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Saint Michael School Collaborates with Local Businesses and Charities
School Hosts Seventh Annual North Pole Express Train Ride

North Andover, MA – November 29, 2010 – Saint Michael School of North Andover will host its seventh annual train ride of The North Pole Express (on December 18th) as part of their PTO fundraising efforts. While the ride is truly a festive activity, it is also an example of the schools' outstanding community and charity involvement, values the school strives to instill in their students.

The event is organized by members of the PTO and requires over 250 volunteers (both children and adults) each year to make it successful. The Saint Michael School PTO works diligently to involve local businesses and utilize resources in the community to run the event. Year after year, companies such as LaPlume Printing and Commonwealth Motors in Lawrence, JB Edward Uniforms in Woburn, Anne Todd Orthodontics in North Andover, Dental Health Professionals in Methuen, and so many more have donated services and/or money to make this event successful.

In addition to utilizing local resources, the PTO donates both tickets and a portion of ticket sales to local charities each year. This year a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence. Saint Michael School also collects new hats, scarves and mittens at the train station on the day of the event for the Department of Children's Services

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“The North Pole Express is the largest fundraiser that Saint Michael School runs. It would not be possible without the support of our school families, staff and faculty and local businesses that so generously donate time and money,” said Michelle Caso Simpson (PTO Co-Chair) of Haverhill. ‘It’s an amazing feeling to see the joy on the children’s faces as they wait to board the train. ”

“Each year I am honored to see the dedication of our school families. Parents and students selflessly give their time and resources to not only support the school, but also local charities and businesses. These are true examples of the strong education and guidance our students receive at school and at home,” added Susan Gosselin, Saint Michael School Principal.

Tickets for the December 18th ‘The North Pole Express’ leaving from the Newburyport MBTA Station may be purchased by calling the school at 978-686-1862. Advanced ticket purchase is required. More information is available on the school website at www.saintmichael.com.

About Saint Michael School

Saint Michael School is a Catholic Christian community serving children from early childhood through grade eight from our parish community and the Greater Merrimack Valley. Saint Michael School offers a solid academic foundation that will enable the students to succeed in the future. Promoting gospel values through prayer, religious instruction and community outreach, we strive to carry on the spirit of faith and love initiated by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Visit Saint Michael School on the web at www.saintmichael.com.

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