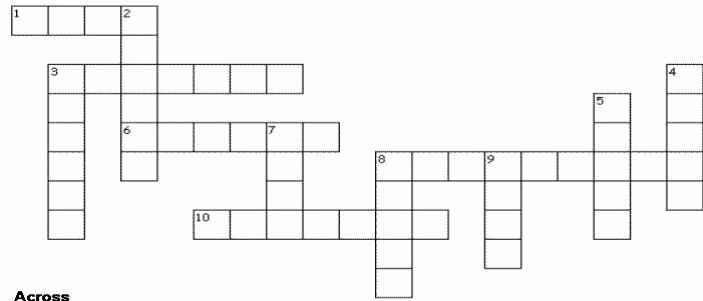




JOYFUL

# A fun teaser

## Valentine's Day Crossword



Across

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and kisses.
- 3. They smell pretty.
- 6. On Valentine's Day you should hug and \_\_\_\_\_ with your loved ones.
- 8. Special treat loved by all.
- 10. Wrap it up and tie it with a bow.

Down

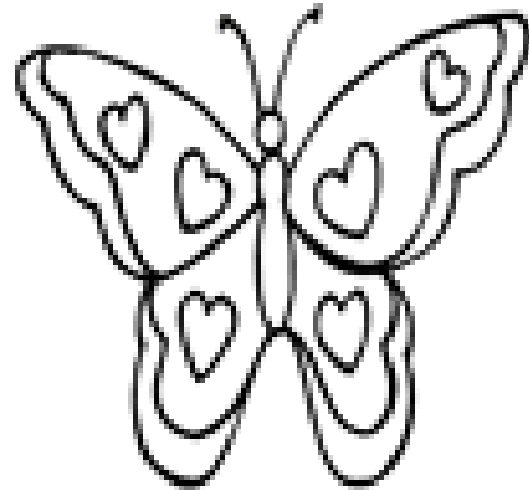
- 2. Another word for kiss.
- 3. My best \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. Delicate, red flowers (with thorns).
- 5. Valentine's Day shape.
- 7. I \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- 8. Sugary treat.
- 9. Sign it and give it to a friend.



A man wanted to enter an exclusive club but did not know the password that was required. He waited by the door and listened. A club member knocked on the door and the doorman said "twelve." The member replied "six " and was let in. A second member came to the door and the doorman said "six." The member replied "three" and was let in. The man thought he had heard enough and walked up to the door. The doorman said "ten" and the man replied "five." but he was not let in. What should have he said?

(answer in next addition)

Happy Valentines Day  
From the  
Sentinel Staff



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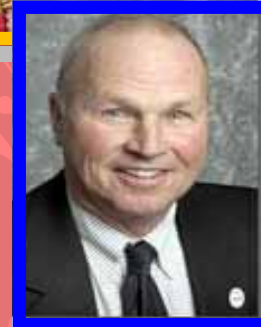
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE

# ST. MICHAEL'S SENTINEL

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## COMMISSION PRESIDENT JACK RUSSELL: ST. MICHAEL'S DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE



Mr. Jack Russell will receive the **St. Michael's Distinguished Graduate Award** during the Catholic Schools Week assembly on Monday, January 31st at 8 am. A 1960 graduate of St. Michael's, Mr. Russell went on to distinguish himself in business, education, conservation and government. Mr. Russell recently returned to his second term as President of the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners, accomplishments of which, everyone in the St. Michael's community can be proud. Mr. Russell was born in Piney Point, Maryland in 1943. After graduating from St. Michael's **High School**, he attended the University of Maryland where he received a degree in government. In the 1970's, Mr. Russell began the St. George Island *Sea-Fruit* seafood harvesting and packing operation. In 1979, he built the skipjack **Dee of St. Mary's** and subsequently converted his businesses from seafood to tourism and education. In 2000, he founded the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, to ensure the *skipjack*, the oyster house and their respective educational programs would continue beyond his lifetime. He still takes students out aboard his skipjack to teach them about the natural and cultural heritage of the Chesapeake Bay. Whenever St. Michael's students are onboard they are proud to learn of his connection with their school and aspire to achieve as he has. When the principal, Mrs. Lila Hofmeister, was asked why Mr. Russell was chosen for the honor, she said "*Jack Russell represents all the great things that we want in our St. Michael's students: community involvement, concern for the environment, dedication to public service, and a strong Catholic faith.*" Mr. Jack Russell lives on St. George Island with his wife, Viki, and their two daughters. He joins a long list of distinguished St. Michael's honorees including Sister Mary Rita Cullison, Mrs. Regina Coombs Hammett, Mrs. Julia Raley, Mrs. Mary Catherine Stone & Hammett Stone, and Mrs. Jennette Biscoe.

## Mrs. Van Ryswick to receive NCEA prestigious Distinguished Teacher Award

We are very proud that St. Michael's very own Mary Van Ryswick has been selected to receive the Distinguished Teacher Award at the NCEA Annual Educators Conference to be held in April in New Orleans. Each year, only twelve talented teachers in the Archdiocese of Washington are selected to receive the coveted Sister Miriam Joseph Farrell award for distinguished teaching. This annual award is presented by the NCEA Department of Elementary Schools and was established in honor of Sister Miriam who served as executive secretary of the Department of Elementary Schools until 1970.



Mrs. Van Ryswick,  
Kindergarden teacher

## Nearly 50% of St. Mike's Grads on High School HONOR ROLL

An impressive number of former St. Mike students made the St. Mary's County high school honor roll for the first quarter 2010-11. Of the nearly, 80 St. Mike' graduates attending area high schools, 39 names appeared on the honors list at St. Mary's Ryken and Great Mills High Schools. Mrs. Hofmeister and the faculty were extremely proud of the results, but not surprised. She commented: "*This is a testimony to the excellent academic instruction and preparation we build on at St. Michael's, not to mention the hard work by our former students.*" Hats off to their hard work, **YOU ROCK SAINT MIKE!**



### SPECIAL EVENTS

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CHRISTIAN VALUES

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. MIKE'S



Sophia (03) in the cockpit of space shuttle Discovery with the crew of STS-129, commander Charles Hobaugh, pilot Barry Wilmore, and mission specialist Randolph Bresnik during her summer academic studies program at St. Mary's College.

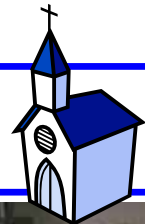
Sophia Traven (Class of 2003) spent the last two summers working in Houston at NASA, researching the biological effects of weightlessness on the human body. While there, Sophia continued working on her pilot's license, training in aerobatics and performing air shows. Sophia is finishing her BA in Biology at St. Mary's College of Maryland and will graduate with Distinction from the Nitze Leadership Honors program in May 2011. A talented student, she has received numerous scholarship offers to medical school but recently chose the United States Air Force and will receive her commission as a Second Lieutenant. Sophia will begin her medical studies in the fall of 2011 and plans to specialize in cardiac surgery. Way to Go Sophia, you are totally awesome...& smart!



Mr. Rick Condle is our new 6th grade teacher, although he is not new to St. Michael's Church. You may have heard him play his guitar at church on occasions. A multi-talented and highly experienced educator, he has been teaching for over 37 years. A graduate of California State University in Pennsylvania, he has taught at many St. Mary's County public schools including Spring Ridge, Margaret Brent, and Leonardtown middle schools. Never taking a break, he taught both summer and night school throughout his career. He wanted to teach at SMS because he is Catholic and likes teaching "in the middle". He likes all of his co-workers and says they all work together as a team to make sure that all of the students get taught so they can reach their fullest academic potential. His favorite sports team is the Pittsburgh Steelers, and he absolutely loves them. He also loves playing guitar and leads the school mass and morning assemblies playing hymns and familiar songs which the St. Mike's students absolutely love. He is also the teacher of our Math Counts team. WELCOME TO ST. MIKE'S MR. C. WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



.....St. Michael's—making a difference!



St. Michael's 5th graders, Darby Bradburn and Rachel Cullison helped collect over \$300 worth of beauty and health product for the Good Samaritan Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Each year Classic Hair and Nail Salon owner Janet Rue sends beauty items to a different food pantry to help the poor since food stamps don't cover these much needed items. Well done, Darby and Rachel for your Christian Service to the community.



SUPERSTARS in the Making: Ben & Juwan go over 100 points

Ben Greb and Juwan Smith (8th grade) made it into the 100 club recently. They join an exclusive group of SYBL players who scored over 100 points in a single season. Anchoring a talented SMS team, these top performers said their greatest competition was Archbishop Neale School in La Plata, followed by Cardinal Hickie Academy in Dunkirk. "Both teams are very disciplined and don't get rattled easily," said Smith. Ben's favorite part of basketball is blocking shots while Juwan likes controlling the tempo of the game.

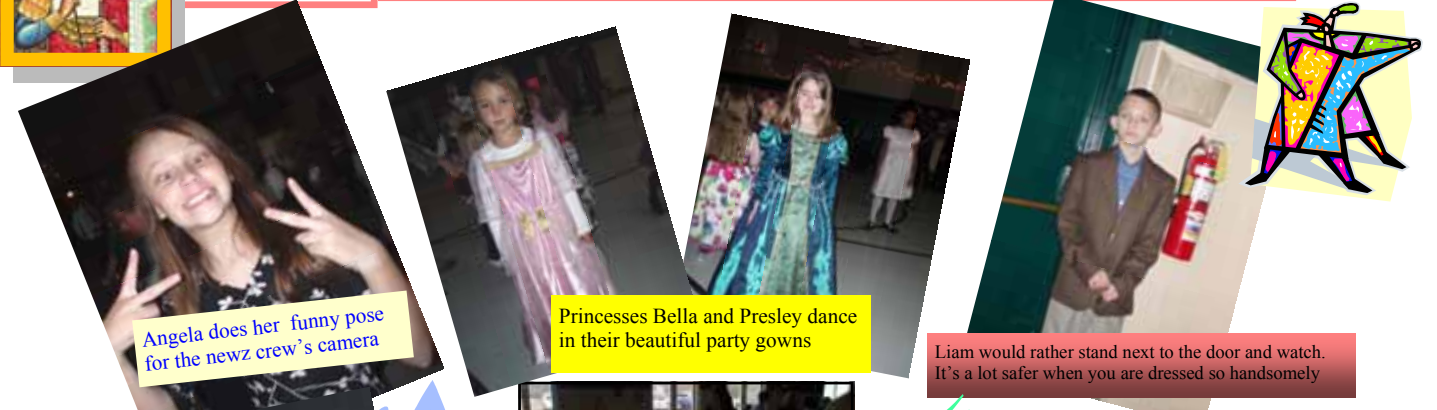


They both started basketball when they were about 4 years old. Can you just imagine them shooting hoops at 4? Wow! They play basketball because they say it runs in their families. Before each game Juwan eats: 2 blueberry waffles, 4 sausages, 3 pieces of bacon and a glass of sweet tea. Goodness Juwan, you have a GIANT appetite! While Juwan gobbles that down, Ben eats a peanut butter Cliff bar, and drinks a Red Bull. For their basketball game, Juwan wears his white sleeves, black compression shorts, Nike and NBA socks, and white UnderAmour shorts. They were chosen as team captains because they are responsible. They always have a good feeling when they win and were excited to receive the runner-up trophy at the Christmas Invitational Tournament where Juwan received the Coaches Award for his performance. They are really excellent players and we are glad they're on our team! Go GIANTS!



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Busting OUT—Fancy Dance!



Angela does her funny pose for the newz crew's camera

Princesses Bella and Presley dance in their beautiful party gowns

Liam would rather stand next to the door and watch. It's a lot safer when you are dressed so handsomely



BFF—8th graders, Emily, Mary, and Brittany

PEACE OUT Dude from Jocelyn (5th)

5th Grade Glamour Queens, Hallie, Darby and Rachel pose for the camera. They would be perfect models.



Samantha, Kayla & Andrea get their groove on during the Cupid Shuffle

Alyssa, Kayla, Sammi, Kiersten, and Sam (7th) Dance away

Perfect ANGELS

For your Christmas Album!



Sentinel Staff

Editors: Jessi McCloskey aka 'JESS' Rebekah Schmidt aka 'BEKA'



Cub Reporters: Alex Wettengel Christopher Cooper Advisor: Mr. McQuilkin

Austin King (8th) & his father play guitar and sing during the school Mass.

Two ANGELS Lexi (8th) and Sara (PK)

Christmas Performance



Mary Muir

Becky (PK) proudly shows off her pretty dress to "The Princess, Mary"

Miss Abby and Lucas (PK)

Cadet Russell McQuilkin (Class of 2003), a member of The Citadel Chorale sings at the school mass.



# CHARITY

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Nathan, Michael & Presley (1st) sing at the Veterans Home

St. Michael's 1st, 4th, 5th & 8th grades joined together under the direction of Mrs. Sisk, the music director, to spread Christmas joy to the elderly citizens in St. Mary's County nursing homes. Travelling by day in Mrs. Jean's Yellow Sleigh, the students spent time serving the Lord by lifting their voices to God and sharing religious

## SMS students bring **Christmas Joy** to the elderly!

and contemporary Holiday tunes with our senior citizens. As always, our wonderful Mrs. Sisk got the crowd hopping with an up-tempo tune and a few holiday jokes. The hard work was well worth it when lunch was served at Burger King and the playground was opened up to a frolic for all. One veteran at Charlotte Hall was so impressed he generously gave each student a gold coin, not unlike Saint Nicholas who left gold coins for needy families.

Mrs. Jenny Sisk (Music) lead the 4th & 1st grade performances at three county nursing & elderly care facilities for the third year.



Nathan, Casey & Jake (1st grade) have fun before going to the next performance



## SMS students contribute **artistic talents** to SMITHSONIAN with **"Between Fences"** exhibit



The entire student body at St. Michael's participated in the traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibition called *Between Fences*, creating over 130 original artistic renditions on fence pickets. The artwork was completed in conjunction with the Boyden Gallery at St. Mary's College of Maryland as a catalyst for a regional exploration of social, cultural, spiritual community "rights of way." The community-wide initiatives on the theme of fences entitled, *Facing Fences - Southern Maryland* will be on display throughout various public and private venues in Southern Maryland and includes programs like listening circles, panel sessions, speakers, film series, demonstrations, and high school classes offered across the Southern Maryland region to complement the Smithsonian exhibition. The exhibition runs from January 17 - March 4, 2011. Carol Morris (Art) encourages SMS family and friends to be on the look out for their artwork and join the activities... **WELL DONE Mrs. Morris!**

Carol, Mary, Luke, Zach, Isabella & Emily display their hard work

Remember **GOD** hears the prayers of Little Children:

Please keep the following in your prayers:

### FOR NEW LIFE:

Derrek Bryne, born Aug. 18 brother of Jackie (5th grade)



Jack Gunner Greenwell, born Jan. 26, brother of Claire (1st grade)

### FOR THE SICK:

FATHER O'CONNELL (PASTOR 99-09)

NATALIE GAYDAR (CLASS OF 2010)

Chuck Yanchulis (Father of Lizzy, Pre-K)

### FOR THE DECEASED:

Johnny McCoy, died Jan. 12 brother of Muffin Padukawiez

### SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

**OUR MILITARY FAMILIES:** especially those whose parents are deployed to Iraq & Afghanistan.

**FOR THE POOR:** Those who are without food, shelter or family.

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### Memorare

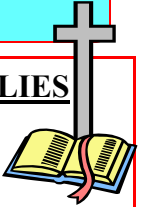


Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen



January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup> 2011

**“A+ For America – Catholic Schools”**



January 30<sup>th</sup> **A+ For America – Catholic Schools; Celebrating Our PARISH FAMILIES**

**Sunday**

Announcements at each parish about the activities during Catholic Schools Week.

January 31<sup>st</sup> **A+ For America – Catholic Schools; Celebrating Our STUDENTS & BUS DRIVERS**

**Monday**



☉ Student Awards Assembly @ 8:00 a.m.

☉ Distinguished Graduate: **County Commission President JACK RUSSELL**

☉ Thank-you celebration for bus drivers



February 1<sup>st</sup> **A+ For America – Catholic Schools; Celebrating with Our STUDENTS**

**Tuesday**

☉ Celebrity Readers to visit the classes 9:00 – 11:30



February 2<sup>nd</sup> **A+ For America – Catholic Schools; Celebrating with Our COMMUNITY**

**Wednesday**

☉ **Red**, White and **Blue** Tag Day. Bring in an item for a soldier and enjoy a tag day wearing red, white and blue.

☉ Family Spaghetti Lunch –

- Pre-K, 5 - 8, and siblings eat at 11:25
- K-4 eat at 12:10



February 3<sup>rd</sup> **A+ For America – Catholic Schools; Celebrating with Our FAMILIES**

**Thursday**

☉ Grandparents/Special Person Day - Open House 9:00 – 11:00a.m.

- Short performance then visit the classrooms



February 4<sup>th</sup> **A+ For America – Catholic Schools; Celebrating Our CLERGY**

**Friday**

✦ 9:00 – 10:00 Mass – all invited

♥ School-Wide Bingo 1:30 – 2:40

☉ Evening Pizza Social and Brown Bag Auction 5:00 – 7:30.

Auction drawing starts at 7:00.

