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about God and other stuff to learn a lot. I love God and He loves me too!"

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.saintmichael1.org, and call the school office for more information! We look forward to welcoming many more to the SMS Family



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!

Here is what some of our students have to say about why they love SMS: "It is fun! I love Jesus!" "We are like one big family!" "Everyone is nice, happy, caring. We help people that don't have things by donating." "The teachers are the best!" "I like praying." "Chromebooks and Prodigy Math!" "Getting pizza on Friday!" "I like my school because I love to pray to God!" "I love school because of all my friends!" "I have friends at SMS!" "We have the church and the school." "Everybody is nice!" "Church!" "I like Science!" "I love my school because of the very kind nature." "I have a lot of friends and I love them!" "Lunchtime!" "We have a church and Math and Reading. I love Mary, God, Joseph, and Jesus." "I get to see all my friends and my teacher!" "I love my school because of my classmates who challenge me to do better and teachers who want me to succeed." "Mass! I learn

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Reservations are not necessary for Easter

- Mon, March 29th: 8am Mass
- Tues, March 30th: 8am Mass
5-7pm Confession St. Michael
- Wed, March 31st: 8am Mass
5-7pm Confession St. Michael
- Thurs, April 1st: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Fri, April 2nd: 3pm Passion of Our Lord
7pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat, April 3rd: Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets in Church
9pm Easter Vigil
- Sun, April 4th: 7am Mass at St. Michael
9am Mass at St. Margaret
11am Mass at St. Michael

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 31 - Apr 5: NO SCHOOL - Easter Break**
- Apr 1: Holy Thursday
- Apr 2: Good Friday
- Apr 3: Holy Saturday
- Apr 4: Easter Sunday
- Apr 6 & 7: Keystone Blind Association conducting vision screenings for PreK-3 and PreK-4
- Apr 8: Jeans Day - No Charge
PTO Hot Lunch
- Apr 11: Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 13: Primary Health Network Applications + \$15 postmarked to Primary Health Network**
Dentist visiting SMS



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Apr 15: Catholic Diocese of Erie Financial Aid Applications + \$20 due to the Diocese

Dress Down Day - \$1 Donation

Apr 21: Lunch orders for May/June due

Apr 22: Jeans Day - No Charge

Apr 26: Quarter 4 Interim

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

May 6: Jeans Day - No Charge

May 11: Virtual Middle School Art Show

May 13: PTO Hot Lunch

Jeans Day - No Charge

May 15: Mother's Day Out Craft Show and Family Portraits

May 20: Dress Down Day - \$1 Charge

May 22: Shamrock Scramble at Pinehill 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 3: Jeans Day - No Charge

8th Grade Graduation

**June 4: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
NOON DISMISSAL**



JOIN US FOR THE SHAMROCK SCRAMBLE 2021!

We are having a Golf Scramble at Pinehill Golf Course on Saturday, May 22nd.

There are a ton of ways to help if you can lend a hand. We need help with food preparation and serving, Hole Sponsors, prizes, and general overall planning. Of course, we also need GOLFERS!!

See the St. Michael School website for team registration and sponsorship forms.

SMS Craft Show and Family Photos

On Saturday, May 15th, SMS is having a Spring Craft 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 take out.

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.



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Financial Aid Packet Important Deadlines



Financial Aid Packets were sent home with families on Friday, February 19. They included a letter from our Business Manager, Susan Swartzbeck and Miss Zgonc, a letter of intent for next school year, 2021-2022 tuition rates, a Tuition Assistance Application, Scholarship List, and the application for the Bishop's Tuition Assistance Program and the STAR Foundation Program.

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

The Catholic Diocese of Erie Financial Aid Application along with a \$20 non-refundable processing fee (made out to **Tuition Assistance Program**), W-2s and Tax Returns **must be postmarked or received by the Diocese no later than Thursday, April 15. DO NOT SEND TO THE SCHOOL!** Please send to the following address:

Diocese of Erie
Tuition Assistance Program
P.O. Box 8070
Erie, PA 16505-0070

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

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

- 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 who continues to help with IT.
- Our teachers and staff who have been tirelessly working through the pandemic to offer the best education for our children: mind, body, and soul!
- Our parents and guardians for fighting the good fight! For nurturing your children! For getting up each day to do it all over again!
- Our students for trying, trying, and trying each day to be the best versions of themselves and look for the good in others!
- Mr. Dan Williams for fixing the broken swing on the play yard!
- Mr. Mike Wingard, Mrs. Trichelle Eddy, and the Fundraiser Committee for their help with fundraisers for the school.
- Mrs. Jesica Brocklehurst, Mrs. Shannon Thomas, and Miss Lily Thomas for their help with PTO Hot Lunch in March.





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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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School and PTO, the price of pepperoni rolls has increased to \$3 per roll.

Lunch orders for May and June will be due by Wednesday, April 21st. There will be no milk available during the last week of school, May 31 through June 4.

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 March 18th we collected donations for the Greenville Area Library for Dress Down Day. We collected a total of \$67.

April 15th is our next Dress Down Day. Proceeds will be given to the Prince of Peace Center!

If you know of a local organization that we can donate future Dress Down Day funds to, please call or email the school and let us know! We are always open to learning about new places and people who are doing beautiful things in our community.



Registration Open!
PreK3 - 4
stmikes@neo.rr.com | 724 - 588-7050

LUNCHESES

April's subs will be turkey subs from Hometown Subs. April's PTO Hot Lunch will be on Thursday, April 8th for those who ordered. It will come from Wendy's and include a chicken sandwich, 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. Due to circumstances beyond the control of St. Michael



Register Today! Pre-K - 8
stmikes@neo.rr.com | 724-588-7050

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.



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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 Rita Baldarelli - Middle School/Science/ELA

I teach Middle School Science, English, and Religion at SMS. I am a graduate of John Carroll University and hold a Middle School teaching license in 4th-9th grade Science and English.



I have three older siblings, a wonderful dog named Sasha, and a very large extended family! Last month, I became an aunt for the first time and look forward to getting to know my nephew in the future as he grows and learns about the world.

In the spare time that I can gather I enjoy playing piano and painting.

Mr. Doug Dorio - Middle School/ Social Studies

This is my fifth year teaching at SMS. I currently teach 5th-8th grade. I have a degree in Elementary Education from Clarion University and a Masters Degree in Special Education from Slippery Rock University.



In my spare time, I enjoy coaching basketball and I'm currently the Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for Reynolds High School. When not teaching or coaching, I spend my free time with my wife, Erica, and our four pets.

SPRING UNIFORM CHANGE

Beginning April 6th, 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).



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.



Shamrock SHOUT-OUTS!



Thank you to Mrs. Bates for starting this initiative! Students and staff are encouraged to be on the lookout for exemplary behavior or character in fellow students and staff and "shout them out" by telling the school why on a shamrock cut-out which is added to our bulletin board. We are growing an amazing crop this year!

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.