

**REMEMBER! THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH.
OUR TEACHERS WILL BE AT AN IN-SERVICE AT ST. AGNES IN CHICAGO
HEIGHTS.**

February 26, 2008

Dear Families,

I find myself staring at the calendar wonder if it could truly be the last week in February. It seems that the year just starts, and suddenly, we set our eyes on the year to come. Today registration for St. Michael School –2008-2009—begins. It will be very important for us to get an accurate count of the number of students who will return or enter St. Michael for the first time. This allows us to know how many classrooms and teachers will be needed. We encourage you to return the registration form along with the \$25 per student registration fee as early as possible. You will be returning several items to us if you intend to register. Please use the white envelope in which the registration materials were found. If you were planning to register a new pre-school student (3 or 4 year old), but we didn't give you a register form, please call Mrs. Sandoval. We will hold your child's place and send you a form to be completed. We expect our pre-school to send up quickly.

Please return: 1 Registration form per child and complete both sides
The signed Tuition Contract
The Registration fee of \$25 per child

Terra Nova Testing begins next week on Tuesday morning. These tests are extremely important, and every child in Grades 1-8 are expected to participate. The tests will be administered both the week of March 3rd and March 10th. If your child is sick, we will need to find a time to make up that test. Your child needs to be well-rested, must eat breakfast, and must arrive at school on time since testing will begin in the morning. **Teachers have been working on concepts that will be measured that have not necessarily been part of the curriculum.** Next year our preparation will begin on day 1 of school because the testing objectives for the Terra Nova will be an additional part of our curriculum. Some of the new programs we will be introducing next year will prepare our students to be able to meet some of the challenges that hold them back. Our Pre-Algebra program is a perfect example.

We received a delightful letter from Mount Carmel High School announcing that **Justin Shaifer**, one of our 8th graders, was commended because he **scored in the top percentile of students taking the test both at Mount Carmel and nationally.** Based on his exceptional performance, he is eligible to receive a scholarship. How proud we are of Justin and that stunning news. We would like to hear other good news stories of our 8th graders' acceptance into high schools of their choice.

Our CAFETERIA SPECIAL is on Thursday. Forms must be in with money on Tuesday (tomorrow). If money comes in on Wednesday, the lunch will cost an additional \$1.00.

This past Saturday, 14 of our students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray that this Sacrament may be one that our children return to often in their lives to be loved and embraced by our all-forgiving God. They include: Alexander Alvarez, Dania Cook, Maria de Jesus Cortez, Andrea Del Bosque, Adrian Monroy, Mariahelena Monroy, Alexander Omelanczuk, Santiago Perez, Alex Tovar, Joshua Velazquez, Maurice Walker Jr., Educardo Alfaro, Roberto Cerda, and Julisa Cerda.

On March 12th at 8:30 AM, we will have a Reconciliation Service rather than a Mass. All students who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be able to go to confession. If your child has received Reconciliation, encourage your child to take advantage of the opportunity to confess their sins and experience God's gift of forgiveness.

Blessings!

