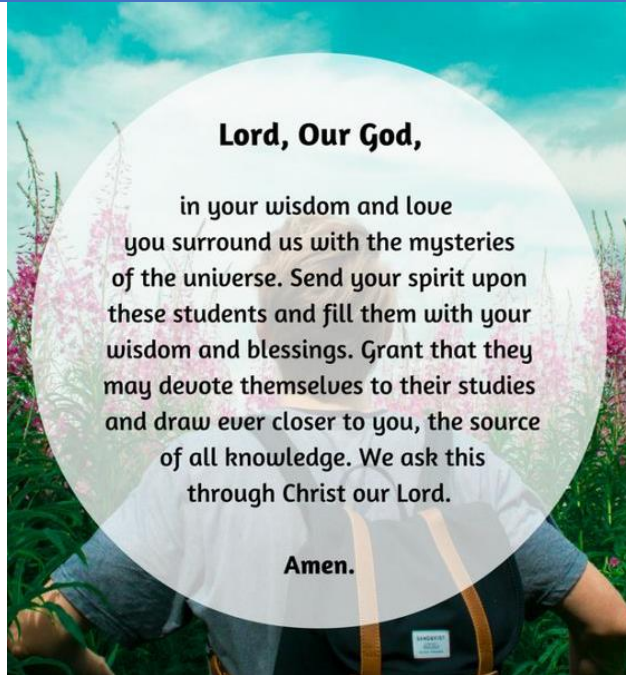




July 30, 2021

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider***Lord, Our God,**

in your wisdom and love  
you surround us with the mysteries  
of the universe. Send your spirit upon  
these students and fill them with your  
wisdom and blessings. Grant that they  
may devote themselves to their studies  
and draw ever closer to you, the source  
of all knowledge. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.****Dear Families,**

What an amazing beginning! Thank you for all your assistance in making for such a smooth start to our school year. Here are a couple of reminders:

- Regular School Day 8AM – 3PM
- Before/After Care 6:30 AM – 7:30AM/3PM – 6PM
- FACTS & Tuition Assistance – We are still finalizing some agreements. The delay is a result of tuition assistance and the voucher program. This delay is due to last minute financial assistance requests. We hope to finalize the agreement by next Wednesday.
- Forms sent home in the family packets need to be signed and returned no later than Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact the office if you have any questions. [school@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:school@stmichaelsgrfld.org) or 317-462-6380
- We will open a new uniform/PE uniform sale in early August.

**COVID**

The pandemic continues to affect our daily lives. There has been a rise in the Delta variant of COVID that is cause for great concern. The polarizing topic of to wear a mask or not to wear a mask continues to be a daily conversation. At St. Michael we continue to seek guidance from our State and Local Board of Health as well as the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. As changes to our current mask optional policy are available, I will share the information with our families. On Wednesday of this week, I was in contact with the Hancock County Board of health. The guidance remains mask optional in our county.

**Upcoming Events**

- August 9 – August 20 – NWEA Testing**
- August 10 – Vision Screening KN, 1, 3, 5, 8**
- August 11 – Picture Day**
- August 12 – Back to School Night 6:30 – 8 PM**
- August 23 – September 7 – Mumkin Sale**

**Daily Health Checklist**

- ✓ Temperature greater than 99.5
- ✓ New or worsening cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ✓ Repeated shaking with chills
- ✓ Muscle pain
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Nausea//Vomiting/Diarrhea
- ✓ Had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with or who may have symptoms associated with COVID 19

**Mission Statement**

*Led by the Holy Spirit, St. Michael Catholic School encourages our students to grow in their Catholic faith, achieve academic excellence and become responsible citizens.*

***We welcome the time when volunteers will be able to return to our school. I apologize at this time we cannot have volunteers in the building due to the pandemic.***

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During large gatherings we may ask families to “mask up” for the protection of our unvaccinated children. We ask that our children and families are respectful of the choices everyone makes regarding their masking choice. We continue to offer desk dividers to students who wish to use them as another protective device against the spread of germs and disease. Each day common areas including desks, handrails, doors etc. will be cleaned and sanitized.

Contact tracing, daily temperatures and observation of student well-being will continue to be part of our prevention against the spread of COVID. **Unvaccinated** children and adults who have been in contact with a COVID positive person or who have been diagnosed with COVID will not be able to return to school until such time, 10 – 14 days, that is deemed appropriate by the Board of Health. Students who are quarantined will be allowed to join classes using eLearning.

**Mass, Adoration and Benediction**

Every Friday the students and staff of St. Michael join with Fr. Aaron Jenkins in the celebration of the Mass. Mass begins at 8:30 AM. We welcome family and friends to participate in the Mass with us. This week’s Mass was hosted by the teachers. Mr. Farrell was our cantor. Mrs. Lake read the first reading. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Mrs. Capen. Thanks to our servers Brady Knecht and Isaac Johnson.

August 7<sup>th</sup> Fr Aaron Jenkins will be taking a couple of well-deserved days off and will not be available for Mass. Students will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours. Eighth grade students will lead the service.

Adoration and Benediction are part of our very busy Friday. Classes schedule time on Fridays for silent prayer and reflection in the church as part of Adoration. We end our school week with Benediction. Benediction begins at 2:30 PM in the church.

**Lunch Program**

Fresh and nutritious lunches are available to the children each day. Children will order their lunch each day. Another option for children is to bring a lunch to school. Under the current federal guidelines all school lunches are free. If a child chooses to bring his/her lunch and needs to purchase a milk, there is a .40 charge. ***It is still a requirement that families who feel they qualify for free lunches fill out a free and reduced lunch form and return it to the school office. You will find the free lunch application in your family packet.***

St. Michael has received permission from the Hancock County Board of Health to offer a share table. Beginning on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> a **share table** will be available during lunch periods. Students who wish to get a lunch and choose not to eat an item he/she may choose to place the item on a share table. Items placed on the share table must be unopened items only! Each class will have the opportunity to visit the share table at some point during their lunch period. One suggestion for students who only need a milk for lunch is to place the hot meal item on the share table and take the milk to drink. This option allows for the student to receive milk at no charge and share their entre on the share table.

**Lunch Menu August 3 – 7**

**Monday 8/3** – Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Fresh Strawberries, Milk

**Tuesday 8/4** – Teriyaki Chicken, Brown Rice or Noodles, Steamed Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

**Wednesday 8/5** – Pizza Bar, Papa John’s Pizza, Baked Beans, Diced Peaches, Milk

**Thursday 8/6** – French toast Dippers or Donut Holes, Sausage Links, Potato Smiles, Banana

**Friday 8/7** – Macaroni and Cheese, Garlic Bread Slice, Steamed Carrots, Apple Slices

**Physical Education Days**

Your student will have PE on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. On the day your child has PE he/she may attend school in the PE uniform and remain in uniform all day. We will have a second uniform/PE uniform sale in August. Until your child has the proper PE uniform, he/she may wear shirts and athletic shorts. T-shirts no writing and blue athletic shorts are acceptable until proper uniforms may be purchased. Tight fitting yoga pants or workout clothing is not school appropriate.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
PK Lewis	8	7
8	7	1
4	4	3
6	5/6	KN
PK Segoo	1	
3	KN	
2	2	
5	PK Segoo	

**Birthday July 30 – August 7**

- 7/30 – Ruthie Dodds
- 7/31 – Bobby Brinkman
- 8/6 – Nicki Tompkins
- 8/7 – Levi Dellacca



**Birthday Snacks**

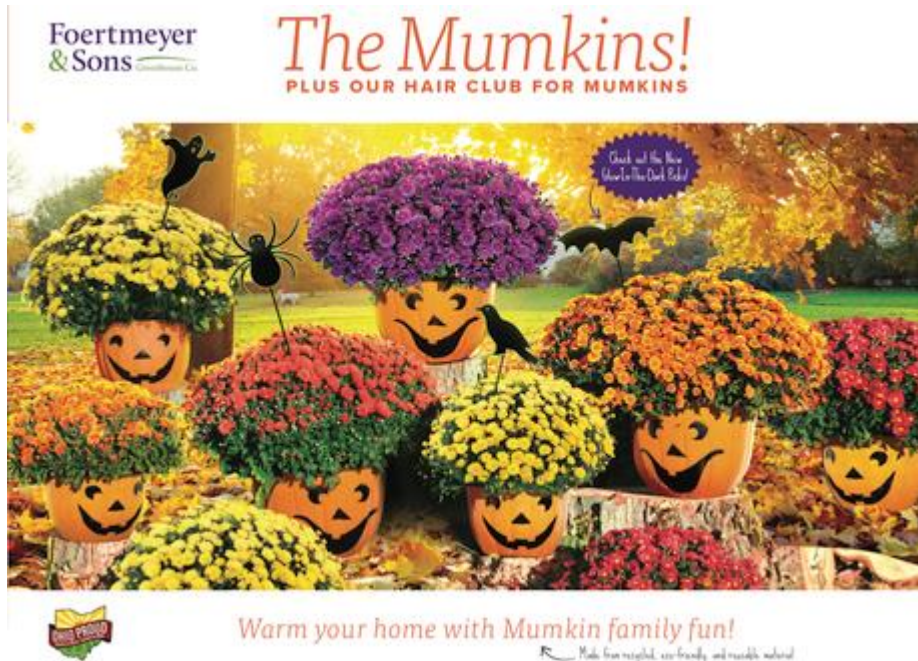
If you would like to send birthday snacks on your child’s birthday, please contact the homeroom teacher for permission. When snacks are provided the snacks must come prepackaged by manufacture. Snacks should be portable and not require extra assistance when opening. Balloons, flowers, party favors, birthday banners etc are too distracting for school. Please save these wonderful birthday items for at home use.



**School Pictures Coming August 11**

School pictures will be taken on August 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 AM. Order forms will be sent home next week. Students may come to school out of uniform. Remember all out of uniform rules apply. Here are some reminders:

- ✓ No high heels
- ✓ No sleeveless shirts
- ✓ No shirts with advertisements
- ✓ Shorts and skirts must be uniform length (no more than 2 inches above the knee)
- ✓ Shoes and/or sandals must have straps that fit around the back of the ankle. No open toes
- ✓ Students cannot change, what they wear for pictures is to be worn all day



### Mumkin Sale

Beginning on August 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Michael Catholic School and Parish will take orders for mums. This year we have partnered with Foertmeyer & Sons to offer a variety of mums and fun Fall potted mums. We ask that each of our school families help us sell these beautiful flowers to family and friends. All proceeds will benefit St. Michael School and Parish to assist with our programs. More information and order forms will be coming soon.

### Before and After Care Services

Our school day is from 8AM to 3PM. Children may arrive each morning after 7:30 AM. If your child needs the before-care services, please fill out the form that is found in your family packet. Students enrolled in before care may arrive any time after 6:30 AM. Children will enter before care through the connector door that is closest to Nolan Hall. (See diagram in the family packet) **You must register to use this service.**

Students who need to stay after 3 PM need to enroll in our after-care program. After-care hours are from 3 PM to 6PM daily. The children will have time to complete homework, eat a snack (provided by school) and they will have time to play. If your child needs the after-care services, please fill out the form that is found in your family packet. **You must register to use this service.**

**Once your child is signed up for Before or After care you will be charged the weekly rate even if you do not utilize the service.**



### Arrival/Dismissal

*Diagrams for arrival and dismissal can be found in your family packet*

#### Arrival – Mornings

- **Before Care will enter through the connector door near Nolan Hall. Use the procedures for Nolan Hall students. See below**
- Nolan Hall – PreK – 1 and siblings  
Arrival for students, PreK – 1 and their older siblings will take place by dropping children off at the connector entrance nearest to Nolan Hall. *Updated 7/23/2021*
  1. Enter the driveway at the front of the main school building.
  2. Continue past the main entrance doors to the end of the sidewalk dismiss your child at the curb.
  3. Parents should not walk the students to the entrance. Once your child has exited the vehicle parents should return to their cars.
  4. Never pass a vehicle during arrival or dismissal. Children may not be aware of the moving vehicles.
  5. If you need additional time, please park on Jefferson Blvd and walk your child to the entrance.
- Main School Building Grades 2 – 8 with no younger siblings enrolled will be dropped off at the Fr. Severin Life Center/Gym doors. Updated 7/23/2021
  1. Enter the parking lot off Jefferson Blvd at North Drive
  2. Follow the drive to the Parish Life Center. This will allow students to exit the car at the curb. Pull to the end of the sidewalk
  3. Additional cars will stop behind the first car
  4. Students are to exit the vehicle and enter the Fr. Severin Parish Life Center/Gym
  5. **NO CAR SHOULD EVER PASS ANOTHER VEHICLE!**

**Parents should remain in their vehicles.**

**Never pass a vehicle during arrival or dismissal. Children may not be aware of the moving vehicles.**

**During arrival do not enter from Madison St. The traffic pattern is one-way for the safety of the children.**

#### Dismissal

- Nolan Hall – PreK – 1
  1. Dismissal for students, PreK – 1, will be from the front of the school building.
  2. You may reach this entrance by entering the arched driveway, the first car should pull forward and stop by the end of the drive.
  3. Form two rows of cars side by side. Turn off the engines of the cars for the safety of all children.
  4. Once students are in their vehicles dismissal of cars will begin
- Main School Building Grades 2 – 8 and siblings
  1. Dismissal for students in the main school building and their younger sibling will be dismissed from the parking lot near the playground.
  2. Please note on days when Physical Education is outside, the gates will not be opened until 2:45 PM.
  3. Cars enter the parking lot from Madison St, (near Fr. Jenkin's house).
  4. Cars should enter the gated parking area near the storage building.
  5. Please fill in from the front parking spots. Do not skip parking spaces.
  6. Once a row is full the next car should pull in behind the previous row of cars.
  7. Turn off your car engines
  8. Students will be dismissed through the gym doors
  9. Once students are in their vehicles dismissal of cars will begin

- Walker and/or Bike Riders
  1. If your child is a walker or bike rider, he/she will be dismissed after the cars have left the parking.
  2. Your child will be dismissed from the main lobby of the school building

If your child's regular dismissal procedure changes, contact the office by 2:00 PM. at [school@stmichaelsgrfld.org](mailto:school@stmichaelsgrfld.org) or 317-462-6380.

