



Saint Michael School

Teaching Children Their Value
as Children of God

February 2, 2012

Thank You

Mrs. Acevedo for coordinating such a wonderful International Night and to the families who represented their countries with food, decorations, dress, and dance.

PTO for providing lunch for Teacher Appreciation Day and to the many parents who provided the decorations, dessert, and drinks.

Congratulations to our Religion and Spelling Bee Winners:

Religion Bee:

8th Grade Team - Katherine Baisa, David Perez-Christel, and Alexandra Rocha

4th Grade Team - Kate Llanos, Caroline Wack, Katherine Pham

Spelling Bee:

Emily Carlstrom was the winner of the Spelling Bee between the 7th & 8th Graders. She will represent St. Michael School at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 3rd.

Anthony Socarras was the winner of the Spelling Bee between the 4th, 5th, & 6th Graders.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest - All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local championship will be held on February 12th, 2012 at 3:00 PM at Saint Michael's School gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

All contestants at the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Mr. Steve Jarvis at 703-941-3352. Entry forms will also be available at the time of the event and walk-on participants are welcome.

Claire's Gourmet (instead of Gianni's) will be coming home on Wednesday, February 15th. They have a wonderful assortment of pizzas, cookie dough, desserts, and much more. Please be on the lookout for your order packet. You may want to stock up on pizzas for Fridays in Lent.

Yearbook Pictures - The yearbook is looking for pictures of the kids in the school activities this year. Please email the pictures to fabiola.a.francisco@gmail.com

Weather Related School Closings - We follow Fairfax County schools for all delays and closing due to the weather. There are two way you can check: (1) Listen to WTOP radio, (2) Listen to the TV stations, or (3) the Fairfax County website under Emergency Announcements for closings or sign up for their alerts through the Fairfax County Public School KIT (Keep in Touch) website at: <https://signup.blackboardconnect.com/fcps/> .

CLINIC CORNER - **2** - The percentage of overweight and obese kids and teens over the past 30 years has more than doubled. Today kids are involved in many sedentary activities, especially those involved with the screen (TV, internet, DVD's, video games, etc.). One of the best ways to get kids to be more active is to limit the amount of time spent in these sedentary activities. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under the age of 2 years watch no TV at all and children 2 years and older limit screen time to no more than 2 hours of "quality programming" per day.

Mark your Calendar - Dates to Remember:

February 8 - Science Fair Judging - Grades 7 & 8

February 15 - Claire's Gourmet begins

February 20 - No School, President's Day

February 22 - Ash Wednesday, Mass 8:30 AM

February 24 - Stations of the Cross, 2:30 PM

Additional Information:

PVI Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Please join the Paul VI Catholic High School community for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It will be held on Tuesday, February 21st from 5:30-8:30 PM in the school cafeteria. The evening will feature entertainment, games, face painting, and fun for the entire family and of course the BEST pancakes ever. Adults: \$7, children under 6 years: \$5, under 4: free. Back by popular demand create your own omelet for an additional \$4. For more information contact Campus Ministry, campusministry@paulvi.net or 703-352-0925 ext 330.

Open House at Pope John Paul the Great - JP the Great invites all students in grades 5 - 7 to preview high school by attending our Open House on Thursday, March 15, from 4 - 6pm. Meet the faculty and students at JP, while learning more about our academics, athletics, clubs, admissions requirements, and more. Wolfie the mascot will be available for photos, and there will be plenty of fun snacks! All are welcome, including rising 9th, 10th and 11th grade students looking to transfer to JP next year. For more information, please visit www.jpthegreat.org or call (703) 445-0300.

George Mason University Basketball is pleased to offer a personalized website for Catholic Schools of Arlington to purchase tickets for just \$9 (50% off the regular ticket price). *(Please note, there is also a \$1.25 fee per ticket).* After clicking the link, you will be able to select from one of two games - Saturday, Jan. 28th vs. JMU at 2:00 PM. or, Saturday, Feb. 4th vs. ODU at 5:00 PM.

<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=gmu&o=2653220&g=1221>

The password is: mason

George Mason is currently in first place in the CAA with a conference record of 4-1 and has won 18 of their past 19 conference games. In addition to the basketball game versus CAA rival JMU, there will be a pre-game block party. There will be a family friendly area with a Kid Zone at the Block Party.