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LAKER FAMILY UNITY NETWORK: LAKER F.U.N.

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Laker F.U.N. News

Despite the cold weather, the **Mother/Son Event** at Five Pines Resort in Berrien Springs took place on Sunday, February 19th and had 18 moms and 22 students sliding down the tubing runs. All agreed it should become an annual event. Thanks to **Teresa Allerton** for coordinating this outing.

Current Events & Contacts

Laker F.U.N. meeting: 5/9, 6:30pm, ES
S.C.E.N.E. Auction: 4/21-22, ES
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Spring is here! Spring Break, Easter and the final weeks of school are fast approaching. It has been a great year for Laker F.U.N. and all of LMCE. To celebrate the end of the 2005-2006 school year, Laker F.U.N. will host two **Field Days** for all the students. On the morning of **Monday, May 22nd**, **Grade 3-5 students** will compete in their events at the Upton Middle School track. On the afternoon of **Wednesday, May 24th**, **K-2 students** will rotate through game and food 'stations' at LMCE. Parents are welcome to **join in the fun**. Contact **Michelle Agay (K-2)** at 208-1200 or **Tricia Salvano (3-5)** at 429-4938 to volunteer.

Laker F.U.N. Election of Officers: At the March 7th meeting, the slate of Officers for the 2005-2006 school year was re-elected for the 2006-2007 school year. The consensus was that a 2-year term would better serve the organization. Officers are listed on this page and welcome all inquiries, comments and suggestions.

The **next Laker F.U.N. meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9th** starting with snacks at 6:30 PM. Fall welcoming events and our budget will be discussed. This is your last chance to attend a Laker F.U.N. meeting this school year—see you there!

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An Invitation from Mrs. Maher & Mr. Berlin


Education for Life ~ Faith for Living: Open Enrollment at LMC Schools

Lake Michigan Catholic maintains an “open enrollment policy” which welcomes all students and their families who are interested in a quality education in a traditional Catholic parochial school.

Among our strengths is the commitment to manageable student to teacher ratios to assure the best learning and teaching environment. Official school policy allows for a maximum of 22 students per room in the lower elementary grades (Gr. K-3), 28 students per room in upper elementary (Gr. 4-5), and a middle-high school student to teacher ratio of 18 to 1.

Registration forms for the 2006-07 school year can be found at www.lmclakers.com. Details about the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) and Multi-Student Discounts are outlined as well.

Executive Director John Berlin and **Elementary Principal Jody Maher** invite interested families to visit LMC Middle-High School and Elementary buildings. There is always time in the day to welcome guests and answer questions.



Twin-City Area Catholic School Fund

This year, through the generosity of you and donors like you, the Twin-City Area Catholic School Fund was able to provide scholarships to 142 students from 76 different families. This represents nearly 27% of the student population of Lake Michigan Catholic Schools. Thanks to you, these fine young people have the opportunity to learn and grow in our caring Catholic community.

S.C.E.N.E. \$10,000 Raffle Tickets Available!

Now is your chance to get in on some terrific odds and aid the Tuition Assistance Fund at LMC Schools. Just 250 tickets will be sold at \$100 each for chances at \$10,000, \$1,000 or \$500! Buy a ticket or two or join a pool. Don't have anyone to splash in your pool? Just buy a share of a ticket and we'll fill the pool for you. **Contact the LMC Business Office, 983-5529, for tickets.** The drawing will be held at Saturday night's S.C.E.N.E. Auction on April 22nd. All proceeds benefit Tuition Assistance.

S.C.E.N.E. Volunteers Needed

It takes many hands to pull off LMC's largest fundraiser of the year, the S.C.E.N.E. Auction, slated for April 21st and 22nd. Time commitments can be as short as a few hours in the days before and after the Auction, or on Friday or Saturday nights' events.

Chairman Chris Glendening has started classifying Auction items but is still accepting donations, and certainly welcomes volunteers. An e-mail to her at cglendening@lmclakers.com or a call to her at **983-5529 (Business Office), 429-0227 (Elementary), 429-8250 (home) or 208-5267 (cell)** will do the trick.

SCRIP Keeps Going and Growing During Spring Break

During LMC's Spring Break the **Business Office will be open from 9am-noon** for SCRIP purchases. We will not be doing special orders from Great Lakes SCRIP during that time when they will be closed for inventory, however we will fill orders from our on-hand supply.

Plan ahead for the graduation and wedding season! Most retailers have on-line gift registries that are easily accessed. A few minutes at the website will yield the perfect gift idea, in store availability, and the exact cost. Just make note of the cost, order your SCRIP, and make the purchase in the store.



S.C.E.N.E. Auction: "A World of Opportunity"
April 21st & 22nd at LMCEs' IMH Memorial Gym

Supporting Extra-Curricular Activities throughout Lake Michigan Catholic Schools

Cash Back for Schools at Orchard's Mall

Gather them up! The **Cash Back deadline is April 30**—all receipts must be submitted by then to qualify. Last year our participation earned a \$1000 cash award, and we thank all of the participants who support our school by submitting receipts. Anyone can help by stopping at the Customer Service Center to have receipts stamped—you will keep the receipt. Receipts can also be sent to either school office, or left in the "LMC Schools" box at the back of each church. Even those receipts from last summer still qualify if **dated between June 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006**.

Blue Tide Athletic Boosters

The much-reported changes at Berrien Hills Country Club, though still incomplete, have us scrambling for a home for the 14th Annual Blue Tide Golf tournament. Jeff Nuter, Tim Foley, and Helen Marzke are in discussions with several courses and we anticipate another fantastic outing that is tentatively planned for Monday, August 14th. Golf we will, so pencil this date in your planners.

The spring sports season, featuring varsity baseball, softball, women's soccer, men's tennis and co-ed varsity and middle school track, is underway. Visit the school website at www.lmclakers.com for the most up-to-date news and schedules. Come on out and cheer on your favorite Laker team!

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, April 13th at 7:00pm in the LMCHS/MS cafeteria**. Parents from elementary through high school and Laker friends are always cordially invited to attend.

Laker Drama: *Little Shop of Horrors* Premieres in May

Laker Drama will present "Little Shop of Horrors" on May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 in the IMH Memorial Gymnasium, at LMCEs.

Come and see this hilarious take on B horror flicks of the fifties. Filled with great musical numbers and an incredible plant, this show is sure to grow on the audience! **Showtimes are 7:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00pm on Sundays**. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

St. Joseph Catholic Church YOU-th Ministry

LIFE TEEN! 9th-12th Graders! Join us at the Sunday 6:00pm Mass followed by dinner and LIFE Night from 7-9pm at the Rose Center! Come get muddy with us as we dig into awesome issues!

4/2: A Life-Giving LIFE Night!

4/9: Shedding Light on Holy Week & Easter

4/14: GOOD FRIDAY – Stations of the Cross (7:00pm, St. Joe Catholic Church, dntn.)

4/16: No 6:00pm Mass & No LIFE Night

4/23: Some Assembly Required! Biotechnology: Cloning, Stem Cells, & More! Bring your CRS Rice Bowls to LIFE Night!

4/30: What's Your Homepage? Exploring the Power of the Internet. **PARENT NIGHT!** All parents are encouraged to attend *with* your high-schooler!

5/7: Contrary to Popular Belief... Contraception

5/13: Mothers' Day – If you're doing something with your mom, do it! If not, hang with us!

5/20: '80's Retro Dance! All 8th Graders are welcome to get into LIFE Night as we hold our Senior Send-Off!

5/27: No LIFE Night after the 6:00pm Mass

TNT Night! Hey 6th-8th Graders! We're going to spend the next few weeks exploring our Catholic connection to other Christian and non-Christian faiths! Check it out on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm at the Rose Center!

3/29: Protestant or Catholic? Msgr. Tom talks!

4/5: No TNT – Spring Break

4/12: Proud to be Catholic, Pt. 1 w/ Fr. Christian

4/19: Proud to be Catholic, Pt. 2

4/26: The Year-End Last Blast of TNT! Come out to welcome 5th Graders and launch our 8th Graders! All 5th Graders are invited to check out TNT first hand for the first time!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS! All are welcome to pray the Stations of the Cross prepared and led by our high school students on Good Friday, Apr 14, 7:00pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, downtown.

Information for
All Things Youth Ministry:

Karl@HolyDaddy.com or 983-3807

Little Laker Preschool & Preschool Plus with Mrs. Grundy

The 2-Day Preschool class learned about winter days and weather this last month. The children loved painting with ice cubes and making windsocks as well as seeing a tornado in a bottle. They also learned that God wants them to laugh, celebrate and to keep moving. Mrs. Almus and Mrs. Grundy agree this is one of their best talents.

Peewee penguin introduced the letter 'p' and the theme of winter to the 3-Day class. Queeny quail, robbie rabbit, sammy snake and timothy tiger introduced the letters 'q, r, s, and t'. They helped us to learn about feelings and emotions, weather, space and dental health. We visited Dr. David Ronto's office and learned how he and his staff help us to keep our teeth healthy.

Ms. L, Ms. W, Letter Light O, and Mr. R have visited Preschool Plus. These friends from the Land of the Letter People helped us explore how the sun gives us light and heat, where water may be found, the coming of spring and how flowers bring us beauty. The children from this class also attended the field trip to Dr. Ronto's office. What a great way to learn first hand information about keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

We were pleased that **William B., Henry L. and Darcy B.** won the raffle for their classes to raise money for the S.C.E.N.E. Auction.

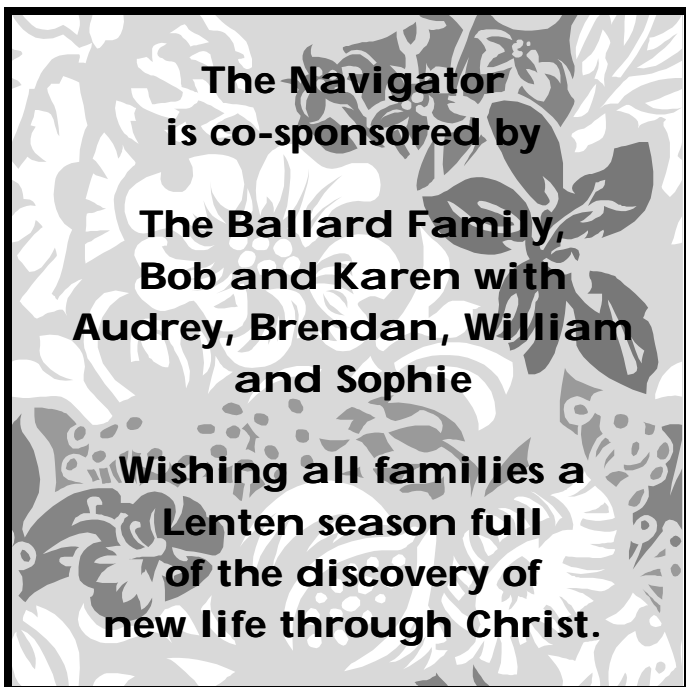
Kindergarten with Mrs. Fields & Mrs. Kuehn

March winds blew many activities into the Kindergarten rooms as we made lions, lambs, kites and umbrellas. The Kindergarten quest for mastery of the letters and sounds is wrapping up and spelling tests will begin shortly! The students passed another milestone in Math by beginning their addition skills. By our calculation of their progress, the students are ready for their subtraction unit. The Lenten journey continues as we complete our Stations of the Cross booklet. Our understanding of this season has grown as we join with the rest of the school for Stations of the Cross.

Mrs. Fields put on her chef's hat and made green eggs and ham to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 102nd birthday and his contribution to helping children learn to read. Our studies of St. Patrick and the Irish provided the themes for some cool art projects. We really enjoyed making our own "potato heads" and naming them. We learned some Leprechaun songs and sang them enthusiastically for a Preschool and 1st Grade audience. The 5th Graders made the trip from the other end of the hall to help us trace our bodies for our Science unit on the human body. Stop by the Kindergarten Hall to see our hard work!

1st Grade with Mrs. Faris & Mrs. Petsovich

March was a month of great growth both spiritually and academically for the 1st Graders. We have been continually reminded of our Lenten promises by making individual Stations of the Cross booklets and attending Stations each Friday. On St. Patrick's Day, we learned how St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach the pagans in Ireland about the Holy Trinity. He must have done a great job because now 88% of the people in Ireland are Catholic. We went cross-curricular with our unit on the Solar System that will conclude with a visit to the Upton Planetarium in April. **Mr. Glowacki** and **Mrs. Spessard**, our Junior Achievement volunteers, took us all on a very interesting trip to Lakeland Hospital. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with many fun stories and activities. Our 1st Graders were very patient and diligent as they progressed through the Stanford Achievement Tests. We concluded the month by making individual Flat Stanleys, which will accompany us to many wonderful places over Spring Break.



2nd Grade with Mrs. Hanley & Mr. Deja

In March, the 2nd Graders took a trip back in time to the era of the pioneers. We learned all about Lewis and Clark and how they opened trails for many families to go west to find fortune and gold. We discussed at length what life would be like in a covered wagon and concluded that even though pioneer life sounds exciting, we are much happier with the conveniences we have today. Our unit concludes with a trip to Sarett Nature Center to learn how maple syrup is made.

We are working hard to observe the Lenten season with sacrifices and prayer by trying to keep our Lenten promises so we may become a little closer to Jesus. From time to time, we all want to give in to temptation, but we know that the reward on Easter morning will be that much “sweeter.”

3rd Grade with Mrs. Bodley & Mrs. Bruder and the Rookie Reporters

Last week the 3rd Grade had our first field trip to Krasl Art Center. We saw a laser light show, and made an art project based on our families. Thanks, **Mrs. Dudding**, we loved it! **By Ally S.**

Lots of visitors have come to the 3rd Grade. We thank **Mr. Stolte** who is doing J.A. with Mrs. Bruder’s class. This year in J.A. we are learning about our city. We will be ending the class with a field trip to the *Herald-Palladium*. **By Sarah S.**

Mrs. Broderick is doing J.A. with Mrs. Bodley’s class this year. She arranged a trip to Dairy Queen. Thank you again for using your time to do this, and all your hard work. **By Amy B.**

We had a special day that we call Game Day. Each of us made up a game for reading. We wrote the rules and made the game board and pieces. Then on Game Day, we took turns playing each other’s games. It was really fun. **By Audrey B.**

In Science, we are learning about the ocean. It is fun to learn about the different fish that live there and their habitats. We each are writing a report about our favorite fish. **By Andrew D.**

Mrs. Bruder’s class is completing their Biography reports and will be giving their presentations at the end of the month. Also, we are all getting ready for Stanford during the last week of March. Everyone needs to get plenty of sleep and eat a good breakfast every morning.

Attention: 3rd Grade Moms! Please mark your calendars for the *Mother’s Day Mass* on May 12th.

4th Grade with Mrs. Binger and Mrs. Zetts and the News Team 4 Reporters Jeevanjot R., Hannah S. and Mary V.

Oh, Oprah! Yes, Oprah (**Rebecca B.** and **Katherine N.**) returned to 4th Grade to interview many interesting historical figures. Many of our presidents such as Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson were here. George W. even took time out of his busy schedule to chat with Oprah. Authors Mark Twain, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and Beatrice Potter stopped by. Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein shared their scientific knowledge with Oprah’s audience. Harriet Tubman, Mother Teresa, Raoul Wallenberg and many others also shared the impact their lives made on history. We were even graced with the presence of Pope John Paul II, who kindly gave us his blessing. Oprah commented how proper everyone acted and how patiently they waited their turn to be interviewed.

For the Birds: Mrs. Binger’s 4th Grade Science classes had the unique opportunity to examine the anatomy of birds. We did so during a pigeon dissection lesson. Did you know a pigeon’s lung has four air sacs? Even with the brain juice flying, our budding scientists agreed the “hands on” activity was worthwhile and very educational.

On the Road: 4th Graders left the halls of LMCE to experience lessons about light at the Curious Kids Museum. Thanks to **Mrs. Chris McQuillan** for organizing many interesting activities that demonstrated how light reflects, refracts and even bends. **Mrs. Dudding** also arranged an enlightening trip to Krasl. There we saw laser images, abstract sculpture and “layered” quilt paintings. We were thrilled to make our own quilt masterpieces. We look forward to many more trips this spring, like our canoeing trip and the mock trial held in the Berrien County Courthouse Museum.

5th Grade with Mrs. Puplis & Mrs. Fish

Entering the 4th quarter and the home stretch of the school year, the students are staying on pace for a terrific year. According to their teachers, who certainly ought to know, the 5th Graders are:

Fantastic spellers
Impressive workers
Fired up about LMCMS
Tired of homework but still
Hard at work

Giving, generous, and good examples to others
Ready to learn more
Avid readers
Devout believers
Eager learners
Responsible young adults
Science Fair experts

Arithmetic masters
Reliable helpers
Excellent leaders

Friends to everyone
Undeniably wonderful
Never without energy
!

Technology with Mrs. Barden

Did you know that Lake Michigan Catholic participates in ink, toner, and cell phone recycling programs? The school collects empty inkjet printer cartridges, laser printer toner cartridges, and old cell phones and sends them to recycling centers. In return, the school receives payment from the centers. This year, the money collected from the recycling program was used to purchase 24 copies of the Punch! Home Design software program, which Middle School Math instructor **Mr. Trent Smith** uses with his students to reinforce some practical applications of the math concepts they have been learning.

For more information on these recycling programs, visit the LMC website at www.lmclakers.com, and click on “Fund Raising” under the Information heading in the left toolbar.

After-School Care News with Mrs. Zilke

March began with a blast-off into outer space. Our 4th Graders ranked as experts thanks to their classroom studies but we extended their knowledge into the realm of the absurd by creating some colorful aliens and making up own planets. Once we got back to Earth, we visited the South American rainforests and **Mrs. Lia Hartline** brought a chinchilla, native to the Andes, to visit with us. We continued our trip around the world with a visit to Ireland. Colorful rainbow mobiles were made to hang from our ceiling and we celebrated the feast of St. Patrick with green snacks and green juice. Who-o-o-o did we study next? Our friends the owls of course! We learned about the many types of owls—there are over 160 different kinds—and created our own feathery friends to hang in our room! March ended with a reminder that our Earth is home to many powerful forces as we studied weather by making our own little tornadoes followed by geology with erupting volcanoes.

LMC Junior Wins Film Editing Award

LMC junior **Michael P.** and Ross T., a junior at Lakeshore High School, co-produced and directed a film entitled, *Famine (An American Film)* that won the Best Editing award at Kalamazoo’s 3rd Annual *Teen Filmmaker Festival* held March 3rd at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts. Over 300 spectators were in attendance, among them many of the Laker Drama Club members supporting their class- and castmate Michael.

Out of 68 films entered by some of West Michigan’s best young filmmakers, the jury selected only 18 films to be shown during Friday night’s Festival. A panel of celebrity judges chose an award winner for Best Film, Screenplay, Acting, Special Effects, Cinematography, and Editing at the Festival. Audience members voted for the People’s Choice Award. It is a remarkable achievement for Michael and Ross to have their film included among the 18 shown during the Festival, and more so to receive one of the seven awards.

Early in the Morning at the "House of Noise"

On seven February mornings, running from 6-7am, LMC student-athletes got together for "Winter Conditioning," consisting of four different stations, which athletes rotated through every three minutes. Drills were designed to increase foot speed, quickness, muscular endurance, balance, and toughness. **LMC coaches Learman, Bagerick, Heath, Maher, and Eversole** ran the program. Coach Learman stated, "This was a great collaboration between the coaches and athletes of all sports. We plan to do this every year. February is a good month so we can get done before the tournaments start in basketball, volleyball and wrestling to help give those sports a boost in the tournaments. We also want to increase mental toughness. It is hard to get up and make it into school by 6:00am but this kind of hard work and mental toughness is what leads to state titles." Forty-three athletes participated with seventeen making it each of the seven mornings to earn a T-shirt. Those dedicated Lakers are:

Ben B.	Jessica C.
Lucas C.	Sarah C.
Teresa D.	Michelle G.
Tracey G.	Eric H.
Rachael K.	Neil M.
Eric O.	Anthony P.
Brian S.	Casey S.
Max S.	Sarah S.
Ben W.	

Parent Support Group Forming

A group of parents of children with special needs is currently forming to address aspects of raising children with learning disabilities, dyslexia, speech concerns, ADD, ADHD, etc.

Join fellow parents at **The Chocolate Cafe on Sunday, May 7th, at 4pm.** The meeting will last about an hour and will be upbeat and casual. Call **Lynne Reuter, 428-5164** with any questions.

If You Build It, They Will Have Fun!

Trent Smith's Math students in the 7th and 8th Grades are breaking ground with projects designed around their new software, Punch! Home Design, a virtual design package that allows the user to build a house or decorate and furnish a pre-built house. The design extends to the outdoors with the option of setting the house within certain topographic or geographic locations and adding landscaping. Naturally, the program incites an interest in architecture and engineering yet at its most practical level, it imparts an understanding of the kind of decisions that any homeowner must make within a budget. Beyond providing a novel way to approach several mathematical disciplines within one project, Punch! Home Design offers enormous capacity for cross-curricular extensions in Social Studies, Science and Language Arts.

In the 7th Grade component, students are drawing upon their Social Studies unit on Siberia to develop their own village and decorate the houses to Siberian standards. To fulfill the Math portion of the project, students must work within a set budget, and create unique houses comprised of the same area. Our 8th Graders have a more ambitious assignment. Their houses are starting from the ground up and will be complete houses of an original design. They too are restricted by a budget. Another challenging twist is that the 8th Graders will actually build hard copies of their houses. Both classes will present their virtual houses, budgets and hard copy houses to the class, exercising their speech and communication skills.

From the Russell Family

We extend our thanks to all of the staff and families of Lake Michigan Catholic for their support and prayers during LeeAnn's eye surgery and recovery. We feel blessed to be part of the Laker family.

Kevin and LeeAnn Russell
Alice and Jessica

Scouting Around at LMC

3rd Grade Brownie Troop #558: The girls had a great time at the Toledo, Ohio COSI museum overnight. We solved the mystery of who "ratnapped" their basketball-playing rat. Our detectives lifted fingerprints, scraped DNA and made footprint molds. It was seriously fun work!

In preparation for bridging to Junior Girl Scouts, the girls earned two Math Junior badges at Upton Middle School. Some of the girls went back to earn two Science Brownie Try-Its. We are looking forward to an exciting spring with more learning as we get nearer to our Junior goal.

2nd Grade Wolf Den: Now that the boys have all earned their Wolf badges, the Den is beginning to work on a few electives, which will keep us "tied" up for awhile. One of our meetings was spent working on how to tie different types of knots, including those pesky Windsor knots for the neckties required for mass on Wednesdays. The boys have also played games and used teamwork to get some rather large puzzles put together. **Benjamin A. Ryan S. and Vernon U.** have even completed enough electives already to earn several arrow points.

The biggest change in our Den is our newest addition, **Den Chief Joseph A.!** Joseph recently crossed over to Boy Scouts, but after taking a training class, has joined our group as a den chief. He will not only serve as a great role model for the 2nd Graders, but has already proven he can be a wonderful helper, organizing the boys to perform the Pack's opening ceremony.

March Pack Meeting: This month the Scouts had a night of "Cubstruction" at our monthly Pack meeting. Following the theme for the month, the boys built birdhouses, cars, key boxes and first aid boxes. They also used peas and toothpicks to explore building at the molecular level, creating three-dimensional structures simulating atoms, DNA and who knows what else, that looked like they came right out of a university's science department.

Troop #624 News: The old Webelos, now new Boy Scouts, formed their Scout Patrol, naming it the "Musketeers." **John G.** was elected Patrol Leader, **Andrew G.**, Assistant Patrol Leader, and **Joseph A.** will return to the Pack to help the Wolf Den as their Den Chief. They are on a charge towards their Tenderfoot badge with a Patrol campout coming up. They plan on cooking for the Pack, working on fitness requirements, and braving the cold for that ¼ mile run. Sixth Grade Scout **Charlie K.** has also returned to the Pack to serve as a Den Chief for the Tiger Den.

Blue & Gold Ceremony: About a year ago at a Mass celebrated at LMCES, **Monsignor Martin** blessed nearly 300 pocket-sized U.S. flags, a gift from the Cub Scouts of Pack 624 to the Army's 29th Support Group in Afghanistan. In thanks, the 29th SG sent back a full size U.S. flag that was flown in our honor on 1 January 2006, over the Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. The flag, displayed in a case made by an Afghani craftsman, was presented to **Fr. Christian** on behalf of the parish and school and now hangs proudly in the LMCES Library.

Following dinner, eight of Pack 624's Scouts walked across the bridge atop a waterfall on the school stage, and were greeted by their new Scoutmaster, **Mr. Elmer Jones** and several Boy Scouts from Troop 624. Each of these new Boy Scouts, **Joseph A. Mitchell B., John G., Andrew G., Luke G., Stephen H., Jon L. and Ben M.,** changed their colors to those of the Boy Scouts after receiving the highest Cub Scouting award, the Arrow of Light Award. We wish them well as they begin their new journey to reach Eagle rank.

As our oldest Webelo Scouts move on, we also have to say good-bye to several of our adult leaders who have served for the past five years. We owe them a debt of gratitude for all of the hours they have put into our Scouting family, which has allowed us to have the best Scout Pack around. Join us in thanking **Mr. Marty Golob, Mr. Craig Graeber, Mr. Mike and Mrs. Cindy Birk and Mr. Paul Langdon,** who have touched the lives of many Scouts. Our appreciation also goes to **Billy Holbert** who served the outgoing Webelos as den chief for the past five years, and to his dad, **Jack Holbert** who supported Billy's efforts with the boys.