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SCHOOL NEWS

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Events Calendar

June 6-17
SMPS Summer Office Hours:
9 am to 3 pm



June 6-15
SMPS Uniform Sale
(All items will be sold at \$2.00)



June 9 & 10
Report Card Pick-Up



June 13-17
SMPS Math Camp



Tuesday, June 14
Estate Planning Program
(Noon, Angelus Center)



Friday, June 17
School Office Closes
for Summer



Saturday, June 18
St. Michael Rummage Sale
(School Hall)



July 7-9
St. Michael Parish Festival



Monday, August 22
SMPS Open House
(10 am to Noon)



Wednesday, August 24
First Day of School!

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Congratulations SMPS Graduates!

It was a day of caps, gowns, and blue/gold tassels as both our Kindergartners and 8th graders celebrated their graduations on June 1. In the morning, our 30 Kindergartners were all smiles as they entered the church for their special ceremony. After the program, family and friends were treated to a reception in the school hall.



Excited kindergartners line up outside St. Michael Church in preparation for their graduation ceremony on June 1.

Later that evening, St. Michael's 32 eighth graders made their transition from student to alumni during a beautiful graduation mass celebrated by Fr. Jerry McSweeney and Fr. Mike Lecias. And, for this first time, a special "Pinning Ceremony" was added to the festivities.



Twenty-six St. Michael alumni participated by presenting a new SMPS Alumni pin to our graduates. We thank the parents, siblings, relatives and friends who presented the pins: Jessica Allen ('09), Gretchen Gundling Wilson ('65), Nicole Baller Avon ('94), Ashley Baller Kiger ('96), Brittney Baller Valentine ('98), Jamie Bower ('92), Austin Grendel ('09), Michael Hammond ('99), Andrew Hammond ('02), Michele Comerci Grant ('97), Jimmy Payne ('81), Michael Pleva ('09), Heather Young Rine ('98), Sean Decker ('93),



Above Jimmy Payne ('81) presents the new SMPS alumni pin to his son Phillip. Mr. Payne celebrates his 30th Anniversary as an SMPS graduate this month. At left, Billy Teufel receives his pin from his father Larry Teufel (Class of '61), who celebrates his 50th anniversary as an SMPS graduate, and his aunt, Sister Judy Teufel ('53).

Stephanie Barry ('03), Danielle Payne ('00), Michael Duplaga IV ('04), Brian Felton ('09), Ted Gompers ('78), Trey Griffith ('08), Shannon Magruder Bowman ('91), Aspen Matlock ('09), Kayla McLaughlin ('08), Sister Judy Teufel ('53), Larry Teufel ('61), and Jared Zelkowski ('07).

STUDENT NEWS

Students volunteer at Ogden Race Hydration Station

For the second consecutive year, St. Michael's has hosted a hydration station on National Road for the annual Ogden Race competitors. This year, more than 15 students volunteered their time to hand out much-needed water, ice and gatorade to the half marathon walkers and runners.

Congratulations to former SMPS student Colin Gundling, age 24, of Pittsburgh for winning this year's race with a time of 1:20:25. Gundling is the nephew of our 4-year-old preschool teacher Gretchen Wilson. We also salute all the alumni and parents who participated in the weekend's race events.



First grader Sara Gruber hands water to a thirsty runner in the 35th Annual Ogden Half Marathon Classic race held over Memorial Day Weekend. Also pictured are 7th graders Vicki Irr and Natasha Georges.

Third Graders Donate to Free Wheelchair Mission



Throughout the school year, St. Michael's 25 third graders had a single goal in mind for their class stewardship project: to collect enough money to purchase a new wheelchair for someone in need. So they brought in their pennies, nickels and quarters, and even did extra chores around the house to earn some change. Then they came to school and dropped their coins into teacher Dorothy Dudzik's

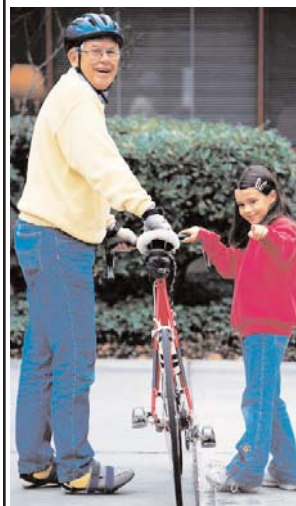
special Free Wheelchair Mission collection can that sat on her desk. Last month, the students actually surpassed their goal and raised a total of \$65.82, more than enough to purchase a new wheelchair. To accept the donation from the students was Free Wheelchair Mission Representative Julie Meredith. She thanked the students for their generosity, presenting each with a special certificate of recognition from the charity. Great job!

First Graders Donate to Congregation of St. Joseph

Sister Mary Alice Girrens, administrator for the Congregation of St. Joseph, visited St. Michael's this past week to accept a check from our first graders. The students raised \$292.20 during the year, marking the fifth consecutive year first grade (led by teachers Mary Smoulder and Lisa Parr) has raised money for the sisters residing at St. Joseph. Gary Mulhern, gift planning specialist for the Congregation of St. Joseph says this year's donation is the largest yet, surpassing what was the previous top donation of \$270.88 in 2006! Over the course of the five years, SMPS first graders have raised a total \$1,160.69 for the Sisters of St. Joseph! Congratulations on your stewardship project!



ESTATE PLANNING PROGRAM



St. Michael Parish School will host a free estate planning program for interested individuals on June 14 from noon to 1:30 pm at

the Angelus Center. "What You Need to Know About Estate Planning" will cover such topics as will components, tax advantages, Medicaid planning, charitable giving, importance of funeral planning, and right to life issues.

Featured speakers will be Attorney Brann Altmeyer, Tess Morando of Altmeyer Funeral Homes, and Fr. Dan Pisano. A complimentary Panera Bread lunch will be served.

To register, contact Alyson Hurley (304.242.3966 or ahurley@stmikesparish.org) by June 7. Limited seating available so register early!

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Welcoming children of all faiths.