**Wednesday, Nov. 10**  
**Discover Catholic Schools**  
**Open House**  
(WJU Troy Theater, 4-7 pm)



**Thursday, Nov. 11**  
**Veteran's Day Prayer Service**  
(St. Michael Church, 1:30 pm)

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

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## Mustangs win League Championship

**C**ongratulations to St. Michael's 7th/8th grade Football team for a stellar 7-0 season that culminated with an additional win to clinch the Parochial League Championship. Head Coach Lee Gruber led his 26 players, comprised of St. Michael, St. Francis Xavier and Sts.



St. Michael and St. Francis cheerleaders must have had a premonition about the Oct. 24 Championship Game, as shown by the pre-game banner they made.

James/John students to a 30-0 win against the Weirton Madonna Jr. Dons on Oct. 24 to complete the Mustang's one-of-a-kind season.

The championship game, played on yet another of this fall's beautiful summer-like afternoons, showcased the team's explosive talent on both offense and defense. Key plays came from quarterback Matthew Gruber, running backs Andrew Cunningham, Ben Duplaga and Quentin Blatt, wide receivers Nate Bakaitis and Matthew Pleva, as well as defensive tacklers J.D. Griffith, Alex Crum, Peter Hartzell, Zach Fahey,



Head Coach Lee Gruber and the Mustangs team celebrate their Parochial League Championship after defeating the Weirton Madonna Jr. Dons 30-0. The Mustangs finished the season with a perfect 8-0 record.



Coach Gruber embraces Andrew Cunningham, an 8th grader at St. Francis Xavier. Cunningham was one of this year's team leaders on both offense and defense.

Phillip Payne, Henry Gompers, and Bo Campbell. "Every player has contributed to the team's success this year," Gruber said. "We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated, talented guys that play well together and that bring out the best in one another." After the big game, players, cheerleaders and their families celebrated the win at Quaker Steak & Lube. The SMPS end-of-season football banquet is scheduled for Nov. 7 at the Angelus Center.

## STUDENT NEWS

### Pumpkin Drop competition held

It was raining pumpkins at St. Michael's on Oct. 27 where 25 pumpkins were dropped from the school's roof as part of the first annual junior high Pumpkin Drop competition. A project aimed at promoting teamwork and critical-thinking skills, student teams were tasked with designing an enclosure or apparatus to protect a pumpkin from damage when dropped 50 feet. Students were creative in choosing their materials, as they were prohibited from using styrofoam peanuts or packing fillers, hard materials (wood and metal), liquids, and electrical sources. After being dropped, pumpkins were rated on a scale of 1 to 10 by the judges. A tie-breaker



Mr. Gruber and Mrs. Burge climbed to the Bishop Schmitt Annex to drop 25 pumpkins encased in various materials as constructed by 4-man student teams.



was held between two teams, one from 7th grade and one from 8th; their pumpkins were re-packed and re-dropped. After close inspection, the judges chose the 8th grade team as the winner. Congrats!!

The winning team protected its pumpkin with tennis balls, bean bags and a body pillow. From left are Peter Hartzell, Ryan Reinbeau, Zach Fahey and John McLaughlin.

### Student Council hosts Halloween party for TK, K

Student Council Adviser Sarah Felton organized a wonderful Halloween Party last week for St. Michael's youngest students with the help and talents of SMPS Student Council members. Dressed in Halloween costumes, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students enjoyed games (Dress Up A Ghost, Limbo, and Ghost Toss), treats and more during the afternoon of our early dismissal day on Oct. 22.



Princess Jasmine (Taylor Broadwater) and Batman (Kyle White) enjoy the Student Council's Halloween Party.



Following the party, student council also held *Game Night* for 3rd and 4th grade, where students played board games and tag, and enjoyed team building activities and ice cream treats. A special thanks to our council members: President Alex Crum, Vice President Lindsey Baker, Secretary Peter Hartzell, Zach Fahey, Holland Matlock, Brady Bower, Erin O'Leary, Brandon Angalich, Zoe Kahle, Matt Gruber, Lucy Hartzell, Jessica Ghobrial, Isaac Rine, Adam Payne and Ashley Wildern.

8A student council rep Erin O'Leary helps Angelina Paree wrap up her cookie she decorated at the Cookie Station.

## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

### Junior Angels volunteer at Augusta Levy Learning Center

Sixteen SMPS 7th and 8th graders, who are members of the new parish youth group, Junior Angels, dedicate their time and talent by volunteering to work with children at the Augusta Levy Learning Center (ALLC) in Warwood.

ALLC is "the first intensive autism treatment program in the Ohio Valley, utilizing methods that aim to enhance the language, social, academic and independent living skills of its students." Working in teams of four, SMPS students spend two hours each month at ALLC playing with the children and helping them with their cognitive exercises, all under the guidance of the ALLC counselor. Jr. Angels Leader Tammy Miller says the project has been well received by ALLC and the children it serves. "Our students get down on the floor, play, and really relate well to these 3-, to 5-year-olds," Miller said. "They develop relationships and enjoy seeing one another."

Those students involved in the ALLC volunteer program are Halle Guzolik, Sami LaBelle, Lucy Hartzell, Patrick Hurley, Jonathan Ghobrial, David Hammond, Brady Bower, Derek Zerkowski, Joel Beaver, Teresa Pockl, Zoe Kahle, David Coleman, Kevin Stryker, Eric Hasenauer, Hunter Frazier, and Ryan Dunlap. The project will continue through May 2011.

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

Welcoming children of all faiths.