



School Days News!

~November 2019 Issue~



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PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7 from 3-7 PM Please call the school office (724-588-7050) to schedule an appointment with your child’s teacher. **All** teachers are available for conferences, including specials.

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is a time to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. We at Saint Michael School will hold our celebration to honor all local veterans during Catholic Schools Week on Tuesday, January 28, with a luncheon and program.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day
Lunch – Pizza
- Nov. 2: PTO Sponsored movie night
K – 8; PreK may attend with a parent. 6 – 8 PM in Lateran Hall. Free will donation,

concessions stand will be open for bottled water, popcorn, and candy.

- Nov. 4: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
Academic Game – Propaganda Report Cards Sent Home
- Nov. 6: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll
GBB @ St. Stephens
- Nov. 7: Noon Dismissal – **No SAFE**
Jeans Day
Parent Teacher Conferences
2:30 – 7:30 PM
GBB @ Seton
- Nov. 8: No School – Faculty In-Service
- Nov. 11: Veterans’ Day – SMS will celebrate during Catholic Schools Week.
Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- Nov. 12: Hot Lunch – Wes Bates Thanksgiving Lunch.
- Nov. 13: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll & Chips
- Nov. 14: Jeans Day
- Nov. 15: Lunch – Pizza
- Nov. 16: GBB Home vs. St. Stephens – 8th grade Recognition.
- Nov. 18: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- Nov. 20: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll Noon
Lunch Money for Dec. Due
- Nov. 21: **\$1 - DRESS DOWN DAY to benefit the Good Shepherd Center.**
Stromboli/Pie Pick-up 2:30-5pm
- Nov. 22: Lunch – Pizza
- Nov. 25: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- Nov. 27: Noon Dismissal – **No SAFE**
- Nov. 28: Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28-Dec. 2: Thanksgiving Vacation



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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS:

- Dec. 3: Welcome Back
- Dec. 4: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with Chips
- Dec. 5: Jeans Day
- Dec. 6: Lunch – Pizza
- Dec. 9: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- Dec. 10: PTO Hot Lunch: Nacho Bar
- Dec. 11: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with Chips
- Dec. 12: Jeans Day
Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 13: Lunch – Pizza
- Dec. 16: Lunch – Chicken Parmesan Sub
- Dec. 17: **Christmas Family Event Night**
- Dec. 18: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with Chips
Lunch Money for Jan. Due
- Dec. 19: **\$1 - DRESS DOWN DAY to benefit the Good Shepherd Center.**
- Dec. 20: Christmas Parties
Noon Dismissal – **No SAFE**
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 1: Christmas Vacation**
- Jan. 2: Welcome Back**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 26 – Feb. 1: Catholic Schools

SMS PROUD

Eighth Grade Class Officers:
 President: Kierstin Barger
 Vice President: Cooper Riley
 Secretary: Hemilynn Brazel
 Treasurer: James Brocklehurst

Mrs. Trichelle Eddy, Mr. Doug Riley, and Mr. James Brocklehurst are new members of the Educational Advisory Council. If interested in joining this board, please call Mrs. Kremm, Principal, or Mrs. Jill Harpst, EAC President.

Congratulations alumni Jude Yuriscic for being named Student of the Month at Kennedy Catholic.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER REQUEST

While preparing for the holiday meals for 400 client families, the Good Shepherd Center has asked that we provide 100 boxed potatoes. Please help us reach this goal by sending to the school by Friday, November 15. Thank you for helping us meet our goal.

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” Mother Teresa



FAMILY ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 6th Annual Family Christmas/Advent Party will take place the night of our Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 17, from 6 – 8 PM. This is a well-attended event to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. There will again be Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Christmas caroling, the Christmas Pageant and of course, cookies and hot chocolate sponsored by the PTO. Grades PreK – grade 8 and the choir will be spotlighted in the pageant. **Please invite family and friends to join in on the festivities and celebrate the Advent season as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child.**

LUNCHES AND MILK BY THE MONTH

Parents: If paying for lunches or milk by the month, please make payment by the due date. Orders and payment for December lunches is Wednesday, November 20. None will be accepted after that date.



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INCLEMENT WEATHER

With weather delays and cancellations coming too quickly, please be advised the Saint Michael School will make an independent decision on whether to delay or cancel school. This decision is not decided by our surrounding public schools. Parents will be notified through our Option C system, Option C email, school website, KDKA TV, Youngstown TV Channels, and Erie TV.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please dress your child for outdoor recess (PreK-5). Unless the weather is rain or below freezing, teachers and students like to go outside for the fresh air. Remember the boots and snow-pants when the snow arrives.

SAVE the BOX TOPS



We are still collecting box tops. Send in with your child. The funds raised through box tops help to fund extras for the school.



ON ORCHARD STREET

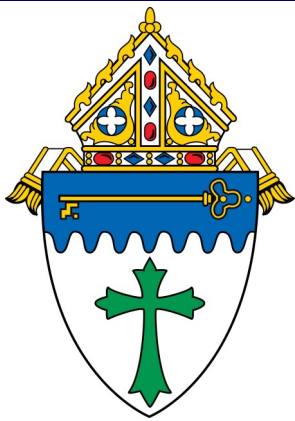
Parents are reminded to not park on Orchard Street between the school and Lateran Hall, especially when waiting to pick up children from practices in Lateran Hall. This is posted as no parking. We have been informed that the neighbors have requested the Greenville police ticket cars parked in this area.

Also, the parking area on the east side of Lipani Way (*the alley between Lateran Hall and the gray apartment building*) is posted parking for the tenants in that building only.



Buy SCRIP, earn TUITION!

Scrip is a great way to earn tuition credit! Purchase gift cards from local and national merchants at face value and a percentage of the value is donated back to your child's tuition account. This is an easy way to earn tuition credit on purchases. Scrip is available weekly at the school office, or contact Mrs. Shannon Thomas to learn more about online and at the store Scrip shopping. Call the school office today and start saving on Tuition!



MSA TODAY

Monthly newsletter for the diocesan-wide Middle States Accreditation

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Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie

Profile of the Graduate:

Our students have acquired a body of knowledge according to the Diocese of Erie curriculum standards.

Our students have had a rigorous education to develop critical thinking skills, analytical reasoning, and strong study skills.

Our students are able to communicate effectively, write creatively, and think critically and analytically in order to problem solve.

Our students 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.

Our students live virtuous lives. They contribute to the Catholic faith through active participation and service.

Our students respond to the needs of others by embodying the Works of Mercy.

Our students exemplify a love of country using their talents to be responsible members of the global community and good stewards of the Earth.

Our students are technologically proficient. They use technology as a tool for learning and communicating information in a responsible and effective manner.

Our students recognize the Gospel value of the sanctity of life and value a respect for the gift of health, proper nutrition, and physical activity.

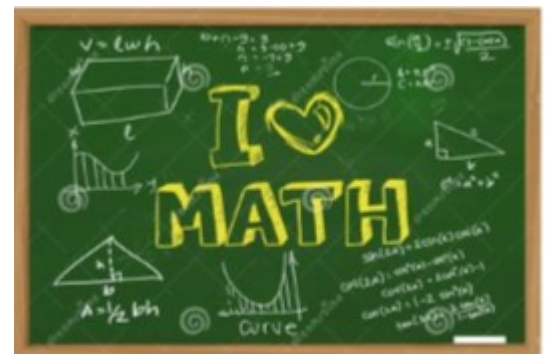
Math Strategies

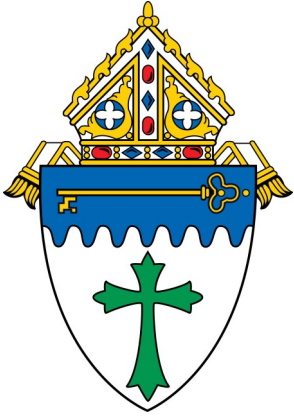
Strategy #1: Teach Math systematically with a focus on deep thinking.

Strategy #2: Build number fluency in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade.

Strategy #3: Develop and implement a Math coaching program to provide differentiated professional development for Math teachers.

Strategy #4: Offer Math courses at the high school level to ensure that options exist for diverse students learning needs.





Do you know

- ⇒ where the diocesan Catholic schools mission statement is in your building?
- ⇒ where the Belief Statements and Profile of the Graduate are in your building?

Middle States Association Visiting Team Update

The visiting team will be in our diocese from

April 27th through April 30th.

We anticipate a team of ten to twelve people.

Each school will receive a visit from one or two Middle States representatives for approximately half a day during the time period.



INTERNAL COORDINATORS

DuBois System	Gretchen Caruso	Venango Catholic	Brian Slider
ECCHS/SMCM	John Schneider	St. Patrick	Joe Lillard
St. Boniface	Ray Knight	St. Stephen	Mary Anne Oliver
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St. Luke	Stephanie Dougherty		
Kennedy M/H	Erin Marks		
St. John Paul II	Cathy Puleo		

