



SCHOOL NEWS

"Faith can put a candle in the darkest night."
-- Margaret Sangster

Events Calendar

Sunday, March 20
First Day of Spring!



Saturday, March 26
Jr. Angels Car Wash

(12:30pm-4 pm, Progressive Bank)



Week of March 28th
Student CTBS Testing



Sunday, April 3

Book Fair
Grandparent Luncheon

(12-2 pm, Angelus Center)



April 4-7
Scholastic Book Fair
(Angelus Center)



Friday, April 15
Earth Day Celebration
Parish/School Clean-Up Day
(Grades 3-8)



Friday, April 15
Jelly Bean Bag Collection Day
(Boatsie's for Baghdad)



Monday, April 18
Young Readers Day
"Beatrix Potter Tales"

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Alex Tarr serves as Principal for a Day

Everything! That's what first grader Alex Tarr said she liked best about being "Principal for a Day" on Ash Wednesday. When Alex's parents won the Principal for a Day prize at St. Michael's Mardi Gras Celebration live auction, it was a welcomed surprise for their daughter.

On March 9, Alex spent the entire day as principal, shadowing Mrs. Richardson. At 7:55 a.m., she attended the Teacher's Morning Prayer meeting where she led the group in the Lord's Prayer. Then she was quickly off to the office where she read the morning prayer to all students over the intercom system. Ten minutes after announcements, it was time to go to Mass and meet with Fr. McSweeney before taking her seat in the pew with Mrs. Richardson.

After attending Mass and receiving her ashes, Alex then visited Mrs. Paula's Transitional Kindergarten class to read a story to the children. Then she read to her own classmates in Mrs. Parr's first grade class. Afterwards, it was back to the school office to get ready for three class observations with Mrs. Richardson. The first was Mr. Gruber's sixth grade science class to observe his students building their volcano projects. At 11 a.m., with Mrs. Richardson's whistle around her neck, it was time for Alex to help with lunch duty for the TK and Kindergarten students.

When the last grilled cheese sandwich was served and everything was cleaned up in the cafeteria, it was time for Alex's own lunch break. Mrs. Richardson had a special treat for Alex and her friend/classmate Sydney Guzolik -- lunch at TJ's Sports Garden followed by ice cream at Dairy Queen! And when Alex returned to school, she was greeted with a surprise in the school office -- a beautiful vase of flowers to congratulate and thank her for a job well done.

"Alex did an excellent job as principal," Mrs. Richardson said. "She definitely has a promising future in education if she chooses that path."

Although Alex said she's not sure what she wants to do when she grows up, she enjoyed her experience walking in Mrs. Richardson's shoes for a day.

"It was really fun because it was cool to see all my friends learning and I got to walk in and see them as principal," Alex said.

During her time as Principal for a Day, Alex was a guest reader for Mrs. Paula's TK Class.



At 7:55 a.m. Alex was on hand to lead the teachers in their morning prayer.



STUDENT NEWS

Spring sports programs underway at SMPS



(Above) Last year Teresa Pockl (left) was a strong competitor for the Mighty Mustangs. At right, the Gold team was one of two volleyball teams to kick off the inaugural season in 2010.

In just their second seasons, both the Track and Field and Girls' Volleyball programs are in full swing at St. Mike's, with teams now conditioning for spring 2011. Coach Dawn Ann Dean will again serve as head coach for this year's 60-member track team. Her 11-week schedule includes daily practices and seven overall invitational track meets. The first 7th/8th grade track meet is April 9 in Barnesville, while 5th/6th grade will participate in their first meet on May 7 at the Parochial League Invitational at WJU.



This year, three SMPS teams have been formed comprised of 5th-8th graders.

This year, 35 girls signed up for volleyball so there are three SMPS teams. Coaches for 5th/6th are Heather Angalich and Kristy Riedel, while Mary Jo McGinley will coach the 7th/8th team. Good luck to all spring student athletes!!



Spring SCRIP Raffle coming soon!

From April 4 through April 29, every \$50 you spend in scrip card purchases (excluding Kroger Plus Card purchases) at St. Mike's will earn you one entry in the SMPS Spring Scrip Raffle! The lucky winner will be drawn on Monday, May 2 and will receive a \$100 scrip-certificate redeemable for any scrip card(s) of equal value. Remember, scrip cards make great Easter, Mother's Day and Graduation gifts!! Visit our website (stmikesparishschool.org) to download a Scrip Order Form or order online at shopwithscrip.com. For more information, contact the Development Office at 304.242.3966 or ahurley@stmikesparish.org.

SMPS Uniform Selections to Expand in 2011-12

In response to a request from Student Council, Mrs. Richardson has announced that St. Michael's shirt/blouse selections for junior high boys and girls will expand next year. In addition to white shirts, the girls in grades 6-8 will have the choice of wearing pastel colors (pink, yellow or blue) and the boys in grades 6-8 will have the option to wear light blue button-down shirts.

To ensure all colored shirts are the same, they must be purchased from our school uniform company, Flynn & O'Hara (flynnohara.com). New uniform order forms will go home next month to all families.

Representatives of Flynn & O'Hara will be at the CCHS gymnasium on June 2 (2-6 pm) to sell school uniforms for 2011-12 to SMPS school families. The gym is located on 13th and Jacob Streets in East Wheeling.



CONGRATS Kevin!

Congratulations to 8th grader Kevin Stryker for qualifying for the state level of the National Geographic Bee to be held at Concord University in Athens, WV on April 1. Kevin will be among hundreds of students vying for the chance to represent WV in the national competition on May 24-25 in Washington, D.C. We wish you luck, Kevin!!

Double Blessings for St. Michael Parish!

A blessing has come to St. Michael Church and School in the form of a matching gift opportunity. A generous donor has offered to match all contributions made to our new Double Blessings campaign up to \$500,000. We have until Dec. 31, 2011 to reach our goal of \$500,000. All proceeds raised will go toward parish debt reduction. Our students, parish staff and parish organizations are fully committed to this effort. We hope you consider making a tax-deductible gift to our Double Blessings campaign.

Mark Your Calendar!

Night At the Races
Saturday, April 30

7-11 pm ♦ Angelus Center
General Admission: \$15
Race Horse Purchase: \$30
(includes 1 free admission)

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

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