



# MIGHTY ANGEL MINUTES

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## Welcome Back!

It is always a pleasure to see children returning to school at the conclusion of summer break. The start of another school year comes with excitement and anticipation as students prepare to see old friends, meet new friends, and enter the classroom environment with a new teacher. It is an exciting time of fresh faces and new starts.

I have some new information to share as well. This school year we will begin utilizing the new music and locker rooms that were part of the construction project recently concluded. The music room will accommodate vocal music classes, beginning and concert bands, and the middle school worship team. The locker rooms provide space to change clothes and restroom facilities for our students to use for gym classes and sporting events. This space is a great addition to our facility and program and we are so grateful to God and the St. Michael Lutheran Church members for this provision.

We are beginning to phase in a new reading curriculum over the next two years that ultimately will affect grades K-4. The new program is called, *ReadyGEN*. This new reading curriculum is robust and incorporates an extensive interwoven writing component. Our teachers are very excited about this new curriculum and look forward to implementing it immediately in grades 2 & 3 and grades K, 1, and 4 next fall.

Tuition statements for school and preschool charges will have a slightly different look this year as well. We have changed the format to show your tuition charges for school and preschool in nine monthly installments, which add up to the total amount due for the year. Using this format, you can clearly see how much your tuition costs are each month for the entire school year. If you are on a twelve-month payment plan, you simply need to divide your total tuition by 12 to show your monthly amount. By eliminating all of the more complicated aspects of the accounting presentation used on past year's statements, you should have a much easier time understanding your financial standing. This new format for tuition charges is not applicable to childcare, which will remain in the same format as last year. Remember that school statements will arrive on white paper and Christ for Kids statements on goldenrod. If you receive a salmon colored statement that will mean a balance is still owed from the previous school year.

Our desire is to provide your child with an excellent Christ-centered education and your family with a positive experience as a member of our St. Michael family. We take the trust that you have placed in our programs very seriously and truly desire to collaborate with each family to challenge, grow, and nurture your child. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please address any member of our staff or call the school office.

*Education with Christ at the Heart*

Our school secretary, Sharon Robinson, will be out of commission from September 27 through October 13 due to some orthopedic surgery which will require her to be absent from work. Please keep Sharon in your prayers for a successful outcome and a speedy return to her regular duties. We also ask your patience with the school office as we continue to serve our families without Sharon in her regular role.

Last, I would like to give all parents an open invitation to join us in worship at our Friday all-school chapels, which begin at 9:00 am in the church sanctuary or for our all-school prayer in the school gym at 8:05 each Tuesday morning. Prayer and worship are great ways to partner with the school and to validate these practices with your children.

Blessings on a wonderful 2017-2018 school year!  
 Greg Johnson  
 Principal

### Important Dates

9/15	PTL Bingo Night
9/20	Oct/Nov Hot Lunch Order Due
9/23	Tuition Assistance Golf Outing
9/29	No PPS PM Busses
10/2 & 10/ 5	Picture Day
10/7	PS/Kindergarten Event Pumpkin Patch
10/13	No PPS PM Busses
10/12	K-8 Bring Your Parent to School Day 9-11am
10/23 - 10/27	ITBS Testing 1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
10/28	Harvest Festival
11/3	K-8 Half Day 11:30 Dismissal End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Record Day PS Full Day

Trip Drop Off and Pick Up	
Drop Off On Thurs	Pick Up on Thurs
By 11am	8:30-3:15pm
9/14	9/21
9/22***	9/26***
10/12	10/19
10/26	11/2
***DATE CHANGE	
Please check the complete list of vendors in the scrip binder on the parent informational table or at <a href="http://www.shopwithscrip.com">www.shopwithscrip.com</a> .	

### Box Tops/Campbell Labels

As you may remember, the 2016-2017 school year was the last year we would be collecting Campbell soup labels and UPC symbols from Campbell products. They recently discontinued supporting schools in this way, not only here in Michigan, but across the nation. Thank you to all of you who have faithfully supported the school by taking the time to bring in these labels.

This change with Campbell's labels will not affect our continued collection of *Box Tops for Education*. In fact, this will make the Box Top program more important to our school as we seek to replace those potential funds lost from Campbell labels and replace them with Box Tops for Education dollars. Please re-double your efforts to bring in Box Tops so that we can continue to receive "free" funding through this program. In the past, we have been able to earn as much as \$1200 annually through the Box Tops and Campbell labels. Your helps is much appreciated and still needed!

### Bingo Night September 15, 6:30-8:pm

Help is need of baked good for prizes and donations for prizes. This is a great way to become involved in a PTL activity and meet other SMLS Families.

2017/18 Theme Verse: "Listen my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path".  
 Proverbs 23:19

# 2017-2018 Fall Pictures

All students will have their picture taken, if you wishing to purchase pictures, payments must be made at time of order.

**Monday, October 2**

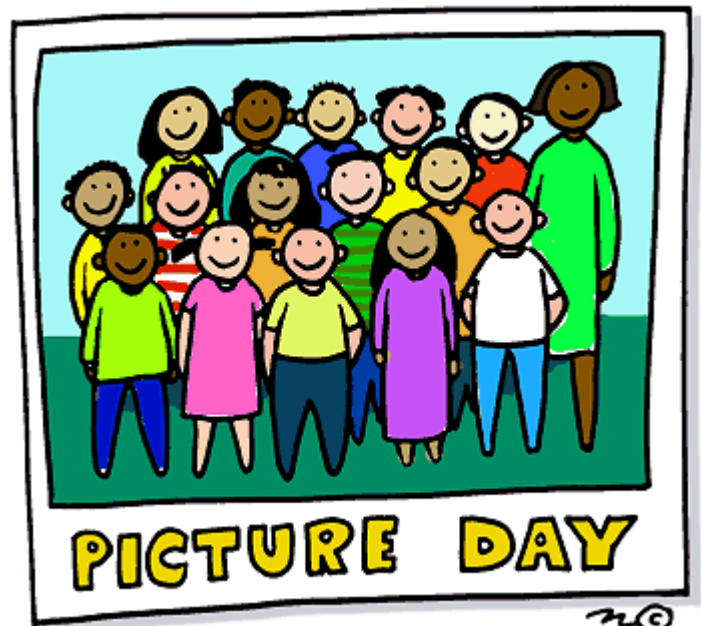
Students in the following classes will have their picture taken during their class time:

- TK
- 3's MW
- 1st grade
- 4's 5 day AM
- 4th grade
- 2nd grade
- 4's 5 days pm
- IWT

**Thursday, October 5**

Students in the following classes will have their picture taken during their class time:

- 3's TTh am
- Kindergarten
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- 6th grade
- 7th and 8th grade
- 4th/5th grades
- IWT



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