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FINANCIAL AID REMINDER

Financial Aid packet will be sent home the first week of February. Please be sure to return to **Diocese of Erie, Tuition Assistance Program, P.O. Box 8070, Erie, PA 16505-0070 no later than April 15, 2020. Include all information that has been requested on bottom of page 1. **For the 2020-2021 school year, to receive Financial Assistance and financial based scholarships, this form and documents MUST be submitted to the Diocese by the deadline of April 15th.****

Questions may be addressed to Mrs. Nancy Kremm, Principal, by calling the school.

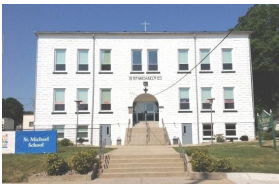


EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. SPONSORED BY THE PARISH.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 1: Cheer Competition – PSU – Behrend
BBB @ St. Stephen – 6 PM
- Feb. 2: Diocesan Swim Championships
Grades 5-8

- Feb. 3: Lunch - Chicken Parm. Sub with Chips
- Feb. 5: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with chips
Gr. 7/8 St. Paul's at 9:45.
- Feb. 6: **Chastity Parent Meeting 6 PM Grade 5 homeroom. All grade 5 parents and parents of students in grades 6 - 8 who have not attended this meeting in the past are asked to attend.**
Free Dress Down Day for support of Catholic Schools Week Events
- Feb 7: Lunch - Pizza
Little Caesars orders and money due
Kids Heart Challenge form/money due
- Feb. 8: BBB home St. Patrick @ 11 am
8th grade recognition for Swim
- Feb. 9: Swim Champ. – Erie (Grades 1-4)
BBB Away KC @ 1 PM
- Feb. 10: Lunch – Chicken Parm. Sub with Chips
Kennedy Catholic Assembly
- Feb. 11: ~~BBB @ SJPH – 6 PM~~
Vision Screenings from Keystone Blind for Preschool
- Feb. 12: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with chips
Gr. 7/8 St. Paul's 10:30
- Feb. 13: Valentine Day Party – 1 PM
Jeans Day
- Feb. 14: No School – Teacher Inservice
- Feb. 15: SMS Cheer Competition @ Kennedy
- Feb. 17: President's Day – No School
EAC – 7 PM
- Feb. 18: PTO/Youth Activity Open Meeting
6:30 PM – Grade 6 homeroom
- Feb. 19: Global Academic Games
Lunch – Pepperoni Roll with chips
LUNCH MONEY DUE for March
- Feb. 20: Jeans Day
- Feb. 21: Lunch – Pizza
- Feb. 23: Cheer Competition - Slippery Rock
- Feb. 24: Lunch - Chicken Parm. Sub with Chips
- Feb. 25: Lunch – Fat Tuesday Roast Beef Dinner
Grades 7/8 Carnival for school
- Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday – No Pepperoni Roll
Gr. 7/8 St. Paul's 10:30
- Feb. 27: Jeans Day
- Feb. 28: Lunch – Pizza
Fish Fry at Knights of Columbus



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SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- PTO officers for their endless hours volunteered to provide a special week to the students and staff.
- Wes and Robin Bates for preparing lunch for the Veterans' Program and those who volunteered for this event.
- **All the volunteers**, too many to name, that made the week enjoyable for the students.
- Parents for supporting our Open House and Penny War.
- To the Bessemer Credit Union for their use of the coin counter with no fee.
- Students and staff for making Catholic Schools Week so much fun and a great success.
- Jill Harpst and Becky Riley for organizing the bake sale to benefit the school library.



WE STAND PROUD

- ❖ **Kiersten Barger and Cooper Riley**, who were awarded the Franciscan Peace Award.
- ❖ **Tierney Scullin**, of the girls JV basketball team who received the *Heart of a Champion Award* in memory of Miss Mary Pat McParland during the Erin Scullin Invitational Tournament; and to Skye Brocklehurst, Adisyn Riley, Grace Wingard, and Isabel Wingard who were nominated by their team.
- ❖ Students raised **\$684.51** for the Pink Angels Foundation. Congratulations to PreK and grade 5 for winning the challenge.

SMS ATTENDANCE POLICY

When your child will not be attending school for the day, please notify the school office by 8:30 AM. For an absence to be considered legal, a written note (meeting the guidelines for a legal absence) must be submitted to the homeroom teacher from the parent or legal guardian stating why the child was absent. **This note must be sent within three (3) days of the child's return to school or the absence will be marked unexcused.** If a student has missed more than ten (10) days during a school year, a note from the doctor is required for each subsequent absence. St. Michael School is required to follow the PA Truancy law.



SCHOOL DELAYS

Winter weather brings school delays and cancellations. Parents will be notified through our Option C Alert System, School Website, KDKA TV, the Youngstown TV Channels and Erie Channel 12 as soon as a decision has been made to delay or cancel.

When Saint Michael School is on a 2-hour delay (School start time is 10:00 AM) **and your home district is not, it is the parent's responsibility to get the child to school.** If you are not able to do so, please notify the school. **It is a parent's decision on whether road conditions are safe for your child to come to school.** If a parent chooses to keep a child at home, a note must be sent in to the school and the absence will be considered legal.



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SMS SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that in the classroom, **STUDENTS ARE ONLY PERMITTED** to wear navy or dark green sweaters, fleece jackets from Schoolbelles or the SMS fleece jacket from Kathy's Kreations. **SMS sweatshirts without hoods are permitted ONLY on jeans day.** Any style of boot **IS NOT** permitted in the classroom. If worn, please bring a change of shoes.



SMS CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Saint Michael School is hosting a Cheerleading Competition on Saturday, February 15th at **Kennedy Catholic High School – Hermitage**. Competition begins at 2:00 PM, doors open at 12:30 PM. Volunteers are still needed to make this competition a success. Please call the school office. The proceeds from this event help to fund all SMS Youth Activities, including the sports banquet. Admissions: Adults \$5; Students \$3; children under 5 free.

MARCH LUNCHES

Pizza, hot lunch, chicken parmesan sub, milk or jeans day money for March is due Wednesday, February 19th if paying by the month or for the remainder of the year. Any money received after that date will be returned.

ST. MICHAEL

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL



BOOK BY **KAREN BOETTCHER-TATE**
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY **BILL FRANCOEUR**

TENTATIVE DATES: APRIL 3 AND 4 AT 7 PM

SAVE THE DATE AND ITEMS 3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

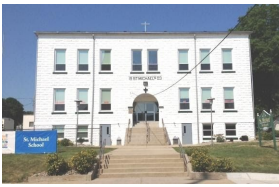
St. Michael School PTO Rummage Sale on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25. Flyer for items needed and volunteer sign-ups coming home soon.

PREK 3 COMING 2020-2021

SPREAD THE WORD



St. Michael School would like to re-introduce the PreK 3 program this fall. Parents will be given a choice of a 2 or 3-day program along with a 5 day program. Class size ratio will be 10:1. Call Mrs. Morimando for more information.



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WELCOME

St. Michael School would like to welcome Mrs. Lindsey Finlan to our staff. She is our Kindergarten teacher. If you did not get the opportunity to welcome her at Open House, stop by the Kindergarten room and see all the wonderful changes she has made.

THANK YOU FOR SAVING BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



We had several families send in box tops in the month of January. Thank you to all who did. This is a great program that helps SMS earn money for our school.