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SCHOOL NEWS

"A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."
- St. Basil

Events Calendar

Monday, April 18
Young Readers Day
"Beatrix Potter Tales"
(Grades 1 & 2)



April 18-19
Kindergarten Screening
(No School for Kindergarten)



Tuesday, April 19
8th Grade's "Living Book
Reports" Tour



Tuesday, April 19
Noon Dismissal
Bucketfiller Dress Down
(Easter Break)



Tuesday, April 26
School Resumes



Tuesday, April 26
Earth Day Movie Fieldtrip
Disney's "African Cats"
(10 am, Grades 6-8)



Thursday, April 28
Career/Hobby Fair
Grades 5-8
(9 am to Noon, Angelus Center)



Saturday, April 30
Night At The Races
(7-11 pm, Angelus Center)

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stmikesparishschool.org

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2011 Book Fair ends with pig kisses!

Hats off to Mrs. Jackie Reinbeau, and her team of volunteers for all their hard work and creativity in planning this year's Scholastic Book Fair! It was a 5-day carnival event filled with smiles, fun and laughter...and, of course, books!

The first event was the Grandparent Luncheon, attended by more than 145 grandparents. Everyone enjoyed the lunch, face-painting, shopping, and the "Read-A-Coaster" photo-op station. Then it was the fair kick-off student assembly where teachers faced three challenges: a carnival costume contest (won by Mrs. Cecil), a pie-eating contest (won by Mrs. Parr) and a bunny balloon-making contest (won by Mrs. Railing). Live miniature ponies were also part of the carnival atmosphere.

Amidst the family fun night and student shopping days, there was also a special school visit by Clifford the Dog. Speaking of surprise guests, Mrs. Parr's first graders were also greeted by a guest "hotdog" on April 7; she passed out popcorn treats to each child to enjoy during their Toy Story 3 Movie Day. Thanks Mrs. Richardson for donning the frankfurter suit!!

A favorite part of each annual Book Fair is the student raffles. This year there were two raffles: a Wii Gaming System Prize Raffle, won by sixth grader Jessica Beiswenger, and a Kiss A Pig Raffle! Winners Vincent Murphy (6th grade), Nathan Litvak (TK) and Ryan Reinbeau (8th grade) each chose a teacher they wanted to see kiss a live pig during the final book fair assembly. After the pig arrived all the way from Washington, PA (by police escort of course), students watched as Mrs. Foster, Miss Felton and Mr. Gruber all smooched the little piglet. Where else, but at St. Michael's?!

Book Fair HIGHLIGHTS



STUDENT NEWS

Attorney Bob Gaudio leads 5th graders in Mock Trial

We thank Attorney Bob Gaudio of Gaudio Law Office for spending the afternoon of April 7th with our 5th graders to give them an opportunity to participate in a mock trial. The program, sponsored by the Wheeling Academy of Law and Science (WALS), has two goals: to familiarize students with real attorneys, trial procedure and courtroom behavior; and to warn students of the negative health and criminal ramifications for stealing (possession), selling and/or using non-prescribed medication.



Fifth grader Robert Kahle plays the role of defense attorney in a Mock Trial. Attorney Bob Gaudio plays the judge.

WALS, which was formed by Wheeling Attorney Patrick Cassidy, provides educational outreach of all types to the public at large. "The Mock Trial Program, just one aspect of the Academy, is fast becoming the most popular educational offering and has spread to elementary and middle schools throughout the state of West Virginia," Gaudio said. Gaudio is the father of 5th grader David Gaudio.

SMPS Drama Club showcases improvisation skills



act out. "Improv is fearless," Thompson told the audience. Thank you, Tim, for all your work with our Drama Club! What a great show!

Tim Thompson of the Stifel Fine Arts Center mentored this year's SMPS Drama Club and guided students in their final exercise -- an improvisational performance. The 35 students showcased their creativity and spontaneity by allowing audience members to choose props and suggest scenarios to

MUSTANG ATHLETICS

Mustangs excel at Barnesville Invitational Meet

The Mighty Mustangs 7th and 8th grade team competed in the season's first track and field invitational on April 9 in Barnesville, OH. The 11th Annual McDonald's Junior High Invitational brought together 16 schools, predominantly from the Buckeye state to compete in 14 different events.

The SMPS team did an amazing job -- especially considering the team only earned points from competing in just seven of the 14 events (SMPS does not currently have students compete in shotput, discus, or pole vaulting events). The Mustangs finished 12th overall!

Individual awards went to 7th grader Lindsey Baker who won a Gold Medal (1st place) in the 200m girls' race and finished 4th in the 400m event. Our girls' 4x100 relay team -- consisting of Teresa Pockl, Rachel Billie, Holland Matlock, and Lindsey Baker -- finished in 5th place. Additionally, 7th grader Aric Varlas finished in 6th place in the boys' 800m race. Congratulations Mustangs and Coach Dawn Ann Dean!! What a great way to start the season!!

CELEBRITY SERVER NIGHT

Wheeling

Central Catholic High School's Lacrosse Team



will be hosting a Celebrity Server Night on Thursday, April 21 at Generations Restaurant from 4-7 pm. Come on out and support the defending West Virginia Scholastic Lacrosse Association Champions, many of whom are SMPS alumni!

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.

Welcoming children of all faiths.