



## *St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School*

*The mission of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School is to educate the minds, bodies, and spirits of a culturally diverse community of lifelong learners who exemplify Catholic values.*

September 8, 2015

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Wed	September 9	<b>St. Michael School Mass</b> 8:00 am – All families are invited to attend
Sat-Sun	Sept. 12&13	<b>St. Michael Parish Mass</b> 5 pm (Eng); 8 am (Eng), 9:30 am (Eng), 11 am (Sp)
Sun	September 13	<b>Mexican Independence Parade</b> 1:15pm – Meet in front of Hyman's
Mon	September 14	<b>NWEA/MAP Testing Begins</b>

### **Happy Labor Day!**

It seems like just yesterday that last week's materials went out. I hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend and enjoyed some time off of work. Again, thank you for reading this and returning the folder right away.

### **Tuition & Fees**

We are grateful to you for remitting tuition and fees on time. Like many of the things you do, it helps us keep our office running smoothly. Plus, we hope to avoid late fees as much as possible. Thank you!

### **Mexican Independence Parade**

Please join us on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, for the Mexican Independence parade. We will meet in front of Hyman's at 87<sup>th</sup> St. & Commercial Ave. at 1:15pm. The parade will begin at 2pm. Parents will receive credit for service hours; please bring volunteer cards if you have them. Students must wear gym uniforms and be accompanied by parents.

The actual Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. ¡Viva México!

### **NWEA/MAP Testing**

Next week we will begin our NWEA/MAP testing. The purpose of these assessments is to help teachers answer almost immediately the crucial question: are our students learning? In order to help your child do their best, please ensure that they have a full night's sleep (9-10 hours) every night and they eat a full, balanced breakfast (available here at school starting at 7am).

### **Welcome Ms. Casey!**

We have a few new teachers to welcome. This week, we welcome and recognize Ms. Casey, our new kindergarten teacher. Ms. Casey is a graduate of the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, earning her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She completed her student teaching in kindergarten, and she spent the summer working in Yellowstone National Park. Ms. Casey believes that "education is one of the most valuable gifts a parent can give their child." We are blessed to have her on our team. Please say hello when you see her around the school or blacktop.

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