



# the MESSENGER

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends of St. Michael School,



We are excited to present this final issue of the *Messenger* newsletter for the 2014-15 school year to all of our school families, parishioners, and those families that still may be looking for the right school for their child for next year.

There were so many wonderful events and activities that occurred during our second semester here at St. Michael School. Our students and staff are anxiously awaiting the beginning of summer vacation. They have worked so hard academically, have grown in their faith spiritually, and have given of themselves in numerous community service projects. A highlight is when our school family donated 90 handmade blankets and 21 fleece hats, an X-Box, Wii, Play Station 3, Nintendo systems, 360 video games, 200 coloring books, 150 boxes of crayons, and \$425 in Giant Eagle gift cards to Akron Children's Hospital. The hospital said it was the largest donation of this kind. This is a wonderful example of living our Catholic faith!

Congratulations to our second graders who received their First Holy Communion on May 2 and our eighth graders who were confirmed in the Holy Spirit on May 7. We wish our Class of 2015 much success and happiness as they begin a new chapter of their lives in high school. Wherever your path may lead you, may you always know you have a family at St. Michael School who is praying for you.

A special thank you to all our friends and supporters of our school as we strive to teach our students that God is so important in their lives.

On behalf of Fr. Pete, Fr. Walt, and the St. Michael School teachers and staff, I would like to extend to you much happiness and good health during the summer months.

God's Peace and Blessings,

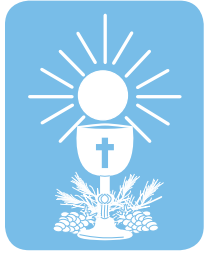
*Mrs. Margaret Campisi*  
Principal



## Calendar

- Monday, August 10  
Parent Mtg. - Grades 2-8 - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 11  
Parent Mtg. - Preschool-1st - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 19  
Grades 1-8 - First day of school  
Kdg. Orientation - boys - 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
- girls - 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 20  
Kindergarten - 1st day of school  
Jr. Kdg. - girls - Meet the Teacher -  
9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, August 21  
Jr. Kdg. - boys - Meet the Teacher -  
9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Monday, August 24  
Jr. Kdg. - First Day  
Pre-4 - Meet the Teacher  
Hot Lunch Begins
- Tuesday, August 25  
Pre-3 Meet the Teacher
- Wednesday, August 26  
Pre-4 Meet the Teacher
- Thursday, August 27  
Pre-3 Meet the Teacher
- Friday, August 28  
St. Basil Campus Welcome Back Event
- Monday, August 31  
Pre-4 - 1st day
- Tuesday, September 1  
Pre-3 - 1st day

## SECOND GRADERS CELEBRATE SPECIAL MOMENTS WITH GOD



### *First Holy Communion*

It was a beautiful celebration for the second graders as they received Jesus for the first time at their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2. On a picture-perfect day, the boys and girls processed down the aisle in pairs with their hands folded in prayer looking simply angelic!



The morning Mass was celebrated by Fr. Pete Colletti and Fr. Walt Jenne. In Father Pete's homily, he told the children that the Holy Eucharist will do for their hearts and souls what soup does for their bodies when they are not feeling well. The afternoon Mass was celebrated by Fr. Pete Colletti, Fr. Kevin Shemuga and Deacon Lou Primozic. In Deacon Lou's homily, he talked to the children about how they will be making a new best friend in Jesus, who will be with them for the rest of their lives. The students participated in the

Mass by reading scriptures and petitions, singing and ringing bells and bringing up the offertory gifts. You could see the pure joy and excitement on the children's faces as they received Jesus in the Eucharist.

A special thank you to the teachers who did a wonderful job preparing the children for First Communion: Miss Lasecki, Miss Paolucci, Miss Scott and Miss Ginger.



### *Jesus Day*

The second graders at St. Michael School celebrated Jesus Day on Monday, April 27. Jesus Day is a special day for second graders designed to bring them closer to Jesus before making their First Holy Communion. The children did a number of fun activities which included writing a letter to Jesus about receiving Him for the first time, watching 'Rainbow Fish' to learn how to be a friend, decorating crosses, making cross faith bead necklaces, and participating in a bread ceremony and prayer service. Each student also put together their own communion banner that they took home as a special remembrance of their big day. The children really enjoyed this wonderful, faith-filled day.



## EIGHTH GRADERS ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



### Confirmation

The Holy Spirit filled St. Michael Church as students from the school and PSR program were confirmed by Bishop Roger W. Gries, OSB on Thursday, May 7 at a 7pm Mass.

Preparation for this special day began 18 months ago. As usual, Bishop Gries spoke to the confirmandi before the start of Mass. He spoke of how confirmation was the last stage of their full initiation into the Catholic Church. He talked of how through confirmation God would give them the strength to be a disciple. He also spoke of the sacraments, the church and why we are Catholic. Fr. Pete Colletti and Fr. John Vrana both concelebrated. During his homily, he told the confirmandi that during high school they should work to listen to what God is calling them to do. Each of them has a gift to contribute and they should become closer to Jesus to discern what gift God has given them. He encouraged them to use their own GPS system—"God's Positioning System"—and allow the Holy Spirit to guide them throughout their life. After the homily, each student came up with their sponsor to be confirmed. The bishop stayed in the church after Mass for pictures.

Please remember to pray for all of these recently confirmed young women and men as they continue on their faith journey.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. M

*God Bless You a*

*St. Michael School is proud to congratulate its graduating eighth graders as they move on to their cho*

## Mr. Bob Clark's Homeroom



**SAMUEL ABOOD**  
Brecksville H.S.



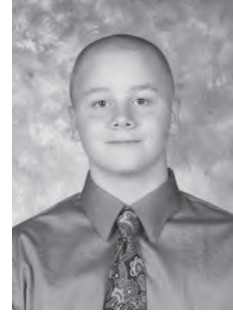
**DENNIS BACA**  
St. Ignatius H.S.



**AJ CANZANO**  
St. Ignatius H.S.



**JULIA CUTTER**  
Trinity H.S.



**NICHOLAS DALTON**  
Benedictine H.S.



**PATRICK DELAHUNTY**  
St. Ignatius H.S.



**BENJAMIN FIRRELL**  
Independence H.S.



**CONOR HARTMAN**  
St. Ignatius H.S.



**KATRINA JURCZYK**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.  
*Campion Society*



**NICK KOBYLINSKI**  
Benedictine H.S.



**AMY KORNOWSKI**  
Padua H.S.  
*Honors Scholarship*



**AUSTIN LUSTIK**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**KELLY LYNCH**  
Holy Name H.S.  
*Merit & Alumni  
Scholarship*



**MAXIMOS MCCUNE**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**ALEXIS MISCONISH**  
Padua H.S.  
*Honors & Placement  
Test Scholarship*



**GREGORY PAPARIZOS**  
Padua H.S.  
*Honors & Music  
Scholarship*



**ALYSSA SABOL**  
Padua H.S.  
*Honors Scholarship*



**JOHN SITARZ**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**ADAM SOWERS**  
Brecksville H.S.



**AMY SZMIK**  
Brecksville H.S.



**KIRSTEN TARAS**  
Independence H.S.



**JACQUELINE WARD**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**MELISSA WHITTEN**  
Brecksville H.S.



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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

# MICHAEL SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015

## and Best Wishes!

Open high schools this fall. We will miss you and we wish you much success in high school and beyond!

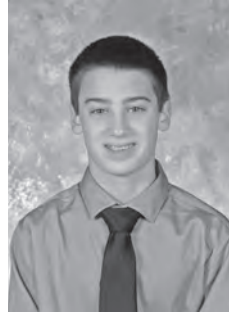
### Mrs. Susan Mackovjak's Homeroom



**ROBERT ARTRIP**  
Independence



**CAMERIN ARTRIP**  
Trinity H.S.



**DAVID BASALLA**  
Liberty Hill (TX)



**OLIVIA BILINOVIC**  
Independence H.S.



**CASEY BOGUS**  
Brecksville H.S.



**JONATHAN CHALMERS**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**JULIA FOLIANO**  
Beaumont H.S.



**ETHAN GRANT**  
Holy Name H.S.



**GREGORY KONDAS**  
St. Ignatius H.S.



**SAMANTHA LANE**  
Nordonia H.S.



**SAMUEL MARSHALL**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**SAMANTHA MASON**  
Padua H.S.  
*Honors Scholarship*



**STEPHEN MATAS**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**SARAH METZ**  
Trinity H.S.



**SHANNON ONDERS**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**ANTHONY ROSA**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



**GIANNA SALVATORE**  
Trinity H.S.



**RYAN SAMKO**  
Trinity H.S.  
*Honors Scholarship*



**SELA SEARS**  
Holy Family



**ANDREW SEIFERT**  
Padua H.S.  
*Honors & Music  
Scholarship*



**SYDNEY SKELTON**  
Padua H.S.  
*Honors Scholarship*



**EDWARD TIMINSKI**  
Benedictine H.S.



**JACK YONTEK**  
St. Ignatius H.S.

**Not Pictured:**  
**ISABEL FERREIRA**  
Walsh Jesuit H.S.



# May Crowning



St. Michael School held its annual May Crowning on May 6 at St. Michael Church. It was a special day for the school, as they honored the blessed Virgin Mary. It was also a special day for the second graders who had just received their First Holy Communion the weekend before, as well as the eighth graders who were looking forward to receiving the Holy Spirit in Confirmation a day later. Both the second and eighth graders led everyone in the rosary.

There were also personalized reflections on Mary written and read by Jacqueline Ward and Gregory Paporizos. The Crowning of Mary was done by Sela Sears and E.J. Timinski.

Kindergarten and first grade held their May Crowning on May 8.



## FIRST EVER CASINO NIGHT RAISES MORE THAN \$17,000

St. Michael School held its biggest fundraiser of the year, the first ever Casino Night, on March 28. The event raised \$17,551.

The energy in the room was exhilarating and buzzing with activity, fun, and lots of game playing. The piano players were awesome. "It was great to see our school family, friends, and parish communities come together to enjoy an evening of fun - laughing, relaxing, and enjoying each other's company," said Principal Mrs. Margaret Campisi. Many thanks to Fr. Pete and Fr. Walt for their committed support to the school and for always looking for ways to help keep our school moving forward in a positive direction. Their openness and willingness to listen and act upon is phenomenal.

Special thanks to the committee that stepped up, made a commitment, and worked so hard to help this evening

be a success. The Co-Chairs, Mr. and Mrs. Delmore, and committee members Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. Artrip, Mrs. Calabretta, Mrs. Fishman, Mrs. Fudo, Mrs. Toth, Mrs. Stadler, and Mrs. Johanni, put in many hours of dedicated hard work. Thank you, also, to all of the many loyal volunteers who gave of their time, talent, and helped, in various capacities to help make the evening a great success. Thank you to our many sponsors that helped support the casino tables, many generous prizes, set up and clean up. Thank you to the classroom parents that gave generously to the classroom baskets.

"All of the people involved in this event have touched the lives of St. Michael students," said Mrs. Campisi. "It is with your help that we will be able to continue to provide the best tools needed to prepare them as they grow academically and, most importantly, spiritually. Our students are the future and we hold their future in our hands."

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## PTU CONCLUDES ANOTHER YEAR OF FUNDRAISING & SERVICE

Thanks to the continued efforts of our amazing St. Michael School families, the PTU is concluding the 2014-2015 school year. In January we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. In February we had another great success at Polarblast for Family Fun Day, which is a way that the PTU gives back to thank our families for all of their support. April we had our second General Meeting and we were pleased to see many new faces. May brought 8th Grade Scholarships and Pastries for Parents, which is new this year and replaces Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms. We have sponsored field trips, paid for COSI of Columbus to have an all school assembly in April, contributed towards

the AR program and will be contributed toward a new playground at the main campus.

The list goes on, all made possible by the wonderful support of all our families and friends. A HUGE thank you for outgoing Board Members...Lisa Sabol, Michelle Mitrison, Tricia Hall and Deana Yanus. Thank you ladies for your dedication and hard work. We wish all of the students and parents a happy, healthy, safe and fun summer. Remember to visit our booths in Independence for the 4th of July and Home Days over the summer to continue your support.

*First Annual*  
**GOLF OUTING**  
*to benefit*



Monday, June 15, 2015

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course  
Brecksville Reservations

18 Holes of Golf | Lunch | Dinner

*Sponsorship are available*

**Questions & Reservations**  
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# an **UPDATE** from

## Did You Know . . .

**470**

# of students that participate in extra-curricular activities, many more than one



**430**

# of times our 5th through 8th graders made honor roll or Principal's Roll in first three quarters of the 2014-15 school year

**51%**

of the 8th graders took the new Algebra 1 class this school year. Many of those students were placed in an honors Math class next year as a freshman in high school

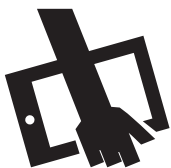


**15**

students in 7th and 8th grade that participated in the Power of the Pen competition. Two of those students moved on to the state competition.

**100%**

of students in grades 2-4 learn Spanish daily from a Spanish teacher. 100% of all 5-8 students learn one of the following languages through Rosetta Stone: Spanish, French, Latin, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Polish, Greek, Irish.



**100%**

out of 342 students at the main campus and St. Basil campus, along with both preschool and Jr. K classes, use iPads for learning



**14**

# of scholarships offered to the Class of 2015

**\$48,000**

\$ of high school scholarship money awarded to the Class of 2015



**42**

8th graders (out of 47) are going to 8 different Catholic high schools



**53**

students in grades 4-8 that participate in the band program

**70**

K-8 students that participate in the morning and aftercare programs



**\$7,000**

amount of money raised for non-profit organizations through various community service by St. Michael School students fundraising efforts

**292**

students that are transported by school bus to SMS from Independence, Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Bedford, and Parma



**100%**

participation of all students in student-lead prayer services, Advent, Living Stations of the Cross, National Day of Prayer, May Crowning, weekly Masses at both campuses, and more