



## St. Michael's Episcopal School Newsline

St. Michael's Episcopal School strives to provide children with superior academic instruction in an environment that acknowledges and develops Christian values.

February 2011

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

It's a busy time at St. Michael's. The winter sports program is winding down with swim championships and basketball tournaments. January, which always seems to have at least sixty days, has been replaced by February with March and spring vacation just over the horizon.

More important, it's just past the halfway point in the school year with second quarter grades completed and reported. This month is the busiest time of the year for student admission and enrollment. Families presently enrolled at St. Michael's must determine at this time whether their children will return to St. Michael's in the fall. Naturally, it is my hope that the strength of our curriculum, the extracurricular activities, the religious values, the community of the school and accessible tuition will all make a positive response to this question a forgone conclusion. By the same token, families new to St. Michael's who are considering becoming a part of our community must weigh many of the same factors.

It has been often said the support of St. Michael's families who provide their time, talent and treasure makes the school the success that it is. For St. Michael's to continue to be the successful institution to which most of us have become accustomed, this range of commitment is as important today as it was in preceding days and years.

You can make a difference. Join the large group of parent volunteers who help in so many ways. If you have skill, pitch in. Don't hesitate to share your positive feelings for the school with others. It makes a real difference. Provide whatever financial support you can. You would be surprised to see how quickly gifts can add up.

### THANK YOU

We are most thankful to the St. Michael's families who have provided dinners during our hospital stay. Thank you for nourishing our body, mind and soul.  
The Joshua Family

### SCHEDULE CHANGE ALERT

Monday, February 21, will now be a school day due to inclement weather interruptions experienced to date. We regret any inconvenience caused by this schedule change.

### CONGRATUATIONS!

Seventh grader Katie Cantone represented St. Michael's in the All-District Band concert at Atlee High School on February 5. Katie plays clarinet in the St. Michael's Advanced Band under the direction of Brian Rollins who is Trinity Episcopal's band instructor.

### RE-ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS

**St. Michael's re-enrollment contracts have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact the office. Contracts are due February 28.**

**FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**  
**Mary King Coleman, Development Director**

St. Michael's students are happy children. You see it in their faces when they greet you with a cheery hello and you hear it in their voices as they perform in class plays, participate in projects such as the Lower School's International Day, cheer SMBA teams to victory and walk through the halls with their friends. As teachers, administrators and parents, we know that happy children continue to learn and grow.

My "job" is about your happy children – making certain much needed resources are readily available to meet their academic, sports and extracurricular needs. These resources are made possible through gifts to the Annual Fund and the Capital Campaign. As families before you have made possible resources and facilities, it is up to us to be certain that the students of today and tomorrow continue to have what they need to perpetuate their education. As we move through the few remaining months of this school year, please take a moment to reflect on your St. Michael's years, to appreciate the School's safe and nurturing environment, and observe our students as they interact with each other, and then just in a moment's time, support the goals that define the St. Michael's experience.

**Make St. Michael's Episcopal School's Annual Fund your #1 Valentine!**

Class Percentages to date:

**St. Michael's Parents: 48%**

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>First</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Fourth</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Fifth</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Sixth</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Seventh</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Eighth</b>	<b>46%</b>

**VALUES AND RELIGION**

**Fifth Grade, Islam Project (World Religions)**

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Library, Lower School

All parents and family members are invited to experience this creative presentation. As part of their study of World Religions, students have been researching the religion of Islam. Don't miss the power point shows, slides, images, skits and costumes!

**Fourth Grade, Chapel Project (Religion class)**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 (8:30 a.m.) Mrs. Swartz's Class

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 (8:30 a.m.) Mrs. Geier's Class

Using music, drama, worship dance, art, stories, scripture narration and technology, fourth grade students will apply their knowledge and understanding in planning, designing, practicing and leading the Lower School's chapel. This chapel service project provided the opportunity for the students to develop leadership, creativity and interpersonal skills.

**Seventh Grade, World Spirituality Presentation (IB Values)**

As part of their values study, students researched people who changed the world for good. For 12 weeks, students worked in pairs to investigate global characters of their choice. With guidance from Mrs. Eckmann, Mrs. Chess and Mr. Joshua, students expanded their research skills. Through their biographical projects, students developed an understanding of spirituality from world cultures, resulting in a global awareness of values that promoted open-mindedness, mutual respect and peace. Using the Keynote presentation tool, students showcased their projects to the eighth grade students and seventh grade parents during the first week of February. It was powerful to witness the students share how their characters changed their lives.

**ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**  
**Second Quarter 2010-2011**

**Sixth Grade Honor Roll**

Nikki Aldridge  
Claire Andress  
Max Donnelly  
Tory Farmer  
Cate Fleet  
Mallory Flores  
Allie Geier  
Kali Hodges  
Savannah Holliday  
Catherine Hughes  
Xander Johnson  
Jake Johnston  
Kate Kinder  
Benton Knight  
Katie Wrenn Lambert  
Katie Mialaret  
Will Michael  
Barham Nardo  
Jonathan Nash  
Matthew Nelson  
Callie Nesbitt  
Luke Parry  
McGee Roman  
Lila Shelley  
Pierce Tarry  
Charlotte Thornton  
Emma Walker  
Rose Wyant

**Seventh Grade Honor Roll**

Garrett Allen  
McKenna Brady  
Meriwether Bryant  
Katie Cantone  
Elli Chaplin  
Matthew Cousins  
Kate Daniel  
Stephen Geisz  
Ben Greer  
Katie Harris  
Addison Hyatt  
Mary Alice Kukoski  
Caroline Lea  
Jed Londrey  
Ben Owen  
Katie Pokorny  
Isaac Roberts  
Sarah Roski  
William Simopoulos  
Annie Snead  
Jake Stargell  
Jackson Steilberg  
Abby Watson

**Eighth Grade Honor Roll**

Marco-Tomás Ambrogi-Torres  
Mary Peyton Baskin  
Caroline Chester  
Joe Goode  
Tappe Grotos  
Sarah Holliday  
Thomas Hungerford  
James Irby  
Margaret Jewett  
Mariah Macon  
Kelsey McQueen  
Caroline Moreno  
Zac Morris  
Christopher Powell  
Fletcher Rowe  
Rachel Thoms  
Tierney Whelan  
Kathryn Young

**Eighth Grade Semester Honor Roll**

Marco-Tomás Ambrogi-Torres  
Mary Peyton Baskin  
Joe Goode  
Tappe Grotos  
Sarah Holliday  
Thomas Hungerford  
James Irby  
Margaret Jewett  
Mariah Macon  
Kelsey McQueen  
Robert Morris  
Christopher Powell  
Fletcher Rowe  
Rachel Thoms  
Kathryn Young

## **MIKE SWIMMING WRAPS UP SEASON WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BETHESDA**

The 11th annual Middle School Swimming Championships drew the largest crowd in its history. Thirty-two teams and nearly 500 competitors descended on Holton-Arms School in Bethesda on Saturday, January 29, 2011, for a rousing day of swimming in a festive atmosphere.

The meet included Sidwell Friends (no First Daughters, though), St. Alban's (Al Gore's alma mater and Red Auerbach's first coaching stop), Little Flower (featuring Chief Justice Roberts' daughter), all of the Richmond teams, Norfolk Academy and Shady Side Academy which continues to trek over the Alleghenies from Pittsburgh to face the formidable home team, its brother school, Landon, and the rest of us.

When the splashing subsided, St. Catherine's won the girls' competition and French International School of Bethesda won the boys' title.

The MIKE boys finished 6th overall, highlighted by:

- Aidan Sullivan's 2nd place finished in the 100 IM and 50 Breast.
- Tray Pankey's 8th and 10th place finished in 50 Back and 50 Fly.
- Tory Farmer's 6th and 11th place finished in Back and Fly.
- Aidan , Tray , Troy and Fletcher Rowe placed 3rd place in the 200 Freestyle Relay and 4th in the 200 Medley Relay.
- Campbell Baskin finished a distinguished MIKE swimming career with a personal record in 50 Backstroke.
- Andy Chess' times dropped like stones as he posted new personal bests in 50 Free and 50 Back.

The MIKE girls finished eleventh in the 32-team meet, led by

- Tierney Whelan (12th in 50 Breast).
- Mary Peyton Baskin (12th in 50 Back).
- Sarah Roski (11th in 50 Back).
- Kathryn Lambiotte (17th in 50 Back).
- Tierney, Mary Peyton, Sarah and Kathryn placed 5th in the 200 Medley relay.
- Catherine Unger gave us another outstanding effort as the Butterflyer on our B Medley.
- Emily Savage beat everyone in her tight heat of 50 Breast.
- Kali Hodges did the same in 100 IM.
- Callie Nesbitt dropped nearly 3 seconds in 50 fly.
- In addition to being one of our eager members of the MIKE cheering section. Kate Kinder and Katie Wrenn Lambert both came from behind to swim past competitors in the Backstroke events.

Unfortunately, there were too many great swims to relate here among the 30+ MIKE swimmers!

Coach Ferguson and Coach Moore were really proud of everyone at Holton-Arms, both in and out of the pool.

During the dual meet season, the boys finished 3-1 with victories over Collegiate, Trinity, and Steward. The MIKE girls were 2-2, with wins over Trinity and Steward. The team also made its second trip to The Seton School Invitational where they competed against a number of Fredericksburg area schools, swam some unusual relay events and joined fellow competitors for a pizza party afterward.

To break up some of the monotony of practices this year, the team enjoyed 12 days of Christmas practice and the Valentine's Day Relays practice.

Many thanks to the MIKE Swimming alums who helped coach the team this year: Brenna Sullivan, Cameron Moore, Peter Ferguson and Thomas Ferguson.

## **SMBA SEASON COMPLETE**

Hail the Red Team, coached by Gus Mitchell and Bob Becker, who narrowly defeated the Blue Team led by coaches John Powell, Ben Bacon and Benjamin Johnson in a thrilling 21-29 contest to win the SMBA Championship. Team Orange, coached by alumni Timothy Chester and Thomas Lee Rice, were awarded the coveted Strauss Sportsmanship Trophy.

## SMPA NEWS

### **Magic Dragon Day**

Only six more weeks of winter (according to the groundhog) and that only means one thing .... **Magic Dragon Day** is fast approaching! Everyone should have received a letter in the mail detailing levels of sponsorship for this year's event. We are grateful for the support we receive each year through sponsorships, contributions and donations from local businesses and St. Michael's families. Depending on the level of support, sponsors are recognized in a variety of ways, from inclusion on the MDD t-shirts to being listed on the banner and in the program. Additionally, returning this year is the Lucky Draw, a favorite event for the students. Donations of "kid-friendly" items from our families and local businesses contribute to the success of our Lucky Draw. Lucky Draw donors also receive recognition in the MDD program. We hope that you will consider being a sponsor or Lucky Draw donor for Magic Dragon Day 2011. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day! If you have questions please contact Kellie Huyard ([khuyard@verizon.net](mailto:khuyard@verizon.net)) or Greta Phillips ([jamezmom@gmail.com](mailto:jamezmom@gmail.com)).

### **Yearbook**

**Yearbook needs your photos! Please continue to submit photos through February** for inclusion in the yearbook. We need photos from the first grade play, Valentine's Day parties, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Wax Museum, Patriotic Program and the Science Fair. It's not too late to submit photos of events from earlier in the year. **We also need sports candids.** Any and all photos are welcome and appreciated. Please turn in your photos on a CD to either office or your grade editor. Label the CD with "Yearbook", your name, the grade and the name of the event. Or you may upload pictures to the website at [www.hjeshare.com](http://www.hjeshare.com) (school code 3030509). **We will continue to collect photos of events after March 1 for the spring supplement**, which will be distributed at the beginning of the next school year. Questions? Contact your grade editor, Cindy Arnold at [cindyarnoldva@msn.com](mailto:cindyarnoldva@msn.com) or Laura Powell at [l.powell24@verizon.net](mailto:l.powell24@verizon.net) Thank you!

### **Parents' Council**

*Its 9:00. ... Do you know where your children are?*

*A round table discussion about children's use of technology*

Join us at the Singleton campus on **Wednesday, February 23rd**, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m., for coffee and a discussion about children's use of technology at St Michael's and at home.

Leslie Eckmann will be reviewing:

- \*Acceptable Use Policy at school
- \*Using electronic communication & posting things on the internet
- \*Internet content filter at school
- \*Student passwords

Parents will then have an opportunity to discuss what rules/strategies they have at home and how they monitor students' use of technology. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Brady at [vabradys@gmail.com](mailto:vabradys@gmail.com) so we know how many attendees to expect.

**It is Academy Award season! Buy your Movie Tickets through the SCRIP program! There are 10 movies up for Best Picture....You've got 2 weeks to see them all!**

- **AMC Theaters – 16%**
- **United Artists Theaters – 15%**
- **Regal Entertainment – 15%**

**ST. MICHAEL'S EPPISCOPAL SCHOOL**  
**TENTATIVE CALENDAR**  
**2011-2012**

Monday, August 22	Faculty Meeting
Tuesday, August 23	Faculty Meeting
Wednesday, August 24	Primer Parent Meeting 7 p.m.
Thursday, August 25	Registration/Orientation K, 2, 4
Friday, August 26	Registration/Orientation 1, 3, 5
Monday, August 29	Middle School Registration
	Lower School First Day-Noon dismissal
	Middle School Golf Tournament
Tuesday, August 30	Middle School First day-Full Day
Monday, September 5	Labor Day Holiday – School closed
Thursday, October 6	Parents' Meeting - Bon Air Campus
Tuesday, October 25	Kindergarten Open House - 9 :30 a.m.
Friday, October 28	End of report period
Friday, November 4	Clerical Day – No classes
Monday, November 14	VAIS Conference - No classes
Saturday, November 19	Auction
Wednesday, November 23	Noon dismissal-Thanksgiving
Monday, November 28	Classes resume
Friday, December 16	Noon dismissal-Christmas
Monday, January 2	Classes resume
Sunday, January 8	Middle School Open House 2 - 4 p.m.
Monday, January 16	King, Lee Holiday – no classes
	Faculty in-service day (clerical day)
Friday, January 20	End of report period
Monday, February 20	Presidents Day – School closed (clerical day)
Friday, March 2	Noon dismissal-Spring Vacation
Monday, March 12	Classes resume
Friday, March 30	End of report period
Friday, April 6	Easter Holiday – No classes
Monday, April 9	Clerical Day – No classes
Tuesday, April 10	Classes resume
Saturday, May 5	Magic Dragon Day (designated school day)
TBA	Spring Parents' Meeting
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day Holiday – No classes
Tuesday – Friday, May 29 – June 1	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
Friday, June 1	Last day of classes for Grade 8
Tuesday, June 5	Last day of classes-Noon dismissal, Closing 6-7 grades 11 a.m.
Wednesday, June 6	Closing K-2
Thursday, June 7	Closing 3-5
Friday, June 8	Graduation 8

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**UPCOMING DATES**

Friday, March 4 Noon dismissal—Spring Break

Monday, March 14—Classes resume

Friday, April 22—Easter Holiday—No classes

Monday, April 25—Classes resume