



# St. Michael's School

DECEMBER 2011

“Community of Faith Devoted to Students”

## Annual Supper & Silent/Live Auction

St. Michael's School Council will be hosting their 9th annual Supper & Auction on Friday, December 9th from 4:30-8:00 p.m. in the school gym. Supper will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the live auction beginning at 7:15. This year Parent Council will be serving a beef-on-a-bun supper including potatoes, salad and dessert. The cost of the meal is \$10 for 12+, \$8 for seniors 60+, \$5 for children 4-11 and 3 and under are free. Once again this year classes and staff have donated items for theme baskets which will be auctioned live.

This fundraiser helps provide funding for the school's music program, field trips, entertainers and guest speakers. This evening always



proves to be fun for all. Bring your family, your friends and your neighbors for an evening of socializing and great shopping. We look forward to seeing you there. **HAPPY BIDDING!!!**



## Joy of Giving



Christmas is known as the season of giving. The Joy of Giving committee are once again requesting your help for those less fortunate in our community. In 2010 the Joy of Giving campaign handed out 39 family Christmas Hampers and gifts for 63 children. Each Christmas Hamper includes a turkey and a ham as well as fresh vegetable and essentials such as milk, butter, etc. You can help their efforts by donating non-perishable food items, unwrapped new toys or toiletry items. They also need financial assistance to provide all the extras

included in the hampers. Boxes are located in the school at the end of the hall next to the principal's office. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the school office. If you know of someone who would benefit from the Joy of Giving campaign please contact Cathy Murray at 545-3200 of drop off the information in a sealed envelope marked "Joy of Giving" at the hospital. Please remember to include the family's full name, phone number, number of children with their names, genders and ages. Your assistance with this program is greatly appreciated.

## Winter Weather

Please remember to have your child prepared for the cold weather with proper winter gear—boots, toques, gloves, snowpants etc. Unless extreme conditions exist



recesses are spent outside and we consider it necessary that all students be dressed properly. School doors are not open until 8:20 a.m. for Jr./Sr. students



and 8:25 for Elementary students. During this cold season it is recommended that students not arrive at the school any earlier than necessary.

## Mission Mexico

Mission Mexico is an outreach project of Catholics in the Diocese of Calgary. The goal is to provide funding for micro-economic, education, health and human rights projects in one of the poorest regions of the state of Guerrero, Mexico. Mission Mexico was founded by our parish priest, Father Fred Monk. "Mission Mexico Day" is celebrated on the feast day of "Our Lady of Guadalupe", Dec. 12th. You are



invited to join our celebration on Monday, Dec. 12 at 8:35 a.m. On that day we will be collecting loonies from all students and

staff to help with the project. The goal is to collect at least one

loonie from each student and staff member. We will be holding a Taco Wrap lunch that day as well. All proceeds will go toward Mission Mexico. If anyone would like to help by donating meat or taco toppings please contact the school by December 6th. Forms will be sent home with students. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please visit the Mission Mexico website at [www.missionmexico.com](http://www.missionmexico.com) for more information.

## Electronics Policy

The school policy states that cellular phones and other unnecessary electronic devices (i.e. I-Pods) will not be permitted in classrooms. These devices are not conducive to the learning environment and many cause unwanted disruptions. Students who bring their electronic

devices to school will only be able to use them before and after school and during the lunch hour. Cell phones, digital cameras or any device that has camera capabilities are not permitted in the change rooms or washrooms at any time. Students must remember the

risk of losing the device. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged student property.



## Caroling/Crafts



Kindergarten to Grade Six students will be singing to the residents at Pleasant View Manor on Thursday, December 15th at 1:00.

Kindergarten to Grade Two students will also be visiting Pleasant View Manor on December 20th to make Christmas Crafts with the residents.



On November 27th we celebrated the beginning of the Advent season. Advent is the time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Four candles are placed around the advent wreath, three purple and one pink. These candles represent Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace.

We will celebrate each week of advent with a short celebration at 8:35 a.m. on November 28th, December 6th, 12th and 19th. Everyone is invited to join us in the school gym for these celebrations.



## Student Council Activities

Student Council has once again been busy planning activities for the month of December. The activities begin on December 1st with an Advent Calendar activity. December 9th beginning at 12:50 Spirit Groups will gather for a Giant Card Decorating activity. December 12th - 16th Student Council will be selling "Snowman Droppings"

(marshmallows) 10 for 25¢ during the lunch break. These



will be given to students on the BYOM Day to put in their hot chocolate. On December 19th the Spirit Groups get to Dress up their Family Leader. And finally December 21st is BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug) and Pajama Day. Everyone needs to bring their own mug and get hot chocolate !!!



## Library News

Thank you for once again supporting our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We raised enough money to bring in \$300 of new books. The winner of the \$25 draw was Ashley Schmidt in Grade 7 and the teacher winner was Mr. Stroh who was kind enough to give his winnings back to the library. Thank you also to Jaime and Adrianna Hansen who helped out at the fair.

The AR Program has been running for 49 days with 41 of 84 students participating. Students have read 316 books and passed 300 quizzes. The school average is 87.9%. Keep up the good work!

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are participating in the "Book It" program through Pizza Hut. From October to March students who are reading will receive a coupon for a free one-topping Personal Pan Pizza. Students will have one month from date of issue to use the coupon.

CIBC and the Medicine Hat Tigers are once again working together to bring the Read-to-Succeed program back to the schools. If students are interested they can record what and how long they read on a calendar which Mrs. Mastel will submit to the Tigers. Calendars will be coming out December 1st and will be handed December 20th for the January draw.

Thank you to Leandra Byam who donated books to the library.

## Christmas Prayer of Pope John XXIII

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace.

Amen.



## Chamber Santa Hayride

### December 16

### 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Pick up and drop off at the Community Resource Centre.**

**116 North Railway Ave.**

**This year they ask that everyone who would like to get a picture with Santa, bring your own camera and a non-perishable food item or toy for the Joy of Giving. Cookies and hot chocolate will follow. Call 545-6222 for more information.**

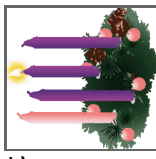

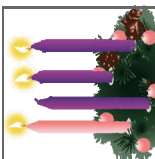



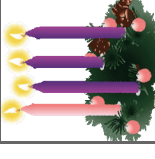





*The staff of St. Michael's School wish you and your family a very safe and Merry Christmas*





# December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 27 1st Sunday of Advent 	Nov. 28 Advent Celebration & Centennial Flag Raising 8:35	Nov. 29	Nov. 30 High School Program Review meeting School Library 6:30	I Advent Calendar Activity Birthday Assembly 2:30	2	3
4 2nd Sunday of Advent 	5 NO SCHOOL STAFF PD DAY	6 Advent Celebration 8:35	7	8 H.E.A.L. Meeting 2:30 School Staff Room	9 Giant Card Decorating School Council's	10
11 3rd Sunday of Advent 	12 Advent/ Mission Mexico Celebration 8:35 Mission Mexico Taco Lunch	13 MHCBE Board Meeting at St. Michael's	14 Christmas Concert 7:00 	15 Kindergarten - Grade 6 singing at PVL 	16 Supper & Auction 4:30-8:00 	17
18 4th Sunday of Advent 	19 Advent Celebration 8:35 Dress up your Spirit Family Leader	20 Kindergarten - Gr. 2 at PVL making Christmas Crafts 	21 BYOM & Pajama Day 2:00 Dismissal	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 CHRISTMAS EVE
25 	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 4 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 5 Welcome Back!!! 	Jan. 6	Jan. 7