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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Fasting: the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Abstinence:** the norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.



Friday's during Lent – Knights of Columbus
4:30 PM – 7 PM

Adults: \$10 Youth to age 12: \$7

Benefits St. Michael Parish and School

Help and desserts are needed

If you can help on any Friday, contact:

Mary Lou Mathias (724-927-6634) or

Linda Hajtol (724-588-3289)

Please bring baked goods to the K of C Hall
by 4:00 PM on the day of the Fish Fry.

FINANCIAL AID /SCHOLARSHIP LETTER IMPORTANT DEADLINES

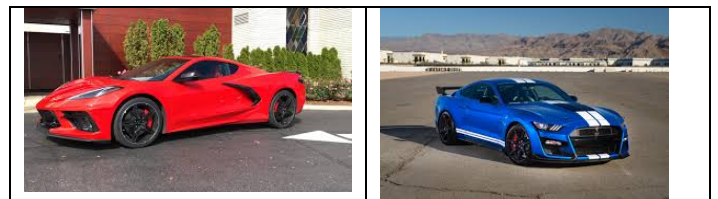
Primary Health Network Application along with a \$15 non-refundable processing fee (made out to PHNCF), W-2 and Tax Return **must be postmarked by April 13 and received at the Primary Health Network by April 15. DO NOT SEND TO THE SCHOOL!**

Diocese of Erie Financial Aid Application along with the \$20 non-refundable processing fee (made out to **Tuition Assistance Program**), W-2 and Tax Return **must be postmarked or received by the Diocese no later than Monday, April 15. DO NOT SEND TO THE SCHOOL!**

Scholarship Letters and financial need letters are due to school office or Mrs. Kremm on or before April 30th at 3:00 PM. *Separate letters* are needed for each scholarship for which child applies. Parents may assist younger student, *but students in grades 4 – 7 are expected to write their own letters.*

No exceptions can be made to deadlines!
FEE MUST BE ATTACHED TO BE CONSIDERED!

2020 Car Raffle Decision Time



Corvette vs. Mustang

There will be a “Car Raffle Initiative” meeting for St. Michael Parish and School on Sunday, March 8 at 6 pm in the large meeting room of the church for any parent that wishes to attend.



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GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER REQUEST

Good Shepherd Easter request is for non-perishable dessert items. Please send your donations to the school by Friday, April 3.

SAVE THE DATE

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

8TH ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL



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

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – 7 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 – 7 PM

DINNER WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE
SATURDAY PERFORMANCE.

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER AND
PERFORMANCE ATTACHED.



***Eighth graders Kiersten Barger, Cooper Riley, and James Brocklehurst** for being chosen to participate in the Pennsylvania Guest Page Program.

***SMS Cheerleaders, coaches, and volunteers** for hosting the SMS cheer competition at Kennedy Catholic. The competition raised over \$4,000 for the school youth activity program.

***SMS Cheerleaders and coaches** for taking second place at the SRU cheer competition. The team has been invited to take part in nationals.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 AND 4 KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION - MARCH 1 – 28



Saint Michael School is now accepting registrations for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Call 724-588-7050 to schedule a tour and receive an informational packet with financial aid application. Classroom size is limited.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

***All volunteers** who helped with the Cheerleading Competition, especially to: Mary Lynn Reimold for organizing the competition with the help of Haley Germano, Sharlene Germano, Mr. and Mrs. Wingard for organizing concession, and the many volunteers who make this event possible.

***Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bates** for providing the Fat Tuesday Lunch.

***Volunteers** who helped at the boys' home basketball games.

***Parents** who sent in items for the Valentine's Day Parties.

***Miss Chapman and the 7th and 8th grade classes** for the fun time at the Mardi Gras Carnival.

***Parent driver to St. Paul's – Mrs. Jessica Brocklehurst.**

***Sports parents:** For driving your children to and from practices and to games & meets.

***Coaches:** For your unending gift of time to our students.



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PTO MEETING/FASHION SHOW

The next meeting for the PTO will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 pm in Lateran Hall. Students will provide a fashion show of new items available through Schoolebelles. Mark your calendar to attend this meeting.

FACTS - NEW PAYMENT SUMMARY

With the tax season upon us, FACTS Management would like to call your attention to a feature that enables families to quickly and easily create a payment summary.

Directions: Go online to FACTS. By simply clicking "View Printable Payments Summary" on the Payments tab, you can retrieve and print a summary of payments for the year or any other specified time-frame. Each payment summary is compiled by student, term, subaccount, and includes our school's Federal Tax ID number.

MIDDLE STATE ACCREDITATION UPDATE

School within the Diocese of Erie are preparing for Diocesan Middle States Accreditation.

Mission Statement:

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Diocese of Erie Profile of a Graduate

Our Students:

- Have acquired a body of knowledge according to the Diocese of Erie curriculum standards.
- Have a rigorous education to develop critical thinking skills, analytical reasoning and strong study skills.
- Are able to communicate effectively, write creatively and think critically and analytically in order to problem solve.
- Are Christian leaders for the 21st century. They possess a foundation of strong Catholic values and beliefs to make moral decisions and to stand firm in those decisions.

- Live virtuous lives. They contribute to the Catholic faith through active participation and service.
- Respond to the needs of others by embodying the Works of Mercy
- Exemplify a love of country using their talents to be responsible members of the global community and good stewards of the Earth.
- Are technologically proficient. They use technology as a tool for learning and communicating information in a responsible and effective manner.
- Recognize the Gospel value of the sanctity of life and value a respect for the gift of health, proper nutrition and physical activity.



Diocese of Erie Objective pertaining to Governance:

- By 2027, the governance and leadership in the Catholic Schools Office and at all schools within the diocese will provide consistent and effective school operations that are mission driven.

Governance Strategies

- #1: Align diocesan policies with revised bylaws
- #2: Strengthen the Board member selection process.
- #3: Develop Board competencies to fulfill their duties
- #4: Appraise the performance of system presidents and all principals
- #5: Communicate leadership roles to stakeholder
- #6: Monitor schools to assure compliance with policies of Catholic Schools



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

March 2: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
NHD 2:30 – 4
Chastity Education Gr. 5-8

March 3: Dental Exams
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2

March 4: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll
Gr. 7/8 St. Paul's visit 9:45
NHD 2:30 - 4

March 5: Jeans Day
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 2-3

March 6: Lunch – Pizza
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Lenten Fish Fry – Knights of Columbus (K of C)

March 8: "Car Raffle Initiative" @ 6
large meeting room of church

March 9: Lunch - Chicken Parmesan Sub
NHD 2:30 – 4
Chastity Education Gr. 5-8

March 10: Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Grade 8 parent meeting 5 PM
PTO Executive Meeting 5:30 PM

March 11: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with chips
Gr. 7/8 St. Paul's visit 10:30
NHD 2:30 - 4

March 12: Musical Rehearsal Scenes 2-3
Dress Down Day for Pink Angels

March 13: Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Lenten-Fish Fry – K of C

March 14: Pi Day

March 16: No School
EAC meeting

March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day
Pancake Hot Lunch for March
School Confessions @ 1 PM
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
NHD Projects due to Mrs. Kremm

March 18: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll with chips

March 19: NHD @ Westminster College
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 2-3

March 20: Lunch – Pizza
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Lenten Fish Fry – K of C

March 21: Business Fair at Thiel Dome
Stop by our booth for a visit

March 23-27: Terra Nova Testing Gr. 3-8

March 23: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
Third Quarter Interim

March 24: Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3

March 25: Lunch – Pepperoni Rolls
St. Paul's Visit Gr. 7/8
Lunch Money Due for April

March 26: Musical Rehearsal Scenes 2-3
Jeans Day – no charge

March 27: Lunch – Pizza
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Lenten Fish Fry – K of C
Musical Pre-sale dinner and tickets

March 30: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Terra Nova Make-up Day

March 31: Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Terra Nova Make-up Day
Leadership Meeting in Erie





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UPCOMING EVENTS – APRIL

- April 1: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll
Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
St. Paul's Gr. 7/8 - 9:45 am
- April 2: Musical Rehearsal Scenes 1-2-3
Jeans Day – No charge
- April 3: Lunch – Pizza
Middle School Musical 7 PM
Lenten Fish Fry – K of C
New Teacher Retreat - Erie
- April 4: Middle School Musical 7 PM
Musical Dinner – reservations only
- April 5: Palm Sunday
- April 6: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- April 7: **PTO Meeting with Fashion Show**
6:30 PM Lateran Hall
- April 8: Early Dismissal at Noon
Shadow Stations 9 AM
No Lunch or SAFE afterschool
- April 9-13: Easter Vacation
- April 9: Holy Thursday
- April 10: Good Friday
Lenten Fish Fry – K of C
- April 12: Easter
- April 13: **NO SCHOOL**
Primary Health Financial Aid post marked
- April 15: Diocese of Erie Financial and
Primary Health Care Financial Aid Due.
DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL!
Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with Chips
- April 16: Jeans Day – No Charge
- April 17: Lunch - Pizza
- April 20: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- April 21: PTO Hot Lunch
Rummage Sale Drop Off
- April 22: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll with Chips
Administrative Appreciation Day
Thank you Mrs. Bates!
Rummage Sale Drop Off
LUNCH MONEY FOR MAY DUE
- April 23: Rummage Sale Set Up
Dress Down Day to benefit Good
Shepherd Center

- April 24: **NO SCHOOL**
Faculty Inservice in Erie
RUMMAGE SALE
- April 25: **RUMMAGE SALE**
First Communion Retreat
- April 27-30: Middle States Accreditation
- April 27: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- April 29: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll with Chips



Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

Nonpublic School Services

February 2020

Hello Parents,

Just checking in to share what we have been doing the first half of the year. With the teachers' cooperation, I have enjoyed meeting with the students in their classrooms for school counseling activities. My goal, as the school counselor, is to provide activities which develop and/or improve academic skills, career awareness and social skills. The topics discussed are consistent with the Pennsylvania School Counseling Association and American School Counseling Association mindsets and behaviors. Take a look at what was completed in each grade.

During my visits in the kindergarten, first and second grade classes, we focused on listening skills, using self-control, identifying and expressing feelings in a safe way and assuming responsibility for our choices. The students practiced using these skills by completing listening activities, listening to and discussing stories, participating in Go Noodle brain breaks, calming and focusing activities.

The third and fourth grade focused on ways to be successful in school, self-control, and decision making. The third grade was introduced to L.O.G.: Listening Skills, Organization and Goals. The students reviewed and practiced listening skills and concentration skills. They also identified ways they could be more organized with their school materials and time management and each wrote a goal to accomplish this year. Fourth grade students reviewed study skills and assuming responsibility for their own behaviors and decisions. These topics were practiced in teamwork activities, stories, and discussion.

For the fifth grade visits, we reviewed study skills by having the students work in groups to present a skit teaching the study skill. The students also reviewed problem solving and decision making steps and will practice using them in our activities throughout the year.

The sixth grade classes began the year by completing a learning styles inventory. This self-assessment can be found at the following website how-to-study.com. This website provides them with information on their learning preference based on their personal responses. The website also provides tips they can incorporate into their study routine. The topic of communication was addressed through discussion, class activities, and working together in small groups.

The seventh and eighth grade participated in activities identifying personal values and beliefs, cyber safety and decision making. The students completed an online personality inventory which related personality traits to careers.

I will continue to visit the classes during the second semester. As a reminder, I am available to meet with students on an individual basis when parent permission has been given and when requested by the parent, teacher or student. I have materials on many different topics that can address individual needs and are available to teachers and parents if needed.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the program and/or your child, please call. I am scheduled at St. Michael School on Thursday each week and can be reached by calling St. Michael School office or by email: donna.benson@miu4.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donna Benson

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8th Annual Saint Michael School Musical



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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY BILL FRANCOEUR

Dear Friends,

We are writing to ask for your contribution to our annual Middle School Musical. Your generosity allows St. Michael School to continue to offer excellent fine arts department. If you have not already done so, please consider a donation.

The 8th Annual St. Michael Middle School Musical will take place on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4.

We are asking for your generosity in the form of a monetary donation. Donations will be used to defray cost of the musical and other fine arts. Please think of how you can contribute to our fine arts department. If we could have your commitment and ad no later than **Friday, March 27**, we would be very grateful. Your business ad or sponsorship ad will be placed in the musical's program. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Kremm, Principal, at 724-588-7050 or via email at nancy.kremm@saintmichael1.org.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kremm, Principal

Erin Warren – Music Department

Christine Morimando – Acting Director

Nicole Chapman – Choreographer

Doug Dorio – Sound and Stage

Rita Baldarelli - Cast and Stage

2020 Annual Musical Sponsorship Commitment Form

Name/Business: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Sponsorship Level: Quarter Page: \$25 Half Page: \$50 Full Page: \$75

Please make checks payable to St. Michael School. PLEASE ENCLOSE AD OR EMAIL AD TO BE USED.

Happy Ads and Well Wishes: 1/8 page: \$10

Saint Michael Middle School Presents



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Laugh your socks off in this fairy-tale pop musical with eclectic styles ranging from 50s rock to 20s jazz to Celtic and more! The kingdom of Glump has been falling apart ever since the pampered emperor became wrapped up in his tasteless wardrobe! Not only is he a big-headed clothes-aholic, his three 'lovely' daughters are quickly becoming chips off the old blockhead. Enter two con artists, Wart and Hog, who devise their ingenious plan for fleecing the emperor. Naturally, everyone pretends to 'see' the magic cloth, until the emperor's serving boy covers him up at the parade, laying bare the facts: the emperor has no clothes on!

Lateran Hall

Friday, April 3: 7 PM and Saturday, April 4: 7 PM

Now Taking Advanced Reservations Through Friday, March 27th

Reserved Seating – Front 3 rows: All tickets \$5

Regular Seating: Adult - \$4 Children - \$3 (Age 4 – Grade 8)

Ages 3 and under no charge if on parent's lap.

Theater Reservations:	Friday Performance	Saturday Performance
Number of Reserved Seating @ \$5	_____ tickets Cost: _____	_____ tickets Cost: _____
Number of Adult Seating @ \$4	_____ tickets Cost: _____	_____ tickets Cost: _____
Number of Child Seating @ \$3	_____ tickets Cost: _____	_____ tickets Cost: _____

CALL 724-588-7050 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

DINNER AVAILABLE BEFORE FRIDAY PERFORMANCE – FISH FRY – KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

**DINNER AVAILABLE BEFORE SATURDAY PERFORMANCE BY RESERVATION
BENEFIT 7/8 GRADE BANQUET; IN LATERAN HALL**

KINGDOM OF GLUMP DINNER – By Advanced Reservation ONLY - March 27.

Dinner Choices: Chicken Pie or Pulled Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad

Baked Chicken Fingers with Mac/cheese

Bread with jam served with all meals

Dinner Reservations:

Saturday: 5:30 – 6:30

Chicken Pie Dinner @ \$10 _____ meals Cost: _____

Chicken Fingers Dinner @ \$7 _____ meals Cost: _____

Pulled Pork Dinner @ \$10 _____ meals Cost: _____

16oz Root Beer Float @ \$2 _____ drinks Cost: _____

Ginger “Ale” or Soda @ \$1 _____ drinks Cost: _____

Water @ \$1 _____ drinks Cost: _____

Coffee or Hot Tea \$1 _____ drinks Cost: _____

Apple Pie @ \$2.00 _____ dessert Cost: _____

Apple Pie a la mode @ \$2.50 _____ dessert Cost: _____

Ice cream/cookie @ \$1.50 _____ dessert Cost: _____

Recognize you actor/actress with a “Happy Ad” in the program - \$2.00

Actor/Actress Name: _____

Happy Ad Comment: _____

Actor/Actress Name: _____

Happy Ad Comment: _____

Name: _____

Total enclosed: \$_____
