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SCHOOL NEWS

"Friends are kisses blown to us by angels."
~Unknown

Events Calendar

October 26
Annual Pumpkin Drop



Oct. 28
Noon Dismissal
(Students wear Bucketfiller T-shirts)



October 28
TK/Kindergarten Halloween Party
Sponsored by Student Council
(12:30-2 pm, Old Gym)



October 31
Happy Halloween!



November 1
All Saints Mass
Grades 1 and 8 Dress-up as Saints
(8:45 am)



November 3
First Penance Parent Meeting
(6 pm, Church)



November 8
CCHS 7th & 8th Grade Parent Night
(6:30 pm, Great Hall)



November 9
CCHS 8th Grade Visitation Day
8th Graders arrive at CCHS
between 8:15-8:30 am; Parents
should pick up students from
CCHS gym at 2:05 pm.

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Angel Walk raises more than \$35K

Community comes together in support of new SMPS fundraiser

We at St. Michael's are humbled by the support and enthusiasm shown by so many for our inaugural Angel Walk walk-a-thon fundraiser held on October 7. First, we thank Wheeling Jesuit University and president Richard Beyer for donating the use of the WJU outdoor track for our event as well as the tents, stage and other equipment -- it was the perfect location to host our



Third grade teacher Dorothy Dudzik looks at the Rally Signs on display as she walks with her students at the inaugural SMPS Angel Walk held Oct. 7.



Third grader Kaci Spry has fun at the Angel Walk's bubble station manned by CCHS student alumni volunteers Nate Bakaitis (foreground) and Zach Fahey.

Undoubtedly, the Angel Walk was a significant success for SMPS, not only because of the money raised (currently at more than \$35,000) and the beautiful autumn weather we were blessed with that day, but also for the simple fact that it was an event that allowed so many people to get involved and do something special (and healthy!) for St. Michael's, all as one community. *(Read more on p. 2).*

365 students, 32 teachers and staff members, parish staff, parents, grandparents, family members and friends, parishioners, 45 CCHS student alumni, as well as members of the local community. Second, we thank Floyd Shuler and Hole 'n Run for designing and donating all the Angel Walk t-shirts worn by our students. We also recognize the financial support provided by our other sponsors: Altmeyer Funeral Homes, Dr. Christopher Tiu, Paree Insurance Centers, Dream Clean, Cast & Baker Corp., Kalkreuth Roofing & Sheet Metal, and three anonymous donors.



WJU president Richard Beyer greets parishioner Lynn Comerchi who is the grandmother of SMPS third grader Parker Skedel.

SMPS ANGEL WALK

Jackie Zavolta Student Scholarship established

In August, St. Michael's school and parish communities were deeply saddened to learn our dear friend Jackie Zavolta had lost her battle with breast cancer. Jackie, an active member of St. Michael's and a former SMPS kindergarten aide, was a special person



Above, St. Michael parishioner Ron Zavolta is surrounded by family and friends who all participated in the SMPS Angel Walk to support the Jackie Zavolta Student Scholarship fund, established to honor the memory of his late wife Jackie (right) who lost her courageous battle with breast cancer in August.



-- a down-to-earth, kind-hearted individual with a beautiful smile and a natural connection with children.

To honor her memory and her contributions to SMPS, school administrators established the Jackie Zavolta Student Scholarship fund as part of the Angel Walk event. The monies raised will pay the full tuition of a Kindergarten student in need beginning in the 2012-13 school year, as well as follow that child throughout his or her years at St. Michael's.

"Jackie meant so much to so many people," principal Sis Richardson said. "With this scholarship, we honor her memory and the many contributions she made as a former Kindergarten aide, as a St. Michael's parent, and as a member of the parish. She personified the Catholic values and character traits we nurture within our students -- she will always be a part of the heart and soul of St. Michael's."



Jackie Zavolta's children participated in the Angel Walk to show their support for the scholarship fund named in her memory. From left are SMPS alumnus Michael Zavolta, SMPS alumna Joni Zavolta, and Jimmy Spurlin.

Donations to the scholarship fund continue to be accepted. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible gift, please mail your check (made payable to the Jackie Zavolta Scholarship Fund) to the following address:

**Development Office
St. Michael Parish School
1221 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003**

We thank all those who have already contributed to the scholarship fund. We know it will have a significant impact on a school family in 2012 and beyond.

HEALTHY INITIATIVES



With backing from the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, SMPS has launched its healthy initiatives program for the 2011-12 school year, first with a new salad bar, and more recently with a "healthy snacking" discussion offered by guest chef Chris Kefauver, assistant professor of Culinary Arts at WVNCC. On Oct. 12 Chris discussed the importance of eating a healthy diet, exercising and getting enough sleep to being successful students.

Next came a Veggie Taste Test in which students in grades 1-5 and 7-8 participated. Each child tasted five raw vegetables -- without any dip -- and ranked each (tomato, carrot, cucumber, snap peas, and celery) on a scale of 1 to 5. Interestingly, in all grades, the tomato was liked the very least while the carrot came out on top in four grades (Grades 2, 3, 4 and 7), with cucumbers ranked highest in (Grades 5 and 8), and a tie in first grade between cucumbers and carrots. We thank all students for their participation!

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