

St Michael

Catholic Church & School

The Crusader

August 17, 2018

School Prayer

Dear God,
 Bless our school.
 Bless our teachers.
 Bless our pupils.
 Bless our families.
 Please help us to be kind and help us
 to always try our best.
 Let us remember, as many hands make
 a house,
 So many hearts make a school.
 Amen

Back to School Night - Parents Only

Back to school night is Tuesday August 21 from 6:30 to 7:30. This is an opportunity for parents to learn what the expectations are for students in the classroom. We will have two sessions: 6:30 – 6:50 parents visit the classroom, 6:55 – 7:10 all families and staff to the gym, 7:10 - 7:30 second round of classroom visits. Remember this is not a time for individual conferences. If you want to discuss the individual needs of your child/children, please schedule a conference time. We look forward to seeing each of you!

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Updated arrival and dismissal procedures began on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. These procedures will remain in place during the construction phase of our capital campaign that involves the parking lot and the building of detention ponds. We are anticipating the completion to be in late November. Please be patient as we strive to keep all children and visitors to the school safe. For more information about our procedures find information at the end of this newsletter or visit our website <http://www.school-stmichaelsgrfld.org/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 21

Back to School Night 6:30 – 7:30
 Vision Screening

August 29

Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 6:30

August 31

Progress Reports

September 4

Labor Day No School

September 5 – 6

CYO Camp 7th Grade

September 11

Family Reading Night

September 12 - 14

Bradford Woods 5th grade

September 24 – 28

Rosary Week

September 26

See You at the Pole

September 27

St. Meinrad 8th Grade

September 28

First Quarter Ends

October 1 – 4

Fall Parent Teacher
 Conferences

October 5

No Aftercare 

**Very Important Reminder in this
 newsletter**

Cafeteria and Billing

Arrival/Dismissal Adjustments

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.*

Team Image Orders

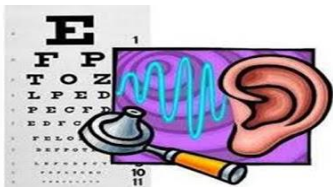
We are still waiting on our backorder from Team Image. As soon as the items arrive we will send them home. If you received a Team Image order and you have concerns for sizing please contact Team Image 317- 477-7468.

Mass

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption week was hosted by our seventh-grade class. Matthew Hentz read both of our readings. Petitions were read by Reese Hill. The students who brought up the offertory Brooklyn Drewes, Kirk Knecht and Lane Wadle. Thanks to our servers Matthew Royster, Matthew Maynard and Elliott Buescher. The cantors who lead the singing were Emily Schafer, Amy Flora, Anna Kunkel, Reagan McDonald and Norah Johnson.

Mass for 8/17 was led by sixth-grade. Our reader was Kelcie Estrera. Petitions were read by Isaac Berty. The students who brought up the offertory Abby Reed, Ben Beal, Matthew Maynard and Joseph Royster. Thanks to our servers David, Hull, Reese Hill and Luke Sitzman. The cantors who lead the singing were Owen Sickels, Henry Staggs, Olivia Capen and Quentin Kiemeyer.

Next Week: Mass on August 24th will be hosted by fifth-grade.



Hearing Screening

The Lions Club will conduct vision screenings for all students on August 21st. Forms for vision screenings will be sent home to parents of Preschool – Kindergarten students prior to August 21st. Forms must be returned by August 21 to qualify to participate in this screening.

Homework Help Available

Homework help is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 7AM. Students must come to the office with homework to be completed. Students without homework to complete will be sent to before care.

Homework help is available to students in 4th through 8th grades on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 3:45. Mr. Farrell is available on Monday, Ms. Murphy is available on Tuesday and Ms. Massingale is available on Thursday.



Birthdays August 18 - 24

Happy birthday to the following students: Joseph Royster, Jonah Hite, Dakota Waggoner, Arturo Tafoya-Sanchez, Samuel Schenck, Aby Kihlstrum, Cailyn Plebanski and Emily Schafer.

Daily Readings

Monday through Thursdays as part of morning assembly students have been asked to help with the daily readings. Students reading next week:

August 20 – Grace Hurst
 August 21 – Isaac Berty
 August 22 – Joseph Royster
 August 23 – Luke Sitzman

Safe & Sacred

All staff, volunteers, chaperones, coaches and professionals interacting with children in our school must complete Safe & Sacred. This course empowers each of us with the ability to protect all God's children. Successful completion of this course results in recognizing types, signs, characteristics, scenarios, and in general, indicators of suspected abuse. To provide a safe environment for the children at our school, all adults, staff and volunteers, take this online course. You may access the Safe & Sacred website by clicking on the following link: <https://safeandsacred-archindy.org/login/index.php>

"The whole Church, especially the laity, at both the Archdiocesan and national levels, needs to be engaged in maintaining safe environments in the Church for children and young people."

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (2005), Article 10.

CYO Sports

Kickball Games

CYO kickball fees are \$55 and must be paid by 8/21 to participate in this activity. Checks should be made out to St. Michael.

Games for August, 2018

1	Nativity-Red League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	St. Michael, Grnfld.-Blue League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	Venue: Nativity Kb (Back) Date: 8/21/2018 12:00:00 AM Time: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Status: Paired
2	St. Michael, Grnfld.-Blue League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	St. Simon-Royal League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	Venue: St. Simon-KB Date: 8/24/2018 12:00:00 AM Time: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Status: Paired
3	St. Michael, Grnfld.-Blue League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	St. Luke-White League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	Venue: St. Luke Kb Date: 8/28/2018 12:00:00 AM Time: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Status: Paired
4	St. Michael, Grnfld.-Blue League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	St. Barnabas-Maroon League: 56 B Fall Division: 2	Venue: St. Barnabas KB Date: 8/30/2018 12:00:00 AM Time: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Status: Paired

CAFETERIA STUDENT LUNCH INFORMATION

A requirement of the National Lunch Program is for all schools to have written policy for our lunches. This policy is detailed below. Please contact the school office or Mrs. Katie Staples if you have questions concerning your child's account.

Procedure for Student Lunch/Meal Accounts

ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) requires school food authorities to establish written administrative guidelines and procedures for meal charges. St Michael Catholic School will adhere to the following meal charge procedure.

- All cafeteria purchases are to be prepaid before meal service begins. All lunch payments must go through the front office. Payment by check is preferred. Please include student name on check.
- A student may charge up to 5 meals maximum (one charge per meal) as long as they establish and maintain a good credit history of making payments on their food service accounts.
- A staff member may charge up to \$18.50 if they establish and maintain a good credit history of making payments on their food service accounts.
- A student who has a lunch balance of -\$14.25 (one week of lunch charges) may NOT purchase "a la carte" item(s), including extra main entrees/sides, milk, or middle school a la carte items.
- St Michael is not required by the USDA to provide a lunch to students with a negative account balance. However, St Michael will provide a regular tray to a student who does reach the \$-14.25 balance. No student will be denied a lunch, but the student may not have extra entrees/sides, milk, or middle school a la carte items.
- If a student repeatedly comes to school with no lunch and no money, food service employees must report this to the building principal as this may be a sign of abuse or neglect and the proper authorities should be contacted.
- The cafeteria manager and school principal will coordinate communications with the parent(s)/guardian(s) to resolve the matter of unpaid charges.
- The cafeteria manager will send account balance notices by email every week.
- All accounts must be settled at the end of every quarter. Letters will be sent home approximately 5 days before the end of the quarter to students who have any negative balances. Negative balances of more than \$60 not paid in full 5 days prior to the end of the quarter will force St Michael to take action to collect unpaid funds by means of collection agencies, small claims court, or any other legal method deemed necessary by St Michael.
- Students who graduate or withdraw from St Michael and have \$20 or more left in their lunch/meal food service account will be notified by mail by food services within one month and given the option to transfer the funds to another student or to receive a refund. **If no response is received within 30 days the student's lunch/meal account will close and the funds will no longer available.** Unclaimed remaining balances will be transferred to the general fund.

Parish News



Fr. Robert Barron - The Mass

During the teaching Mass on the weekend of July 21-22, Fr. Aaron spoke about an upcoming opportunity to learn more about the Mass. On Wednesday, September 5th at 7 p.m., we will begin a six week series from Fr. Robert Barron that will allow you to "see how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from His people, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist." All sessions will take place in PLC Rm. 2 and will last one hour.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

Are you a mom of a preschooler (or younger)? St. Michael MOPS would like to invite you to come spend time with other moms in the same stage of life for support and friendship. Childcare is provided by caring volunteers and breakfast will be served. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 21st from 9 to 11 a.m. in Parish Office Meeting Room #1. Upcoming dates will be published in the bulletin. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Stephanie Berty at 317-861-8284 or srberty@ymail.com.

*We are so
Proud of you*

Alumni News

Summer news: Emily Royster and Heather Schafer were part of the 4-person team from GCHS who won 2nd place in the FFA state finals of the Quizbowl competition at Purdue this summer.

Friendship, Service, and Faith Oh My!

What: St. Michael Girls Challenge Club Call-Out/Informational Meeting

When: Friday, August 24 from 4-5:30

Where: St. Michael, Room PLC2

Challenge Girls Club is a leadership and service Catholic girls club that encourages the girls in grades 5-8 to grow in their serve and lead others using their faith and their relationships with Christ. Older girls in grades 9-12 continue to grow in their faith by mentoring the younger girls as their team leaders. Parents can even nourish their own faith by attending events and working with other moms as part of the Mom Squad. Sometimes, it takes a little boldness to live the faith. Challenge can help our girls...and their parents...find that boldness!

"As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31)."

For more info or to register, use the link below. There is a \$75/\$40 sister fee to help with costs and support the religious life that minister to our group. If financial assistance is needed, please let us know. Call Katrina Royster #317-326-1176 or email theroysters@yahoo.com.



Host a Spanish student for 3 weeks

Scecina is welcoming 12 students from Spain for 3 weeks in September (4th-25th). We are looking for host families that can provide a bed, meals and transportation to and from Scecina. Please contact Sara from FLAG with any further questions: sbritt@flag-intl.org

Scecina sports passes

The Athletic Department is selling Sports Passes for the 2018-19 school year. Passes will gain you access to all Scecina home sporting events excluding City and State Tournament games. Passes cost \$75 for one or \$125 for two.



Cathedral High School is excited to announce that for the first time we are offering families the chance to apply for admission via our new Early Admission process! I wanted to take a moment to share this news with you so that you can share it with your families.

Early Admission at Cathedral will allow families of 8th graders to apply for admission by October 1 and receive an admission decision the week of Thanksgiving! A few key topics about which your families might ask questions include the following:

- We still will conduct interviews, and for Early Admission candidates they will take place on Sunday, October 14. We will communicate directly with applicant families about scheduling the interview.
- We must receive placement test results no later than October 31. This can include results from a summer test prep course (www.gocathedral.com/testprep), results from our October 13 test, or results from another school's placement test shared with us by the family.
- Recommendation forms must be submitted by October 31. Families request recommendations online via their online application portal, and teachers/staff complete the recommendation online once they receive an email request to do so from our application system.
- Families do not have to make an enrollment commitment until March 1, but of course they are welcome to do so sooner!

More details, including a more comprehensive list of FAQs, are available at www.gocathedral.com/earlyadmission. Again, we hope you might share information about this with your families, and of course you can reach me via email (demery@gocathedral.com) or phone (317-968-7360) if you have any questions at all! Thanks!



Parents and Students,

We will continue to update you as we work through changes that are taking place. I am very thankful for all your patience. When changes take place, one hopes every angle has been considered, but until implementation takes place you are never quite sure.

Arrival Procedures

Morning Care (6:30 – 7:30AM)

Students arriving for morning care will be dropped off at the main entrance to the school. Students will enter the building and go to the gym.

Arrival Procedures

Students arriving at 8:00AM need to be dropped off at the main entrance. After 8AM do not drop the second through eighth grade students off in the drive between the main school building and Nolan Hall.

Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal from the front of the school building (Grades Preschool to First and siblings)– Do not enter the drive in front of the building prior to 2:45PM. Please take turns alternating car lines as you exit the parking lot. For the safety of all drivers and students two cars should not be turning at the same time.

Dismissal from the back of the school building (Grades second through eighth) – Do not enter the North Drive until 2:45PM. It is important that people doing business at the parish office can access the office and parking spaces. Once your car is parked, do not back up to adjust your position. If your car is a little crooked you will not be reported to the parking police 😊!

After Care (3 – 6PM) Very Important change in location

After Care will be moved to **Parish Office Meeting Room 2**. (Please refer to the diagram labeled Dismissal Procedures). Enter the parking lot via the north drive. This is the same drive as grades 2 through 8 use for arrival and dismissal. Exit the parking lot using the driveway between Nolan Hall and the main school building.

Returning to School After office hours

The school office closes at 4:00 PM. If you are involved in clubs, sports, scouting or other after school activities it is important to remember that the teacher, leader, chaperone or coach should meet you at the main entrance of the school to help you gain re-entry to the school building. Please do not arrive prior to 3:30 so students who are still in the dismissal process are safely dismissed to parents.

The teacher, leader, chaperone, or coach should stay with the students until everyone has been safely picked up at the main entrance. Students who are not picked up by parents after 15 minutes will be checked into aftercare.

School Improvement Goals

Catholic Identity All students will gain a better understanding of Catholic social justice teachings.

Math Students will demonstrate greater understanding of math processing skills and content vocabulary to more accurately compute and solve mathematical problems.

Language Arts All students will improve their comprehension of both fiction and nonfiction literature.

Enrollment Increase student enrollment through the implementation of new marketing plan