

Saints Alive

Saint Michael Lutheran School—Fort Myers, FL (239) 939-1218 www.smlcs.org

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Principal's Principles!

STEM to STEAM!

1 degree differences: A= Aesthetic

The last two weeks I shared about the attitude we have with each other through the assembly program the Power of One! I reminded everyone that, “**We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,**” 2 Cor 5:17-21 (NIV) The power we gain when we have the STEM to STEAM philosophy is expressed in John Maxwell's 101 book on attitude and the book my Mac Anderson from Simple Truths! <http://store.simpletruths.com/attitude-is-everything-with-free-dvd-p2737.aspx> Watch and listen to the video about attitude and 7 key rules. The clip is this long 3:16! <http://www.attitudeiseverythingmovie.com/store>

So we are ambassadors with an attitude!

When I was growing up people talked about a whole person being one who was complete in 5 areas: Spiritual, Physical, Emotional, Social, and Intellectual. Today we talk about a 6th area, Aesthetic! The graphic I have developed reminds us that the most important of all of these and the one that impacts them all is the spiritual. That is 1 degree of difference we have at SMLS.



What is the definition of aesthetic? I like this version: “**Aesthetics** is a branch of philosophy dealing with the nature of beauty, art, and taste, and with the creation and appreciation of beauty. It is more scientifically defined as the study of sensory or sensori-emotional values,

sometimes called judgments of sentiment and taste. More broadly, scholars in the field define aesthetics as “critical reflection on art, culture and nature.”

Based on that definition, King David was an aesthetic being! The Psalms attest to that.

1. “*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*” ¹¹ *The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* Psalms 46:10-11 (NIV)
2. “*Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, They would be too numerous to count.*” Psalms 40:5 (NASB)
3. “*Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!*” Psalms 27:14 (NKJV)

Put this aesthetic another way; we slow down, we reflect and review what is going on with us and around us in the world. As the saying goes we, “Stop and smell the roses!”

*"Don't hurry. Don't worry.
You're only here for a short visit.
So don't forget to stop and smell the roses."*

Walter Hagen (Golfer)

The Bible and resources on attitude and aesthetics that I mentioned are the formative resource materials to put the A: attitude, aesthetic in stem and give us STEAM. Transformational power for the lives of our children! That is the SMLS difference!

Our **aesthetic** (‘...critical reflection on art, culture and nature’) academic attitude and actions are in place through programs like these:

1. Odyssey of the Mind creative problem solving competition teams. SMLS World Finalists 2011! <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>

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1. Cornell Notes System used in grades 5-8. [Record, Reduce, Recite, Reflect, Review]
2. WWJD: What Would Jesus Do? As a reflection of life choices from our religion curriculum and Biblical case studies.
3. Peace Makers materials for conflict resolution training in guidance classes. http://www.peacemaker.net/site/c.aqKFLTOBIpH/b.958199/k.AFBE/Young_Peacemaker.htm
4. Science and Inventors fair projects! [Only Lee County Middle School to send 2 projects to state fair!] <http://www.smlcs.org/publications/SA1112/SA01272012%20final.pdf>

We are committed to make a *1 degree difference* with our aesthetics translating into daily actions as ambassadors with attitude!

In Christ We Celebrate!

Robert J. Ziegler



Fundraiser Fundamentals!

Is it on your calendar?



**Bid For Kids!
Saturday, March 24th,
2012 at 5:30 P.M.**

‘A Roaring Silver Celebration!’ This is the 25th anniversary celebration with a Roaring 20’s theme. Check out our web site for important information.



<http://www.smlcs.org/fundraising/auction/auction.htm>



Gourmet Candy Bar Sales

- ☑ **The contest ended Feb. 1st.**
- ☑ **Please return \$52 cash per box.**

Everyone did a wonderful job—thanks for supporting our school with all your hard work.

Winners will be announced next week!



11 easy weeknight dinners, plus a free sample

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

See all the Box Top products.

- Start saving, while support school fundraising
- Find *exclusive coupons* for Box Top Products to help stay within your budget.
- Check back often for the latest bonus opportunities.



January AR Results Star Classrooms

- 1 & 2 Grade Division** — Mrs. Wagoner, First Grade
- 3-5 Grade Division** — Mrs. Knight, Third Grade
- 6-8 Grade Division** — Mrs. Sandfort, Eighth Grade

Total School Average = 89%

Total School Points = 25,480

Great reading... way to go Stars!



**Saints Varsity Golf 2012
Grades 6-7-8**

**Meeting of parents and students
Thursday, February 9th
at 3:15 PM
in Ms. Lindsay's classroom.
Hope to see you there!**



Coaches Adams, Hobson, and Clarke

▼ **A box for donations can be found in the Front Office and the Church Narthex.** ▼

Help the Children Of Panama



Danika Thiele will be traveling on this mission trip. For additional information or to provide support, please contact alexis.decarufel@bvhs.org or danika.thiele@bvhs.org



The annual Bishop Verot mission trip to Panama is coming soon! This entire trip is made possible with the generosity of those willing to contribute any amount of money possible. We understand that money is tight at the moment, but even one dollar would be extremely helpful. This year the thirty students that are going are building a cafeteria in the style of the indigenous tribe we will be staying with. It is also a possibility that we will be starting a baseball team for the children attending the school. Any type of monetary donation is acceptable, thank you!

For additional information email alexis.decarufel@bvhs.org

SAVE THE CAPS! Please save any plastic bottle caps for use in the art room for future projects. This might include caps from soda or water bottles, small juice bottles, or from household projects such as fabric softener, liquid detergent, or bleach. Caps should be less than 2" in size, please. Thanks from Mrs. Zehnder and our art students.

Drop box at Front Office Desk



Calling all Married Couples!

Mark your calendars for our 4th Annual Covenant Marriage Affirmation Ceremony & Reception on Friday, February 24th at 6:00 PM.

If it was a rewarding experience for you in the past please share that and

encourage your friends and families to join you this time.

Call for details and reserve a special spot for you and friends, call the church office 239-939-4711 x 231.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this lovely event! Questions? Contact 239-939-4711 x 231 Toni Martin.



Our Music and Drama Department is looking for donated iPod Touches



If you have replaced your Touch with a Smart Phone, *please consider donating your old Touch* to the Music & Drama departments.

Please deliver them to the Front Office.

Thanks in advance for your contribution, we thank you for your support.

Chess Club!

Join us in the Science Room
3:00-4:00pm

February 7
February 14
February 28

April 3
April 24



March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27

May 1
May 8
May 15
May 22



See You There!

**Just a gentle reminder about
Carline Courtesy**

**Please review our online page on how
smoothly it can work for everyone.**

[http://www.smlcs.org/parents/
CARLINEMASTER.pdf](http://www.smlcs.org/parents/CARLINEMASTER.pdf)

(Found under Parent Resources/Transportation)

The Spirit Store
**Now Open for
Business**

The store is located in the
gymnasium concession stand.

Come On In
Our Store Is

OPEN

School store hours:


Monday, Jan 30th 3-5pm

February days/hours:

Wednesday	Feb 1 st :	7:45-8:30 AM
Tuesday	Feb 7 th	2:45-4PM
Thursday	Feb 9 th	7:45-8:30 AM
Wednesday	Feb 15 th	2:45-4PM

Friday Feb 17th Grandparents Day Store will be open all morning

Eighth Grade Parents Year Book Advertising



If you are interested in taking out a Yearbook ad recognizing your child's accomplishments or promoting a business, please contact Katie Schlotterbeck 939-1218 x 264 for details.

Advertising and payment are due February 10, 2012.


Important Events Coming Up!

Friday, Feb. 17—Grandparents Day

Monday, Feb. 20—President's Day,
No school this week

Wed., Feb 22—Ash Wednesday
(Noon & 6:15 PM Worship)

Fri., Mar 02—Lutheran Schools Music Festival



Don't forget Grandparents Day

February 17th, 8:00-NOON

- Noon dismissal
- No childcare provided.

Extended Care February 21-24th

Extended Care will be available to families who sign up before Feb. 17th.

Call Beth in the Extended Care office if you need our service this week. A friendly reminder — all extended care charges need to be paid up to date, in order to have childcare service.

Beth Cameron
Extended Care Director 939-1218 #273

Homework Helper

REPORT CARDS ARE COMPLETED FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR. ARE YOU HAPPY WITH YOUR CHILD'S GRADES OR COULD THEY BE DOING A BETTER JOB WITH THEIR HOMEWORK? IF THE ANSWER IS YES, THEN SEND THEM TO ME AT HOMEWORK HELPER!

HOMEWORK HELPER MEETS MONDAY - THURSDAY IN THE TEACHER'S RESOURCE ROOM (ACROSS FROM MRS. MCGOVERN'S ROOM) from 3:00-4:00 PM. THE ROOM IS QUIET AND I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THE "I DON'T GET IT" QUESTIONS.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SAINT MICHAEL WEBSITE OR IN THE FRONT OFFICE.

30 minute to 60 minute rates apply.

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ME,

JANE CLARKE,
janeclarke@juno.com
 239-823-5551

Look what's happening in Guidance Class!

In February and March classes will concentrate on family life issues in Guidance. Students will be learning how families are alike and different and have different needs. During this time students will also be viewing our Lutheran Sex Education Program. Parents may check out and preview these videos from our library.

Below are the titles of the videos that the different grade levels will be viewing.

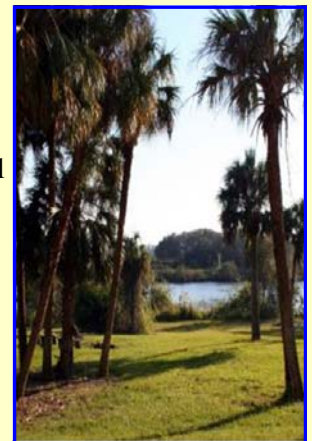
1. K – *Why Boys And Girls Are Different?*
2. Grades 1, 2, 3 – *Where Do Babies Come From?*
3. Grades 4 & 5 – *How You Are Changing*
4. Grades 6 – *Sex and the New You*
5. Grade 7 – *Sex and Dating (Cptrs 3 and 4)*
6. Grade 8 - *Sex and Dating (Cptrs 1 and 2) and Sex, Lies and the Truth*

Strong Families Matter!

Click here to look for a great video of last year's Fellowship Retreat under News and Events. <http://church.smlcs.org/>

Plan to attend the St. Michael Family Retreat in Alva March 9-11th for a fun, relaxing weekend along the Caloosahatchee River. We will gather together on Friday evening between 6 -8 pm and leave on Sunday around 11 am. In between, there will be lots of fun activities for all ages and time to relax and get to know each other better.

Cost is \$25 per person up to \$100 per family. All ages and life stages are welcome. For more information, please contact Richard or Mary St. Dennis at (239) 369-3433, (239) 851-6618, or (239) 543-4314.



St. Michael Family Retreat
 Riverside Retreat Center

Make some great memories for your family—join the fun!



2012 DRAMA

Any students in Grades 3-8 who are interested in joining the SMLS Drama club should plan to attend the first informational meeting on

Monday, February 6

from 3-4 PM in the Music Room. Important paperwork and schedules will be handed out at this meeting.

~ *Come see what Drama at SMLS is all about!* ~

AN INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATION!

The Students and Staff of
 Saint Michael Lutheran School
 Cordially Invite You to
 The 18th Annual Grandparent Day
 Friday, February 17, 2012
 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 3595 Broadway
 Fort Myers, Florida 33901
 239-939-1218


INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

- > Opening Chapel in the Gym
 - > Classroom Visits
 - > Tour of facilities
 - > Visit the Book Fair
 - > Hands on activities in:
 Art / Science
 Technology / Music
 - > Commemorative Pictures
 - > Special Class Presentations
- Continental Breakfast and refreshments served starting at 7:45 a.m.

Special Guest:
Peggy Leigh
 Author

Peggy was raised in a loving family in Ohio, where she learned early that the greatest treasures in life are not tangible, but are and will remain forever, cherished gifts of the heart that make us who we are. Thus, it is Peggy's inherent desire to convey relevant messages to children through the stories she creates, in the hope that a lasting effect will be realized by the reader. *Shrinking Violet* is Peggy's first book in a series of tales, and focuses on the immeasurable value of one's inner beauty and individual uniqueness, versus the superficial view that is perceived through sight alone. Peggy and her mother Ruth and daughters Cheryl and Ashley, live in Cape Coral, Florida, close to Sanibel Island, which naturally became the inspiration for *Violet's* dreamland.

Response Card
 Grandparent Day at Saint Michael Lutheran School
 7:45 - 8:15 Registration
 Program begins promptly at 8:15 a.m.




Friday, February 17, 2012, 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (School Dismissal)


Name(s) _____
 Address _____ Zip _____
 Email Address _____
 Name(s) of Grandchild(ren) at Saint Michael: _____

Number Attending _____
Lunch will not be served—so take your grandchild out to lunch.
 Return in the enclosed envelope by Monday, February 13.
 Dress casual. Thank you.

Donation Opportunity

 _____ I/We wish to become members of the Grandparent Club.
 _____ Enclosed \$100.00 new member or renewal
 _____ Enclosed is a donation of your choice \$ _____
 Please make check payable to Saint Michael Lutheran School.

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National Lutheran Schools Week Collection



As part of our celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week we will be collecting art supplies to send with Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. McGovern on their

cultural exchange program in Hungary, March 1-18th.

Please help us to “Celebrate God’s abundant goodness” as we share with others. Thank you in advance for your support!

You may send in your donations anytime, but no later than
February 28th
 to your classroom teacher!

PreK3, PreK4 & Kindergarten—tissue paper, any color

Grade 1 — Water Color paints

Grade 2 — Colored pencils

Grade 3 — Glitter/ glitter glue

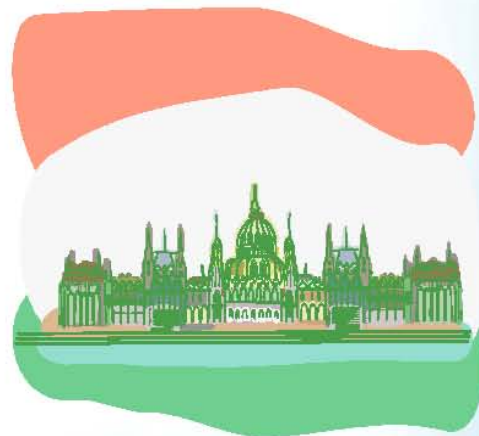
Grade 4 — Sequins/jewels

Grade 5 — Feathers

Grade 6 — glue sticks

Grade 7 — cotton balls/
craft sticks

Grade 8 — pipe cleaners





St. Michael Lutheran School Little Saints

Spring Jam!



St. Michael Lutheran School

Dennis Hackworth

Phone: 239-849-3531

E-mail: dhackworth@rasorealty.com

Program will run 5-7PM with first 20 minutes consisting of conditioning, 20 minutes of drills and games, and then kids will be separated into teams based on size and play basketball. The games will be full or half court depending on the number of participants. By the end of the program the kids will have a good understanding of the rules of Basketball. This is **NOT** an instructional camp but more for the kids to get time to play Basketball. It is open to all skill levels and will be matched up accordingly.

Please contact Dennis Hackworth if you have any questions.

Please bring check and registration form to the front desk at St. Michael.

Dates of the program will be SUN Feb 5, 19 & 26 March 18, April 22 & 29 May 6, 13
Cost will be \$50 for the Season, All of the proceeds go to Saint Michael Lutheran School.
Eligible Kids are both Boys and Girls are Grades 2-3-4-5 in the Fall of 2011

Child's Name

Grade Fall of 2011

Parent's Name

Parent's Email

Parent's Mobile Number

***Make Check Payable to St. Michael Lutheran School**