

St. Michael's School January, 2010 Update

**The Church has declared the year 2010 the Year of Grace.
On behalf of the staff of St. Michael's, I wish all of you a
Blessed New Year!
Mr. R. Blackmer**

Reminders or new items for January

1. **St. Michael's School Council meeting**—Jan. 13 at 7:00 pm. **St. Michael's Funds for Fine Arts Society meeting** will be on January 18th at 12:00 noon.
2. **St. Michael's is considering an after-school group violin program** as a compliment to the fine arts program. Every Thursday, groups of three students would receive 45 minute lessons. The aim of this program is to create an opportunity for students to receive affordable music lessons in their community. The weekly lesson fee would be \$9.00, with two prepaid 9 weeks sessions between February and June. Each child would need an appropriately sized violin which could be purchased or rented—www.sharmusic.com is an excellent reference. Our violin instructor is Alariss Schmid. Alariss is a music performance graduate from McGill University and has extensive conservatory and teaching experience. Her goal is to foster the love of music through friendly, dynamic, and positive learning.
3. **Option News**— The Grade four and five classes will be presenting their options to the entire school and parents on Thursday, January 28th at 1:30 pm. Please join us for an entertaining afternoon of music, dance, visual arts and readers' theatre to be held in the gymnasium.
The new option semester for grades four and five will commence on February 11th. We are every excited to present a play entitled "Pirates" which will involve all four and five students. Look for more details in the February newsletter.



4. **On Friday, February 5th**, students at St. Michael's will have the opportunity to participate in our Kinsmen Skate-a-thon. Grades K to 2 will skate from 12:15 to 1:00 and grades 3 to 5 from 1:15 to 2:15. More information on this school fundraiser will be distributed next week to all students.

5. **Crazy Hat and Funky Socks Day!** Friday, January 22 come to school with your craziest hat and/or funkiest socks! The Society will be assisting in providing hot chocolate and cookies for all students on this day.

