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SCHOOL NEWS

"As a Mother, my job is to take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible."
- Ruth Bell Graham
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Events Calendar

- Monday, May 9**
"State of the School" Meeting
(6:30 pm, Church)
- ◆
- Tuesday, May 10**
5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation
(1:30 pm, Angelus Center)
- ◆
- Tuesday, May 17**
SMPS Awards Assembly for Grades 1-7
- ◆
- May 18-19**
8th Grade Class Trip
- ◆
- Thursday, May 19**
7th Grade Class Trip
- ◆
- Tuesday, May 31**
8th Grade Awards Banquet/Graduation Dance
(6:30 pm, Generations Restaurant)
- ◆
- Wednesday, June 1**
Kindergarten Graduation
(10:00 am, Church)
- ◆
- Wednesday, June 1**
8th Grade Graduation
(7 pm, Church)
- ◆
- Thursday, June 2**
School Picnic
(Wheeling Park)

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Career Education Week offers up-close look at professions, hobbies

Where can you go and see a chef, cycling enthusiast, veterinarian, priest, architect, dentist, doctor, pilot, police officer, photographer and dance studio owner (to name just a few) all in the same room? Why at the SMPS Career & Hobby Fair, of course!

The annual fair was held last week at the Angelus Center for grades 5-8 marking the fourth year the school's Quality Education Committee has coordinated the event, as well as in-class presentations for younger students. This year's fair was the largest yet as students visited 19 different booths to learn about different career paths. They tasted food samples, received literature and giveaways, handle a high-powered camera, pet a greyhound, golden retriever, and iguana. New to the fair's format was the addition of hobbyists -- a cyclist and gardening enthusiast shared information about their life's passion. It was a great day of sharing interesting and valuable information.



(Top) WVNCC Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts Chris Kefauver wowed the crowd with his delicious Bananas Foster dessert. Above, John Newbrough of Newbrough Photo shows students how to handle a high-powered digital camera.



"The Career Fair is one of the best events we do at St. Michael's," said Principal Sis Richardson. "We think it's important to expose students to various careers and the education necessary to attain them and, at the same, to bring members of the community into St. Michael's to meet our students and see the great things we do here."

At left top, Tish Shivlin (SMPS Class of 1968) and sister-in-law Geri Shivlin talk about careers in dentistry with 7th/8th graders. Below, Architect Kellie Cole of SMG Architects explains the high school classes and college path that will lead one to a career in architecture.

STUDENT NEWS

Valedictorian, Salutatorian Named for Class of 2011

The St. Michael school community announces the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2011. Congratulations to Erin O'Leary for finishing top in her class and earning the title of class valedictorian. Erin is the daughter of Craig and Emma O'Leary of Wheeling. As valedictorian, Erin will address her classmates at the June 1 Graduation Ceremony.

Finishing second among the 32 students in the SMPS Class of 2011 and earning the salutatorian distinction is John McLaughlin. John is the son of Jay and Carol McLaughlin of Wheeling.

Both Erin and John will be attending Wheeling Central Catholic High School in the fall.

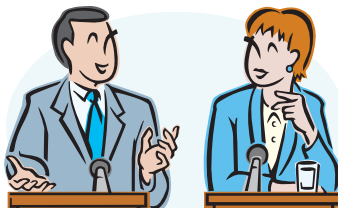
Congratulations, Erin and John! We are very proud of your achievements and look forward to hearing about many more accomplishments from you both in the future.



John McLaughlin has been named salutatorian for the SMPS Class of 2011 while Erin O'Leary is the Class valedictorian.

SMPS Forensics Team Wins Tournament

The SMPS Forensics Team, led by junior high teacher Sean Decker, finished first overall at a recent parochial tournament held at St. Vincent de Paul School. There were many individual honors awarded to our students. First place winners were Brady Bower (Drama); Alex Crum (Original Oratory); Aimee Schultz (Impromptu); Daniel O'Leary and Jack Stryker (Multiple Reading); Hannah Dieffenbaugher, Erin O'Leary, Adam Payne and Kyli Glaser (Multiple Reading); Dhira Haworth and Elena Allen (Multiple Reading); Allison Walton-Mokros and Holland Matlock (Multiple Reading); Morgan Petchar, Gina Haas, and Brooke McArdle (Multiple Reading); and Lucy Hartzell and Zoe Kahle (Multiple Reading). Second place winners were David Gaudio (Impromptu); Lexie Kosanovic (Poetry); Jonathan Ghobrial (Declamation); and Claire Miller (Prose). Also, Holland Matlock and Allison Walton-Mokros both earned perfect scores in one of two rounds; and Aimee Schultz had perfect scores in both rounds. Great job, everyone!



SMPS Scholastic Challenge Held: Summa vs. Magna

On April 29, some of the best minds at St. Michael's came together for a head-to-head showdown of scholastic knowledge. Yes, it was the annual Scholastic Challenge with team Summa Scholastica taking on team Magna Scholastica. Team Summa, led by captain Zach Fahey, was comprised of Allison Walton-Mokros, Phillip Payne, Alex Crum, and Aric Varlas. Team Magna, led by captain Peter Harzell, was comprised by Derek Zelkowski, Kevin Stryker, Brady Bower, and Kevin Keane. Both teams successfully answered questions on geography, math, literature, science, and English. But in a tie-breaker lightning round, it was Team Summa Scholastica who ultimately came out on top by a score of 110-45. Thank you to our moderators, Mr. Sean Decker and Mr. Doug Wayt, for preparing the teams in this fourth year of the scholastic challenge.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mrs. Katie (Wilson) Christiansen (SMPS Class of 1994), daughter of preschool teacher Gretchen Wilson, recently earned National Board



Certified Teacher (NBCT) status, having completed a rigorous work and exam schedule. National Board Certification is achieved through a performance-based assessment that typically takes 1-3 years to complete. NBCTs are nationally recognized as being among the best teachers in the profession, representing just 3% of the nation's teaching force.

After graduating from SMPS, Katie went on to graduate from Wheeling Central Catholic High School and Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV). Today, she works at Evergreen Mill Elementary School in Leesburg, VA. She and her husband Forrest and one-year-old daughter Scarlett reside in Leesburg.

STATE of the SCHOOL Meeting

Monday, May 9
6:30 pm ♦ Church

All students whose parents attend will receive a dress down day.

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

Welcoming children of all faiths.