



St. Michael School PTO Newsletter

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Hello Parents and Teachers,

This is the week! **Check your mailboxes** for your personal invitations to the **St. Michael School "A Decade of Dreams" Auction and Dinner on March 6 at Prestonwood Country Club.**

Our premier biennial fundraiser has our many, many, many volunteers paddling like ducks below the surface to make this event an elegant adult affair that promises to raise enough money to carry our decade-old school's PTO budget for two solid years. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team to make our school successful. Many thanks.

What makes the Auction such a success is the prizes that are donated in the name of love for our school. Do you have something to offer that will help? **It is not too late to donate an item that you think might bring in some fierce competition for bidding!** Friends and relatives are good sources for donations of some vacation-home time, tours in fantastic or famous workplaces, tickets to popular events. Think of something wonderful and get your offers in to Maryanne Lutz at maryannelutz@nc.rr.com. Last call!

Donating to the Auction's Wall of Wine has just gotten easier.

You can now purchase your wine at Anytime Wines in addition to The Wine Merchant. Anytime Wines is located at Kildaire Farm Road and Lochmere Drive. **Either store will give you a 15% discount if you mention the Wall of Wine.** You can leave your purchase at the store or drop it by the school office. If you are having trouble finding the time to go to one of those stores they will happily take your purchase over the phone when you provide a credit card number. Remember also that we are happy to take a donation of cash and buy the wine for you! Several school parents have generously offered their homes this week for a Mom's Night Out to help collect donations for one of the Auction's most popular events. Thank you parents!

While our Family Bingo Night has been rescheduled for April 30, we have selected winners for our Bingo Raffle Baskets!!!

Please see Dr. Wannemuehler's Principal's Letter this week for winners. We all enjoyed our snowy weekend and will love our Family Bingo Night when it arrives! Please don't forget that if you would prefer to have your money from the cancelled February 22 night refunded, contact Jennifer Clark at clarksofcary@nc.rr.com by Friday, February 26; otherwise, your payment will be applied to the rescheduled April 30 event.

You saw recently the flyer about the Box Tops Sweepstakes! Enter the Box Tops for Education sweepstakes at boxtops4education.com/love between now and February 28. You can enter each day if you wish.

You Make The Difference

Kids with involved parents and guardians do better in school. For involvement help, check out: SchoolFamily.com

Twenty-eight schools will win 1,000 bonus box tops for their schools. In the past, St. Michael School Box Tops donations have provided us with a FREE playset behind the school, among other goodies. It's so easy to get free stuff for our school....give your kids a project to cut out Box Tops and bring them into the office!

On January 27, the sixth-graders surprised Mrs. Navarro with a sweet baby shower! She did not suspect a thing! She was showered with love and gifts for baby Jenna Marie, who arrived but one day later. Blessings to the Navarro family.

Ahem....did you see the uplifting feature article about our own Mrs. Piegore in the February *Cary News*? Page 7A. Reporter Anne Woodman spent time in Mrs. Piegore's class and then interviewed her to showcase Mrs. Piegore's teaching style and her love of her students. If you missed it, here is the link (it cannot be accessed from this page, so cut and paste it!):

<http://www.carynews.com/251/story/15812.html>

Put DOWN the cell phones!

Several St. Michael School teachers have expressed serious concern over parents' cell-phone use in the carpool lines. We have had incidents of parents driving up onto the curb because of diverted attention on the cell phone, all while children are present. Please, please: Make calls later. We do not need a tragic accident to occur before realizing the dangers of cell-phone usage in the carpool line. **Our children's safety is at stake.**

Lenten Book Group

What will you do this year for Lent? **Consider participating in the PTO's Lenten Book Group**, meeting for the six Tuesdays of Lent, starting February 23. Choose from two different sessions! 8:00-9:15am or 9:45-11:00am. Both sessions will be meet in the Youth Room, on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center.

This year we will discuss *A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent*, by Sarah Parsons. Books are available for \$12 at the front desk. If you are unable to attend the group meetings, consider purchasing a book to read and pray along with us from home.



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For Your Calendar.....

- **Thursday, February 11:** Next meeting for the **third-grade book club** will be held in the school library. Students will be dismissed at 4:00 at the Weatherstone door. Please contact Mrs. Dries for further details.
- **Thursday, February 11:** Grades 1 and 2 perform "**Zootopia**" in the Parish Center at 2:00 pm.
- **Friday, February 12: Mardi Gras Parade!** Come watch the students' parade with Kindergarten floats and 8th Grade pullers, First-Grade clowns, Third-Grade steppers, Fourth-Grade recorders, Drum line, and more! Classroom parties to follow.
- **CORRECTION: February 18 at 1:45 pm is the correct date for the student Pep Rally.** The Pep Band and Cheerleaders will get us peppy as excitement builds for the weekend-long Shamrock Tournament in Charlotte! Go, Angels!
- **Monday, February 22: Soccer and Baseball tryouts!** Also, first day of boys' Varsity and JV **Lacrosse** practice, and first day of girls' club team Lacrosse practice.
- **Tuesday, February 23: Lenten Book Group**, 8:00-9:15 and 9:45-11:00 on the second floor of the Parish Center, AND **Third-Grade "Jump Rope for Heart" Light the World event** in PE, AND rescheduled **Parish Center Lunch**.
- **Wednesday, February 24 through Friday, February 26:** 8th Grade Field Trip to **Washington, D.C.**
- **Thursday, February 15:** Continuation of Third-grade "Jump Rope for Heart" Light the World event in PE

- **Friday, February 26:** Rescheduled **5th/6th Grade Bowling** Night, 7-9 pm at Buffalo Lanes

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Volunteers Needed!



Look in your Wednesday folder for information about upcoming PTO Board Elections for the 2010-2011 school year. Nominations will be accepted through February 26. Please contact Erin Nelson at erindnelson@bellsouth.net if you or a friend can help serve our school next year.

Angel Bucks is looking for two to three chairpersons for the 2010-2011 school year. These positions will be background-checked and bonded. These positions require weekly involvement for one of St. Michael School's most enduring and beneficial fundraising efforts. Thank you for your consideration of service.