

# MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL

*May 2012 Newsletter*

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have noticed over the years that May becomes an incredibly busy month for families. Besides graduations, there are other celebrations that take place this month, like Confirmations or First Communions. Our seniors are getting ready to take that next step in their personal careers. Their high school education is at an end; their college education awaits. It is an important and fleeting month. Finals and AP exams are given. It is a month of stress and a month of accomplishments. It is a month where, like those that run marathons say, "It is not what you have, but it is what you have left."



May is a month of new beginnings as we prepare for the new school year we have many people that work over the summer to get everything ready. Rooms are cleaned; floors are shined, carpets are scrubbed and windows are washed. Books are ordered, staff are hired, reports are written, plans are made and evaluations are done.

It is a dichotomy of sorts. It is like a door closing on one school year and another opening for the next school year. I want to congratulate our Class of 2012. They have accomplished many things during their time here. They are our largest graduating class in the history of Mount Michael Benedictine School.

They have a tremendous ACT average of 27.7. I find our seniors to be a tremendous class. They show true leadership and exemplify our Benedictine values of Service, Community, Integrity, Moderation and Hospitality. I am very proud of them.

I wish the seniors well as they finish their time here at Mount Michael and begin their next stage in life. May our good Lord always bless them and keep them strong. Here is to the class of 2012!!!

God bless and take care,

David J. Peters, Ed.D.  
Head of School



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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

During the months of April and May the whole Mount Michael community has been reflecting on the Benedictine value of moderation. Life under the Benedictine Rule is a balanced life. Benedict carefully prescribes daily activities in detail, with a balance between physical activity and rest, work and prayer, time alone and time together, work with the mind and work with the body. There are specific times for rest during the day. The structure of life is formed by Divine Hours. Stopping work to pray throughout the day is a way that Benedict places work in a specific perspective; not an end in itself or a way to self-fulfillment, but an offering to God to fulfill God's purpose. We learned that in Benedictine life, work is balanced. Manual labor, reading Scripture, private prayer, meals, rest and sleep are all important components of the balanced Benedictine life. Restoring a similar balance in our own lives would provide a way for us to live healthier, happier and more productive days. Also, Benedict's Rule gives a model of community life for family, church, friendships, communities, and work place in which members of a community all contribute. The strong help the weak instead of standing back and criticizing. There is no hierarchy of importance regarding the type of work; each person serves the other in love, and work is framed by each person's relationship to God. Benedict would allow a tired mother

or father to rest.

Benedict work tells us that instead of complaining that someone cannot do something that we can do, we can just offer to help. We can respect the contributions that each makes in the community. The Benedictine view of work has a component of stewardship, we are stewards of the gifts, talents, and skills that have been given to us. Everything we have been given has been loaned to us by God and through our work we can find our way to God. Each of us has been blessed with talents or skills for which we can joyfully give thanks. Our work is a way that we can glorify God. As we use our gifts to help others, we can strive to keep our own lives in balance, allotting the time necessary for each task we have before us, no more no less. We need to take care of our body, mind, and spirit and we will find moderation in our lives.

Campus Ministry keeps inviting junior and senior students to register for the training sessions to become official lectors and Eucharist ministers of Holy Communion. They need to contact Fr. Gregorio at our Campus Ministry Office.

All parents who would like to get involved in Campus Ministry at Mount Michael are welcome to contact Fr. Gregorio. We are in the process of organizing a Pastoral Council of Campus Ministry and your ideas would be much appreciated.

Blessings,

Fr. Gregorio Congote, OSB.

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## MOUNT MICHAEL YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS

**Basketball Camp: June 5-7, 2012**

<http://www.mountmichael.com/Media/MountMichael/School/Youth/Basketball/BasketballCamp2012.pdf>

**Baseball Camp: June 20-22, 2012**

<http://www.mountmichael.com/Media/MountMichael/School/Youth/Baseball/BaseballCamp2012.pdf>

**Football Camp: July 24-26, 2012**

<http://www.mountmichael.com/Media/MountMichael/School/Youth/Football/FootballCampFlyer.pdf>

**GO KNIGHTS!**



## Mount Michael School Facts

- Average ACT over the last five years **28.0** (27.7 for the Class of 2012); \***"Highest ACT/SAT(28.0)"** \* & **"Most affordable in the country for all-boys boarding schools"** \*
- **2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011** University of Nebraska-Lincoln State Math Champions
- **\$4.8 million** in academic scholarships for the Class of 2012
- Average of **13 AP Scholars** per year over the past five years
- **35 students** recognized by National Merit Scholarship Board since 2005 (One National Merit Scholar & Two National Merit Commended Student, Class of 2012)
- **2011** Creighton Physics Field Day Champions
- **2011** UNO Chemistry Field Day Champions
- **2012** Class C Journalism Runner UP
- **2011** Class B State Cross Country Runner Up
- **2011** Class C Senior Legion Baseball State Champions
- **2010-2011** NSAA All-Sports 5<sup>th</sup> Ranking
- **2010-2011** Nebraska state qualifying teams and individuals in speech, tennis, cross country, bowling, swimming/diving, wrestling, track and field, golf, soccer and baseball

\*Source: [www.boardingschoolreview.com](http://www.boardingschoolreview.com)

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## DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### ANNUAL D.J. SOKOL MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the Mount Michael Benedictine Alumni Association will host its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic. This event is open to all friends and family of Mount Michael Benedictine. It will be held at the Tiburon Golf Club in Omaha, NE.

The school's availability to students from a diversity of backgrounds is made possible by the generous support of benefactors, the service of the monks and the success of annual fundraisers. Each June, the Mount Michael Benedictine Alumni Association hosts the Annual DJ Sokol Memorial Golf Classic. The tournament honors the memory of an alum and keeps his memory alive with stories of the "good ol' days." The proceeds from the tournament help to fund the Alumni Association Scholarship.

Please consider participating in the tournament. For more information on becoming a sponsor, please go to the Mount Michael website at [mountmichael.com](http://mountmichael.com).

### ALUMNI REUNION

Alumni Reunion Celebrations of 2012 for the classes 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007

Reunion Mass and Dinner

WHEN: Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012- 12:30 p.m.

COST: \$25 per person / \$50 per couple

If you have questions prior to then, please contact Jenny Powell at [events@mountmichael.org](mailto:events@mountmichael.org)

### → UPCOMING EVENTS ←

#### MAY EVENTS

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| May 7-17  | AP Exams   |
| May 9     | Wednesday Night Visits<br>Freshmen Outing at the<br>Drahotas |
| May 13    | Class of 2012 Graduation<br>in the gym                       |
| May 17    | All School Mass  |
| May 17    | Physicals for Interested<br>Students                         |
| May 21-23 | Finals for Students  |
| May 23    | Last Day of School-<br>11:30 a.m. Dismissal                  |



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## 2011-12 AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Keystaffer:** Tommy Feichtinger

**Mount Michael Award:** Songa Rugangazi

**Outstanding Sophomore of the Year :**  
Andy Johannes

**HOBY Award:** Rowan Gruber and Scott  
Townsend

**Boys State:** Joey Kucirek

**St. Benedict Award:** Lukas Buehler and  
Sean Kruger



### Mount Michael Mission Statement:

Mount Michael Benedictine School is a Catholic college preparatory residential/day school for young men committed to academic excellence. The school's mission is to integrate a life of spirituality, scholarship, and the formation of Christian Community by following the charism of the Gospels and the Rule of St. Benedict.

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# CAMP

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## *Bring Your Summer to Life*

Camp runs for one week. Each boy can attend any, and as many, of the available weeks. Each session of camp begins with registration on Sunday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each session concludes with an awards ceremony on Friday at 6:00 p.m.



Since 1967, Camp Mount Michael has provided boys ages 7-14 with summers filled with outdoor adventure and fun: archery, horseback riding, camp outs and more. For more information, contact Mr. Eric Crawford, Camp Director, at 402.253.0946 or [ecrawford@mountmichael.org](mailto:ecrawford@mountmichael.org)



### 2012 CAMP DATES

Session I- June 24- June 29  
Session II- July 8- July 13  
Session III- July 15- July 20  
Session IV- July 22- July 27  
Session V- July 29- August 3

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