

St Michael

Catholic Church & School

The Crusader

August 24, 2018

Prayer for students

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.

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Progress Reports

It seems so early, but the first quarter progress reports will be August 31st. We do not send home paper copies of progress reports, parents will need to login to Jupiter to see student grades. Students in Preschool through KN may not receive progress reports at this time. After viewing your child's progress report please email the homeroom teacher to let him/her know that you have seen the grades. The email will act as your signature.

Remember progress reports are a snapshot of how your child is doing. There are still four weeks remaining in a quarter until report card time. Students who have failing grades are not eligible for sports until the grades have been raised to passing

Chromebooks

Our first Chromebooks have arrived and will be distributed soon, to students fourth through eighth grades who have turned in their signed permission and financial responsibility forms. It is important that we take care of these wonderful tools. We have been able to purchase this new equipment using funds from the Hare Grant that we received. Additionally, we have ordered 25 more Chromebooks to enable third grade students to have one-to-one devices for classroom use. These devices were made available through a matching funds grant. I am thankful to everyone who has made this possible.

Our new Internet Technology provider is Indy TeleData. They have worked very hard to get these new devices ready for deployment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Mass

Mass for 8/24 was led by fifth-grade. Our reader was Cecilia Wilson. Petitions were read by Paige McCarley. The students who brought up the offertory were Annabell Feeney, Keaten Nolton, Ruthie Dodds and Sam Morris. Thanks to our servers Owen Sickles, Joseph Royster and Isaac Berty. The cantors who lead the singing were Luke Sitzman, Brooklyn Drewes, Mary Ellen Stratman, Anna Kunkel and Olivia Capen.

Next Week: Mass on August 31st will be hosted by fourth-grade.

Meeting with Teachers

Parents, the teachers at St. Michael are here to help. There is a lot going on after school, teachers tutor or offer homework help after school, make appointments to meet with parents or students, grade papers, create lesson plans and have mandatory staff meetings. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact him/her in advance to make sure there is time to meet. Calls to teachers during the school day will be sent to voicemail, email is probably the quickest way to get a response from teachers. The teacher's number one priority during the day is to teach and supervise students.

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 25 – September 2

Happy birthday to the following students:

08/25 Grace Hurst

08/30 Rachel Stutz

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 27 – Grace Hurst

August 28 – Isaac Berty

August 29 – Joseph Royster

August 30 – 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.

SCRIP

New this year, Scrip gift cards will be sold in the parish office during the week, not the School office. Orders can still be sent in with children to the school office. They will be sent on to the parish office. There will NOT be Scrip gift card sales after mass Labor Day weekend. This will allow our volunteers to spend the holiday with family and friends.

Team Image

The Team Image back order has arrived and has been delivered to families who were waiting on orders. If your child is still in need of purchasing a PE uniform, we have a small supply for sale in the office. These are available on a first come basis. A new order window will be available soon.

CYO Sports

Kickball Games

Games for August,2018			
1	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
2	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
3	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

Parish News



Michaelmas Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for our Michaelmas celebration are on sale now! Tickets are \$50 each for a chance to win \$10,000! Only 500 tickets will be sold! Purchase tickets after Mass each weekend or in the parish office, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. License #143039

Fr. Robert Barron - The Mass

During the teaching Mass, 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.

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.



Host a Spanish student for 3 weeks

Seccina 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 Seccina. Please contact Sara from FLAG with any further questions: sbritt@flag-intl.org

Host an international student

Would you like to host an international student this year? Seccina is looking for families to host a girl from Vietnam and a boy from Vietnam, a girl from China, and possibly a boy from Sweden. Please contact John Hegarty at 317-258-5159 as soon as possible if you would like to learn more about these opportunities. We are also accepting Welcome Families: families that would host the student for up to 8 weeks until a host family can be found.

Seccina sports passes

The Athletic Department is selling Sports Passes for the 2018-19 school year. Passes will gain you access to all Seccina 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