



MIGHTY ANGEL MINUTES

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Fourth Week of May

THANK YOU

As we draw to the close of another school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, students, and volunteers for being a part of the St. Michael Lutheran School family. It has been a privilege to serve your family this school year and we truly desire that you are planning on placing your trust in us to serve you once again next year! It is our hope that our school has been a blessing to your child and that they have grown not only academically but in their walk with Jesus.

We continue to register students for next year and there is still time to fill out a scholarship application until June 1st. Let us know if you have any questions or if we can help make the transition into the next school year a smooth one.

On Tuesday, May 25th, St. Michael held its first commencement ceremony in the church sanctuary. It was a special occasion in the life of the school and the church. Four 8th graders graduated and are already excited about what

the future has in store for them. Below are a list of those graduates and the high schools that they will be attending in the fall:

- Matt – Portage Central High School
- Grace – Kalamazoo Christian High School
- Kayla – Paw Paw High School
- Amanda – Kalamazoo Central High School

Please keep these young people in your prayers that they may hold to their faith and continue to be mighty messengers for Christ wherever God will lead them. We thank God for having had these students in our school and will miss seeing them next fall! On behalf of the entire St. Michael school family I want to wish each of you a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break!

Greg Johnson
Principal

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: _____

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN RECEIVING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA MY E-MAIL ADDRESS

NO, I PREFER TO HAVE A HARD COPY OF THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please complete and return to the school office.

Please remember while registering for 2010 - 2011 school year the following forms must be completed entirely to be registered:

- Child Information Card (new or updated)
- Medical/Health Forms
- K-8th Copy of Birth Certificate
- Authorization form for payment
(amount and withdrawal date)
- Registration Form

If you have already completed the registration process, please stop by the school office to make sure all forms are in order. Thank you!

2010-11 Registration

The registration fee is now \$125 per student or \$250 for a family of 2 or more students.

Scholarship Applications

Applications are available in the school office and must be submitted by **June 1st**.

SMLS is in need of a volleyball coach for the 2010 season.

Practices will start the week of September 7 and will conclude with a tournament at the end of October. If you are interested, or know someone who would like to coach, please contact Miss Buchanan (abuchanan@mightymessengers.org or 327-0512).



Medication Reminder

Unless your child will be attending the childcare during the summer, all medications must be picked up by the last day of school.

Summer Office Hours

The SMLS office will have reduced office hours starting the week of June 14. Hours will vary Tuesday – Friday, mornings only. Please feel free to leave a voice message at 327-0512, message will be checked daily. Also, feel free to contact Christ for Kids directly with any questions at 327-4889.

Thank you to the Bailey family for their donation of a VCR to the 3rd grade classroom!

PTL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Road Rally, over \$7,200 was collected for future projects.

Help our school earn money all year long-renew your magazine subscriptions or order new ones at QSP.com - use our school code 425052350 or you can wait until our annual sale in September.

Volunteers are needed to scoop ice cream for the Field Day on Thursday, June 3rd - - please sign up on the PTL Bulletin Board.

Have you turned in your summer registration forms? Information for summer childcare is now available. Please stop by the school office or CFK for registration forms. Completed forms can be dropped off in the school office or with the CFK staff.

Important Dates

5/31	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL NO PRESCHOOL CFK CLOSE
6/1	Last Day for Tu/Th Preschool Tu/Th/F Pre-Kindergarten
6/2	Last Day for M/W Preschool, M/W/F Pre-Kindergarten DK
6/3	Last Day! Kindergarten -7 th Spelling Bee @9:30 am Field Day @1:00
8/30	Tentative 2010-11 Start Date

Student Council Fundraiser

Please donate \$1.00 to help find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis! For every \$1 you donated, your name will be placed on a paper girl or boy to display. Thank you for your support!

Student Desks



Thank you to everyone who so generously helped purchase 24 new desks and chairs for our first grade classroom this past year. There is a continuing need to replace the many desks currently used that are in disrepair. This year we are focusing on our second grade classroom. \$100 will purchase one new desk and chair. Please consider helping out the school in this way. Thank you in advance!

ART NEWS:

We are just finishing a successful year of choice-based art! All portfolios that were not taken home after the Fine Arts night in April will be sent home with your student on Friday, May 28.

Don't forget about me over the summer! Families can support the art program by collecting needed items and dropping them off at SMLS during the summer or in the fall.

Magazines

Newspaper

Empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls – cardboard rolls of any kind

Yarn, any kind or color for weaving

Fabric

Lace

Small boxes

Wrapping paper

Wallpaper books

Zip-lock storage bags

Aluminum foil, wax paper

Masking tape—manila or colored tape

Small wood scraps

Beads

Ribbons

Old calendars with neat pictures

Sea shells

Styrofoam packing peanuts

Bubble wrap

Old, wooden block sets

Old greeting cards

Buttons

**If there is a remote possibility that we can do something with it, then save it...we are VERY creative. If we can't use it, we'll either find someone who can or we will toss it lovingly.

Have a blessed summer,

Jenny Niesen



A New Lock for Childcare

Through God's grace, our school was given the opportunity to participate in a pilot program that resulted in the creation of a comprehensive school safety and crisis response plan. For the past 3 years, a group of teachers and administrators from both SMLS and CFK have been working together to create a crisis manual that follows standards and recommendations set forth by the Michigan State Police - Emergency Management Division. This process was instrumental in providing a critical view of our facilities and practices. Along the way we have made several changes, both seen and unseen in our procedures. For example the mirrors in the school wing were added that allow office staff to see who is entering the building. "Go-buckets" were created for each room that are packed and ready to go should a situation arise that requires us to leave the building.

The work of this team resulted not only in a well thought out crisis plan but also qualified us to receive a grant to use toward additional safety measures. We choose to apply this grant toward the purchase of a new lock for the childcare wing. That lock is now installed, and beginning with our summer program, parents will receive a unique pass-code that will unlock the door. (A doorbell will also be installed should anyone forget their pass code or send Grandma/Grandpa to pick up their loved one.) Each family will receive a unique code, without a code, people will have to ring a doorbell and be escorted in by a staff member to achieve access to the childcare wing.

We are looking forward to working with parents in this step to improve our school safety! If you have any questions or concerns, please see AnnMarie Miller or call CFK at 327-4889

Trip Drop Off and Pick Up 2010 Summer Schedule

Drop Off On Friday NLT 11:00	Pick Up on Friday Anytime 8:00-12:00
6/11.....	6/18
6/23.....	6/30*
7/9.....	7/16**
7/23.....	7/30
8/6.....	8/13
8/20.....	8/27

*Please note day change, due to July 4th holiday
**Please pick up TRIP orders in the Church office this Friday
between 10am – 2:00pm!

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