



School Days News!

~May/June 2021~



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Come to Our School!

Do you know of other children who will be between the ages of 3 and 14 for the 2021-2022 school year? We want them at our school! You and your children are the biggest billboards and marketing gurus we have! Spread the word about the good things happening at SMS! As one parent wrote on their Intent to Return Survey, "I have always believed happy families is the best marketing tool."

Registration is always open, and we are planning for the 2021-2022 school year! Please direct your friends, family members, neighbors, and random people you run into at Walmart to visit our website, www.saintmichael.org, and call the school office for more information! We look forward to welcoming many more to the SMS Family!!

Please tune your radios to Greenville's station: WGRP to hear our students telling the community what THEY love about SMS! The commercial will air twice a day beginning on Monday, May 3rd!



APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 29: Jeans Day - No Charge
- Apr 30: Scholarship Letters + W2s + Tuition Assistance Application due to the school
- Act 80 Day - No school for students

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3: No School
- May 4: Virtual Instrumental Concert 1:00pm
- May 6: Jeans Day - No Charge
- May 7: Mass Day - No Shorts
First Friday with Adoration
- May 11: Virtual Middle School Art Show 1:00pm
- May 13: PTO Hot Lunch
Jeans Day - No Charge
- May 14: May Crowning during 9:00am Mass - No Shorts
- May 15: Mother's Day Out Craft Show and Family Portraits
PHN Financial Aid packets due to PHN
- May 19: SMS Open House 5:30-7pm
- May 20: Dress Down Day - \$1 Charge
- May 21: Mass Day - No Shorts
Students help set up for the Shamrock Scramble
- May 22: Shamrock Scramble at Pine Hill Golf Course
- May 27: Jeans Day - No Charge
- May 28: No School - Gift from the Bishop ☺
- May 31: No School - Memorial Day

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2: PreK Graduation at 1pm in Lateran Hall
- June 3: Jeans Day - No Charge
8th Grade Graduation with the 6:30pm Mass
- June 4: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
9:00am Mass - No Shorts
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- June 26: SMS Irish Jig 5K Race



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Virtual Instrumental Concert



SMS's first **Virtual Instrumental Concert** will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 1:00pm! Please mark your calendar to join us via Zoom (a link will be sent)! The event will feature the musicians who have been taking lessons with Miss Warren this year. Miss Warren and the musicians are so excited to share their talent with you!

Virtual Middle School Art Show



SMS's first **Virtual Middle School Art Show**, another brainchild of Miss Warren's is coming up! The event will also be streamed via Zoom and will take place on Tuesday, May 11th at 1:00pm(a link will be sent). Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Arts for our students!

Spring Craft & Vendor Show

SMS Craft Show and Family Photos

On Saturday, May 15th, SMS is having a Spring Craft and Vendor Show and Family Photo Event! Festivities will take place in Lateran Hall from 9am to 3pm. The craft show has an admission cost of \$1. There will be a raffle available which will include items from the vendors present. Hot dogs, popcorn, and beverages will be available for purchase for takeout.

If you are interested in being a vendor at the craft show, please contact Mary Lynne Reimold at 724-813-5934.



Family photo sessions will also take place at this event. The photographer is Lisa Bates of Lily Garden Creations and Photography. Sessions are by appointment only and cost \$25. To schedule an appointment for pictures, please contact the school at 724-588-7050 or by email at either stmikes@neo.rr.com or lbates@smike1.org.

Masks are required for vendors and attendees of this event. Social distancing and maximum capacity guidelines will be followed and enforced. Participants of the photo sessions will be asked to wear their masks except when they are having their pictures taken.

*Trust in the Lord
with all your
Heart and lean not on your Own
understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge
Him and He shall direct your Paths.*
-Proverbs 3:5-6



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JOIN US FOR THE SHAMROCK SCRAMBLE 2021!

We are having a Golf Scramble at Pinehill Golf Course on Saturday, May 22nd Rain or Shine, with registration beginning at 8:00am! All amateur golfers, in teams of 4, are welcome! There will be cash prizes for the 1st and 2nd place teams as well as door and hole prizes! A free hotdog and beverage lunch will be served as well as a steak dinner at the conclusion of the event, with extra tickets dinner tickets available to non-golfers. See the St. Michael School website for team registration and sponsorship forms.

This fundraiser is going a long way to make up for some of the money we lost this year and last by not having a car raffle. We need YOUR help to make it a success!

PARENTS: We need help with food preparation and serving, Hole Sponsors, prizes (especially gift cards and certificates to local restaurants, businesses, and events), and general overall planning. Of course, we also need GOLFERS!!

STUDENTS: You can help too! On Friday, May 21st, we will need YOUR help setting things up for the event the following day!

CLASSES: Prek3 & PreK4 - Salad Dressing (1 bottle each: any variety)
Kindergarten - Steak Sauce (1 bottle each: any variety)
1st Grade - Condiments - Ketchup, Mustard or Relish
2nd/3rd/4th - Canned Green Beans (either 2 standard cans or 1 family sized can)
5/6/7/8 - Hot Dog Buns 1 package (bring in week Of May 17-21st)

Any donations of bottled or canned beverages welcome! These can be dropped off in the church Gathering Space so the students don't have to carry in the building.

Thank you ever so much to Mr. Mike Wingard, Mrs. Trichelle Eddy, and the Fundraiser Committee for your help with fundraisers for the school!



We want to send out some very heart-felt thank yous:

- Thank you to all of you who sent in socks and toiletry items for our Help the Homeless Drive!
- Thank you to Fr. Christopher for being such a presence in and support to our school! Your visible and behind-the-scenes leadership means a lot to us!
- Thank you to the members of the PTO and School Advisory Council for all of their help with lunches and fundraisers!
- Thank you to Mr. Mike Varga, Jessica Sorg, and alumni Lee Groce who make up our IT Support Team.
- Thank you to our teachers and staff who have been tirelessly working through the pandemic to offer the best education for our children: mind, body, and soul!
- Thank you to our parents and guardians for fighting the good fight! For nurturing your children! For getting up each day to do it all over again!
- Thank you to our students for trying, trying, and trying each day to be the best-versions-of-themselves and look for the good in others!
- Thank you to the Sellards family for donating 5 cases of bottled water for our students!
- The Ribley Family and Padrone's for hosting our PTO fundraiser on April 20! On behalf of the SMS PTO and school family, we are grateful for your generosity to help St. Michael PTO raise money!



Jesus, I Trust In You!



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PreK – Kindergarten Graduation!

Our PreK-3, PreK-4 and Kindergarten classes will be having a graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 2nd at 1pm. The ceremony will be held in Lateran Hall. Invitations will be sent home with students, as a limited number of people will be able to attend. Students be may signed out by a parent/guardian with their classroom teacher to go home after the ceremony.



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Financial Aid Packet Important Deadlines



Financial Aid Packets deadlines are fast approaching!

Primary Health Network Applications, a cover letter, all required documentation, and a non-refundable \$15.00 fee for this program must be **postmarked by May 13, 2021 and received by the Primary Health Network by May 15 to be accepted. DO NOT SEND TO THE SCHOOL!**

Scholarship Letters and financial need letters are **due to the school office or Miss Zgonc on or before April 30th at 3:00pm**. Only ONE letter is needed this year. We will make copies here to send to the different named scholarships to which your child is applying. Just be sure to check on the Scholarship List all of the scholarships for which you'd like your child to be considered for. **Students in Grades 4-7 are expected to type their own letters.** Parents may help younger students by typing their letters for them and having them sign them.

No exceptions can be made to deadlines!

FEE MUST BE ATTACHED TO BE CONSIDERED!

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Eighth Grade Graduation!



Congratulations to Madison Mong, our only eighth grade graduate this year! There will be a graduation ceremony included with the **6:30pm Mass on Thursday, June 3, 2021!** All are welcome to pray for and celebrate with Madi on this milestone occasion!



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Madi, we wish you the best in all your future endeavors! We have faith you will be the best-version-of-yourself!



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We heard you! We missed Open House this year too! There are so many wonderful things going on inside our building this year that you haven't been able to see! On May 19th, we will open our doors for you to have a glimpse inside and see what our students/your child(ren) have been learning this year!

Families with last names beginning with A-L are welcome to visit us from 5:30pm to 6:15pm. Families with last names beginning with M-Z are welcome to visit from 6:15pm to 7:00pm. We understand that families with Preschool children may need to get home to get their little ones to bed, if you have a child in PreK you may come between 5:30pm and 6:15pm, regardless of your last name, if you choose.

MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES and SOCIAL DISTANCING MUST BE OBSERVED. Please come and stay for your appointed time only. Our goal is not only for you to see the school, but also provide a safe environment for all!

LUNCHESES

May and June subs will be turkey subs from Hometown Subs. May's PTO Hot Lunch will be on Thursday, May 13th for those who ordered. It will come from Wendy's and include a hamburger, French fries, a Jell-o cup, and a snack. Pizza on Fridays will still be purchased from Fox's Pizza Den and pepperoni rolls on Wednesdays will come from Pizza Joe's. Please note, the price of pepperoni rolls has is now \$2.50 per roll.

There will be no milk available during the last week of school, June 1st-4th.



NO SCHOOL on Friday, May 28th

From the desk of Bishop Lawrence T. Persico and Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Erie, Jim Gallagher, in appreciation for all of the hard work Catholic Schools across the diocese have poured into this past pandemic year:

"We have reviewed all of the school calendars and determined that they have exceeded the minimum number of hours required by law. As such, we are calling for all Catholic schools in the diocese to close for one day between now and the end of the school year, to give the teachers and staff an overdue day of rest."

Father Christopher has approved **Friday, May 28th** to be a day off of school for SMS!!



Last Week of School

Stay tuned for information on festivities and events coming the last week of school: June 1st-4th.



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DRESS DOWN DAY

Dress Down Days are usually held once a month, on the third Thursday. Students and teachers pay \$1.00. Proceeds are donated to various service projects.

On April 15th we collected donations for the Prince of Peace Center for Dress Down Day. We collected a total of \$44.

May 20th is our next and final Dress Down Day for the 2020-2021 school year. Proceeds will be given to the Pink Angels!



JEANS DAY

Jeans Days will be held every Thursday during the school year that we do not attend Mass. There is no charge to wear jeans on Jeans Day. Jean shorts are not permitted.

Let Us Introduce.....

We will be highlighting two staff or faculty members every month!! It is our chance to let you know a little bit about each of us!

Miss Nicole Chapman - 3rd Grade and Middle School Math/ELA

I have taught at SMS for five years. This year, I am teaching Middle School Reading, English, and Math.



I received my bachelor's degree from Thiel College in Elementary Education in 2005 and a Masters of Mathematics Education in 2020 from Western Governor's University.

I enjoy reading, taking walks, spending time with my family, and spoiling my niece and nephews. In my spare time I teach dance classes, which I have done for the last 12 years.

Fr. Christopher Barnes - Pastor

This is my first year as pastor at St. Michael Parish. I was previously here as a parochial vicar from 2010-2014. During that time I taught 7th and 8th Grade Religion and very much enjoyed interacting with and teaching the students.



I grew up in a small town, Rouseville, PA, near Oil City. In 1995 I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. In 1999, I graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science with a Funeral Directing degree and worked as a Pennsylvania licensed funeral director for five and a half years in a funeral home in Oil City and then a funeral home in Bradford.

I entered St. Mark's seminary for the Diocese of Erie in 2004. In 2006, I went to St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA and graduated 2010 with a Masters of Divinity degree. I was ordained June 11, 2010 at St. Peter's Cathedral with four other classmates.

I enjoy gardening vegetables and flowers in my spare time.



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SMS IRISH JIG 5K RACE

SMS is having its first 5K run on Saturday, June 26, 2021! Be on the lookout for more information to come home with your child.

SPRING UNIFORM CHANGE

During the months of April, May, and June, students may wear navy blue or khaki loose-fitting walking shorts that are no shorter than 2" above the knee and worn with a belt.

Please remember, shorts may NOT be worn on the days students attend Mass (this includes Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation, and the first and last days of school).

Jean shorts are not permitted on Thursdays when there is a Jeans Day.

SCRIP Gift Card Program

Easy way to earn tuition credit!

Contact school office or the SCRIP Coordinator, Shannon Thomas, at 724-456-1279 for more information about the program or placing orders.

Christmas is upon us! Now a great time to purchase gift cards for Christmas gifts: either to give or to use! Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to see all the cards you can order from over 750 retailers. Order online or contact Shannon Thomas.



Option C

Parents, please remember to log in daily to the Option C Homework/Gradebook/Alert System. If you are not receiving the alert messages by phone, email, or text, please contact the school office.