



# MIGHTY ANGEL MINUTES

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## Choosing St. Michael

We are now in the midst of enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration packets were sent home late in December and we have already had the first of four open houses. If you would like another packet of registration information please stop by the office and we will be glad to provide you with one. Scholarship forms are also available in the school office. These forms must be filled out and mailed prior to June 1, 2010. For this current school year we were privileged to have been able to provide more than \$27,000 in tuition assistance to eligible families.

We appreciate that you have chosen St. Michael Lutheran School and Christ for Kids Childcare for the educational needs of your children in past years. St. Michael strives to provide a Christ-centered, loving environment with quality educational programs at an affordable tuition rate. The school has been blessed to be able to provide so many other activities that enrich the education of the children including Spanish, French, music, band, art, computers, and gym to name a few. Each child also learns about God's law and His grace through Jesus Christ. All of these factors work together to make an invaluable impact on your child (ren) throughout time and eternity that is truly priceless.

St. Michael Lutheran School is part of a greater community of private and parochial schools across the nation. Here are some statistics from the Lutheran School Portal about private education in the United States:

-About 5.12 million students are in private schools, approximately 10% of all US elementary and secondary school students

-Over 28,000 schools are private, approximately 23% of all US schools

-About 82% of private school students attend religious schools, and 18% attend nonsectarian schools

-About 76% of private schools are religiously affiliated, and 24% are nonsectarian

-Tuition averages about \$4,300 for elementary schools, \$10,600 for secondary schools and \$6,900 for combined schools

We hope you will once again consider St. Michael as your child's "home" for a quality, Christ-centered educational experience that will bear fruit for a lifetime. If you would like more information or have questions but can't attend a scheduled open house, please feel free to visit the school office.

Greg Johnson

Principal

## Important Dates

2/12	Jump Rope for Heart
2/14	2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Grades Singing at Immanuel Lutheran Church 10:00am Service
2/14 2-8pm CFK Wing	Valentine's Party for the Kids Donations go toward Miss Germinder's (CFK) Mission Trip to Nicaragua
2/16	SMLC Pancake Supper 5:00 pm
2/18	Open House 6:30-8pm
2/16 & 2/17	Spring Pictures More information to follow
2/22-2/26	<b>No Preschool</b> Preschool Conferences
2/26	<b>No School/No Preschool</b> <b>Mid-Winter Break</b>

## After the Bell

### Voice Lessons

Mrs. Taylor has 2 spots available for voice lessons on Thursdays after school. Students should be in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and each lesson is \$10. If you are interested in reserving a spot, please call Mrs. Taylor at 323-9416.

**Piano Lessons-** Carol Conklin a SMLS parent has a couple of openings for new students. Cost is \$17 per ½ hour. For more information please call 372-0701.

**Piano Lessons** now available with Beverly Ropp. Lessons are \$60 per month which include a ½ hour lesson each week and is located near Texas Corners. For more information please call 375-4775.

### Girls Basketball Schedule

02/08 – At Paw Paw Trinity

02/11 – At SMLS against Howardsville

02/15 – At SMLS against Home School

02/18 – At Gagie

02/22 – At St. Augustine

**All games begin at 4:00 pm**

**Library Wish List:** New or gently used children or family friendly (G rated) DVDs. We are trying to increase our collection of DVDs that students and families' can check out, and teachers can show in their classrooms. Appropriate school age books in good condition are accepted as well. If we cannot use your donation we will return it to you if you include your name and phone number, otherwise it will be donated elsewhere. There is a box in the library marked "donations." Also, volunteers are needed to help organize our library. Please leave you name and phone number in the school office.

### Donations for Nicaragua

Childcare staff member, Tricha Germinder, is going on a mission trip to the country of Nicaragua. Her team is looking for donations of old laptops, coloring books, and crayons. Donations can be taken to the childcare or school office. Deadline for donations is February 24.

**As a reminder, Jump Rope for Hearts permission slips are now DUE. Thank you!**

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

## PTL NEWS

If you missed PTL's inaugural Speaker Series event with Mona Lisa James, copies of her handouts are on our bulletin board. Ms. James did a wonderful job using scripture to show God's desire for us to RESPECT one another. Look for announcements about our next planned speaker.

We still need volunteers to staff PTL's concession stand during afternoon basketball games. The schedule is on the bulletin board.

The 6th Annual Mom-to-Mom sale is Saturday March 20th. Reserve your table now - sign up forms are available on the PTL bulletin board. Calling for volunteers will begin soon.

## Hearts for Jesus



It is such a joy to witness children come skipping in the classroom doors in the morning with the coins they have found, so eager to share them with the children of Africa in this year's Hearts for Jesus mission project! These pennies that come in, sometimes one by one, remind me of the parable of the mustard seed when Jesus says: *"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."* Each little penny that comes through the school doors, lovely held, demonstrates the willingness of a child to share His precious love with someone else. Those individual pennies will be combined with pennies from other students both at St. Michael and across the nation! We pray that that our gifts will not only be used to save lives on earth, but also to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ, our eternal Savior!

Just a reminder: Collections are due February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**As a reminder to parents of K-8<sup>th</sup> students, if you arrive to school after 8:30am, please stop by the office for a tardy slip. Thank you!**