



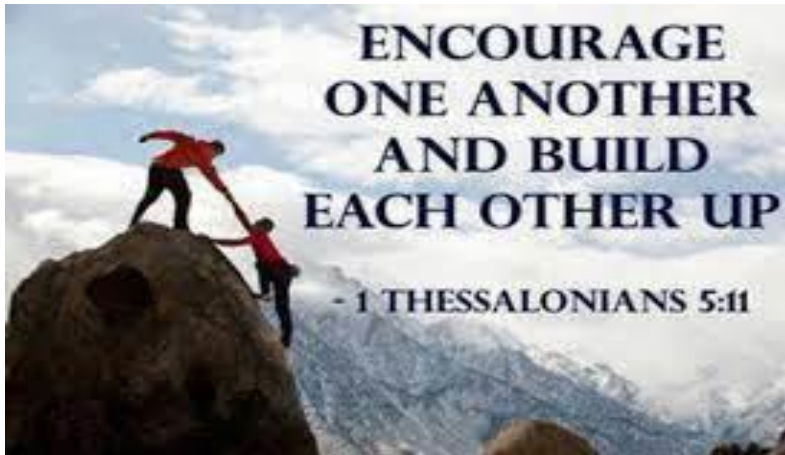
St Michael

Catholic Church & School

September 10, 2021

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SEE THE UPDATES FOR ST MEINRAD, BRADFORD WOODS AND CYO CAMP IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

September 13 – St. Meinrad 8th Grade

September 15 Only - Bradford Woods 5/6

September 15 Only - CYO Camp 7/8

September 25 – Mum Pick UP -This is a Saturday! 10 AM

September 29 – Feast of St. Michael Early Dismissal at 12:00 PM NO AFTERCARE

September 27 – 30 Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

October 1 – eLearning Day

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

Michael Mass

The feast of St Michael is September 29th. Our parish community has a dinner fundraiser celebration beginning at 6:00 PM. To assist with set-up, the school will dismiss at 12:00PM/Noon on the 29th. We will not be offering

aftercare on the 29th. Please plan for your child's pick up on this day.

Early Release



Veteran's Day – November 11, 2021

We are preparing for our annual Veteran's Day Program and would like your assistance. Below is a message from Mrs. Capen and our tech team.

Veteran's Day Pictures – Link has been corrected for sharing

Dear Family and Friends of Veterans:

We are trying to put together a picture presentation to go along with "Armed Forces on Parade". Please use the link to the Google Folder and put your armed forces personnel picture in it. Please name the image with the name and branch of the military person. Thank you!

drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yOo-i8cnMn0eDSAIGg62oezWro9wIMyP?usp=sharing

Pictures are due October 1.

COVID Updates and Reminders will be found weekly at the end of the Crusader

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.

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.

The Mass on September 10 was led by the 3rd grade. The reader for Mass was Tunmise Olasakin. Lincoln Sanberg and Evelyn Terry read the Prayers of the Faithful. Our servers for the Mass were Aby Kihlstrum, Joseph Bauer, Nicholas Lewis.

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. We invite you to join us each week as we celebrate in prayer.

Mass on September 17th will be hosted by 2nd grade. Our servers will be Aaron Lake, Ellie Lake, Arturo Tafoya Sanchez

Friendzy Social Emotional Learning Program Questions for the week

Each monthly unit has a theme. The theme for September is "We Need Each Other." The biblical passages that help to frame this thought are:

Genesis 2:18 – "the Lord God said, 'it is not good for the man to be alone.'"

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up."

1. This is why it's not good for us to be alone!

Every one of us feels lonely sometimes. You can be surrounded by people and still feel lonely. As a class/school this year we want to practice empathy. If we see someone alone on the playground, let's use our mirror neurons to understand each other, so we can help each other have a good day. (Example of mirror neurons: When we smile, certain areas of our brain are activated. And when someone sees us smile, the same cells in their brain are activated. When you see someone yawn, the same "yawning" cells are activated in their brain.)

2. Why do you think that God does not want us to be alone?

As humans we are hardwired for relationship. God did not intend for us to be alone. He designed us to be in community, in relationship, and in friendship.

Before and After Care Billing

Before & After Care Billing will be handled through our FACTS Tuition Management System through incidental billing. Billing will be sent out monthly. This is a separate bill from any tuition payments. The parent or guardian who is responsible for billing will receive an email.

Lunch Program

Fresh and nutritious lunches are available to the children. 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.***

**Daily menu options include:

Entrée Choice (Protein + Whole Grain Rich item) 1 Fruit, 1 Vegetable, 1 Low-Fat Milk Daily, Water Daily



Lunch Menu September 13 - 17

Monday 9/13 - Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Fresh Strawberries, Milk
 Tuesday 9/14 - Teriyaki Chicken, Brown Rice or Noodles, Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges, Milk
 Wednesday 9/15 - Pizza Bar Papa John's Pizza, Baked Beans, Diced Peaches, Milk
 Thursday 9/16 – French Toast Dippers or Donut Holes, Sausage Links, Potato Smiles, Banana, Milk
 Friday 9/17 – Macaroni and Cheese, Garlic Slice, Steamed Carrots, Apple Slices, Milk

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Birthday September 11-17

9/12 – Rylee Grinstead



Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 27 - 30

As we approach the end of the first quarter, we will be conducting parent teacher conferences. Out of an abundance of caution we will conduct the conferences virtually again this year. Our conference times will run from 3:30 until 7:30 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Wednesday is the Feast of St. Michael, we have an early dismissal, school will be dismissed at 12:00 PM. We will conduct conferences from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Wednesday. Please do not contact your teacher at this time to schedule a conference. Conferences will be scheduled using SignUp Genius. A link to SignUp Genius will be available soon.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Updates on cost of field trips

Due to the change in the number of days students will be attending Bradford Woods and CYO Camp we will be refunding the difference between the 3 day 2 night trip and the 1 day trip.

If your child is not attending one of these field trips it is our expectation that he/she attends school on the day of the trip.



Saint Meinrad
Seminary &
School of Theology

8th Grade – St Meinrad – Monday, 9/13

200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577

Eighth Grade students will be visiting St. Meinrad on Monday, 9/13. The drive to St. Meinrad is approximately 3 hours. Upon arrival to the visitors' center students and chaperones will meet Fr. Aaron Jenkins for a tour, lunch, and prayer. Students are expected to wear masks while indoors. The day will conclude at 3PM local time (4 PM Greenfield time). We expect students to be back on campus around 7PM. We will have students call their parents when they are about one hour from Greenfield. Please pick up your child at the gym parking lot.

Drivers, please make sure you are prepared to leave by 8:45AM. Please park in the gym parking lot. St. Michael staff will arrange for who will ride in each car. Thank you to those who have volunteered to drive on our field trip.

Students should bring a water bottle and snack for the ride home. We will supply sandwiches and chips for the ride home.

5th & 6th – Bradford Woods – Wednesday, 9/15

5040 State Rd 67 North, Martinsville, IN 46151



Fifth and sixth grade students will be attending Bradford Woods on Wednesday, 9/15 for an outdoor Science lab and team building. Students will leave St. Michael by 8:15AM. The drive to Bradford Woods is approximately 2 hours. Upon arrival at Bradford Woods students will meet with the staff and begin their day's adventures. Students are expected to wear masks while indoors. Students will be served lunch. The day will end at 5PM. Please send a snack for your

child's ride home. Fifth and sixth grade students will return to school around 7PM. We will have students call their parents when they are about one hour from Greenfield. Please pick up your child at the gym parking lot.

Drivers, please arrive by 8:00 AM so we are able to leave by 8:15. Please park in the gym parking lot. St. Michael staff will arrange for who will ride in each car. Thank you to those who have volunteered to drive on our field trip.

Students should bring a water bottle and snack for the ride home. We will supply sandwiches and chips for the ride home.



7th & 8th – Camp Rancho Framasa – Wednesday, 9/15
2230 N. Clay Lick Rd, Nashville, IN 47448

Seventh and eighth grade students will be attending CYO Camp on Wednesday, 9/15 for leadership and team building. Students will leave St. Michael by 8:15AM. The drive to CYO Camp is approximately 2 hours. Upon arrival at CYO Camp students will meet with the staff and begin their day's adventures. Students will be served lunch and dinner. Students are expected to wear masks while indoors. The day will end at 7PM. Students will return to school around 9PM. We will have students call their parents when they are about one hour from Greenfield. Please pick up your child at the gym parking lot.

Drivers, please arrive by 8:00 AM so we are able to leave by 8:15. Please park behind the church. St. Michael staff will arrange for who will ride in each car. Thank you to those who have volunteered to drive on our field trip.



****** We currently do not have enough drivers for CYO Camp. If you can drive please contact Mrs. Hittel immediately.**

COVID Updates and Protocols

*******Please note that these protocols change frequently as a result of updates from the board of health**

Self-Screening

1. Students and staff should self-screen prior to school or extracurricular activities.
2. Upon arrival each day student temperatures will be taken.
3. SYMPTOMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
4. If staff/student experiences a fever or other symptoms listed above, a doctor's note will be considered for return to school if the diagnosis is non-COVID-19 related.
5. If staff/student experiences COVID-19 symptoms, as listed above, and does not visit a doctor, staff/student must remain at home for 10 days after first symptom(s) appear AND three days of being fever free without the use of fever reducing medication, AND three days of improving symptoms.
6. Any staff or student who is symptomatic or who has been identified as a direct/close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 positive case, must follow the most current guideline established by The Indiana State Department of Health prior to returning to any in person school activity.
7. To encourage students to stay home when they are ill, awards and incentives for perfect attendance have been discontinued for the 2021-2022 school year.

The above guidelines, established by the Indiana State Department of Health, regarding returning to school after an illness are subject to change. The most current guidelines from the ISDH can be found here: [ISDH COVID-19 Return to School Guidance](#).

Positive COVID-19 Test

1. If staff/student tests positive for COVID-19, they must remain at home in isolation for 10 days after the first symptom(s) appear AND three days being fever free without use of fever reducing medication, AND three days of improving symptoms.
2. If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, he/she is to report results to the principal. The principal will notify the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and begin the contact tracing process.
3. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the principal will be notified by the person receiving that information. The principal will communicate with the parent/guardian regarding the positive result.
4. Students and staff will only be notified of positive cases if they are identified as a close contact.

Negative COVID-19 Test

1. If a symptomatic staff/student tests negative for COVID-19 and were not part of contact tracing, they must remain at home three days being fever free without use of fever reducing medication, AND three days of improving symptoms.
2. If a staff/student test negative for COVID-19 and were part of contact tracing refer to the section below. Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School.

Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School

1. Assigned seating should be used in classrooms and cafeterias to assist staff when conducting contact tracing (if there is a positive COVID-19 case).
2. A close contact is unvaccinated and identified via contact tracing as being within three feet for longer than 15 minutes (with or without a mask) of a positive COVID-19 person.
3. Testing is recommended for all close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases. Close contacts who test positive, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, should be managed as a confirmed COVID-19 case.
4. Per instructions from the Hancock County Health Department and the Indiana Department of Health (7/7/2021): "Schools may determine their masking plan for return to school, but COVID is a communicable disease. We are still managing a pandemic and schools are required to report positive cases (contact trace) and quarantine those who are unvaccinated and deemed as close contacts."
5. Asymptomatic individuals, unless fully vaccinated or recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, who are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case shall quarantine until: 14 days after the date of last exposure; or 7 days after date of last exposure with a negative PCR test result occurring on day 5 or later, following additional precautions for days 8-14.
6. Precautions include monitoring for symptoms, wearing a mask at all times around other people, and maintaining at least six feet of distance from others at all times unless otherwise directed by state or local health authority.

Office Protocol

- Office personnel will be provided with the decision-making process for sending students/staff home. This guidance is subject to change, but will incorporate current recommendations as established by the ISDH via the [COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree](#).

Cafeteria

1. All cafeteria staff will follow the SMCS personal health and safety recommendation for mask wearing.
2. All meals will be served in the cafeteria.
 - Serving lines and other common touch spaces will be sanitized between each meal group
 - Dining room tables will be sanitized between each group
 - Touch-free bottle fillers are accessible to all students and staff.
 - Hand sanitizer available in the cafeteria for student and staff use.
 - Food products from home for individual student lunches are allowed but students are not to share food from home.
3. Visitors, including family members, are currently not allowed in the cafeteria during lunch or physical education times.