



Board of Christian Education (School Board)

We thank God for another year filled with blessings on our school ministry. Our theme this year was “God has plans for you”, based on Jeremiah 29:11.

We praise God for the continued progress in renovations to the main classroom building. The hallways have been brightened with new ceilings and new light fixtures. Several classrooms have received new carpet along with new technology projectors.

We also praise and thank God for our dedicated faculty and staff. We welcomed two new members to our faculty this year. Elizabeth Reynolds joined the staff as a third grade homeroom teacher. Sarah Scheele came aboard as our new PreK3 morning instructor, also teaching library skills and 5th grade math in the afternoons. Both Elizabeth and Sarah were great additions to the SMLS family. At this year’s Saints Scholar Banquet in May, Bob Schaaf was honored as our Golden Apple teacher. We also celebrated the completion of 25 years in the teaching ministry (all at St. Michael) for Katie Schlotterbeck.

Growth and change has been taking place in the curricular area as well. The calendar provided the faculty with five curriculum planning days. The Reading and Literature curricula were studied and revised, with new materials being ordered for the upcoming school year.

In the area of equipment and technology, the band and tutor room were upgraded with new presentation systems, which include ceiling mounted projectors with DVD-RW capability, smartboard technology, wireless keyboard and mouse units, and recessed ceiling speaker systems. Many thanks to the Men’s Fishin’ tourney for funding these additions to the children’s ministry programs.

The students continued to excel both in and out of the classroom. More than half of the middle school students earned honor roll status. Students excelled in academic competitions such as science fairs, the Accelerated Reader Challenge, spelling bees, and the National Geographic Geography Bee. Athletic teams were highly successful, with several winning championships; both our girls’ and boys’ basketball teams qualified for the national Lutheran tournament in Valparaiso, Indiana.

The students continued to support the Genesis School in the Dominican Republic with gifts and prayers, while adding some new projects as well – supporting the Miller family as they do missionary work in Morocco, supporting a missionary in Central America and exchanging “pen pal” letters in Spanish, and donating to help Muscular Dystrophy and American Cancer Society research. Along with faculty participants, the students again supported the Walkathon for Life drive which benefitted cancer research and our PTL.

We were blessed once again by the interest and contributions of many parents and friends who worked tirelessly and donated generously.

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all those serving on the Board of Education. Tim Underhill ably served as chairman.

As we reflect on all of these blessings, we are also working toward the 2008-2009 school year and beyond. The Imagine Campaign continues. As we celebrate the completion of the stained glass installations in the church building, we will continue to move ahead with school building renovations and site work, which includes the new Maintenance Building and new parking lot. Also ongoing are the efforts to secure funding to begin construction on the new Information Center.

We remain committed to not denying a Christian education based on the ability to pay. We continue to solicit scholarship funds through the Saints Scholar Society and the Founders Fellowship.

We indeed have much for which to be thankful! Praise the Lord, and continue to keep our school in your prayers.