

St Michael

Catholic Church & School

The Crusader
2018

September 14,



Penny Wars begin on Monday!

Student Council Elections

The results are in for this year's executive board for our student council and our classroom representatives. Mr. Farrell and Ms. Fleming are our staff mentors this year for the student council. Congratulations all who participated in the elections. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful work you will do for the school and others this year.

Classroom Representatives are:

Third Grade: Will Flench – Nash Berty (Alternate)
 Fourth Grade: Shepherd Dodds – Henry McDonald (Alternate)
 Fifth Grade: Co-reps – Ruthie Dodds & Henry McDonald
 Sixth Grade: Joseph Royster
 Seventh Grade:
 Eighth Grade:

Our officers are: **To Be Announced on Monday**

President:
 Vice President:
 Secretary:
 Treasurer:

If your child receives a Choice Scholarship/Voucher please stop in the office for the fall endorsement!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16

Catechetical Sunday School
 Mass 8:30 AM

September 20

Ladies & Gentlemen's Club

September 24 – 28

Rosary Week

September 25

Mozzi Pizza Night

September 26

See You at the Pole

September 27

St. Meinrad 8th Grade

September 28

First Quarter Ends

October 1 – 4

Report Cards

Fall Parent Teacher
 Conferences

October 5

No Aftercare 

October 8 – 19

Fall Break – No School

October 23 – 31

Red Ribbon Week: ***Life is Your Journey Travel Drug Free***

November 20

No Aftercare

November 21 – 23

Thanksgiving Break

December 13

Christmas Program

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 September 14 was led by second-grade. Our readers were Max Trattner and Isabelle Terry. Our second reading was read by Robert Schafer. Petitions were read by Luiza Estrera, Aby Kihlstrum and Levi Johnson. The students who brought up the offertory were Rylee Bonham, Arturo Tafoya-Sanchez, Laila Avery and Gianna Nutter. Thanks to our servers Matthew Royster, Luke Sitzman and Reese Hill. We are trying something new, the sixth grade will assist with Mass music. Thanks to the sixth grade! Our cantors were Jack Drewes, Jonah Hite and Caden Cowen.

Next Week: Mass on September 21 will be hosted by first-grade.

Team Image Order

The Team Image order window is open until September 23rd. If you are still in need of PE uniforms you may order at this time. Students in need of warm weather gear, including sweatshirts, quarter-zip pull over and other items are available. The link to Team Image is <https://stmichaelschool.itemorder.com/sale>.

Honor Roll Updates

At the end of each quarter we recognize those students who have meet academic success in school. We are updating how we figure who qualifies for honor roll. We are no longer going to figure honor roll by a student's grade point average we are going to simplify the process by choosing the A/B honor roll system. Many schools use this system and have found it an efficient way of determining honor roll. Students who receive an A in all subjects will qualify for high honors. Students who receive a combination of A's and B's will qualify for honors. Students receiving all B's will qualify for an honorable mention rating.



Annie Junior

St. Michael Catholic School is excited to announce that we will have our first student musical production in many years. Try-outs for Annie Junior will be in November. Mrs. Mickler will be working with students to make this a magical event. We will need many volunteers to make this production happen, so look for volunteer requests in late October or early November. The mystery and excitement is just beginning: Who will be Anne? Who will be Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks? Or who will be the mean Mrs. Hannigan? Only time will tell.

Christmas Concert – December 13

September seems early to be giving updates for the Christmas Concert, but we want to make sure everyone plans for this great event. This year the Christmas Concert will be held in St. Michael School's gymnasium. Our focus will be on Luke's gospel interpretation of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Student narrations, vocals and instrumentals will allow our children's talents to give praise and glory to God.

Gentlemen's Club

Voting has taken place for the 2018 – 2019 officers for Gentlemen's Club. The race for president ended in a tie three times. Congratulations to our officers!

President: Jack Drewes

At Large: Owen Sickels

Vice President: Matthew Hentz

Secretary: Matthew Royster

Treasurer: Luke Willett

How to Help Your Child with Homework

- **CREATE A ROUTINE**
This can be the hardest part of all—getting started with a new routine, or any routine for that matter! With work schedules, after school clubs, sports, classes or events, it can be difficult to get into a **regular after-school routine**.
- **GIVE THEM A CHOICE**
Do your kids need a half hour after school just to decompress, play outside, walk the dog, or change clothes? Maybe they need a healthy snack right after school? Some kids may choose to dive into homework immediately to get it out of the way
- **SET UP INCENTIVES**
Think of rewards and incentives that work for your child. Does she love to spend time playing with her toys, or is she obsessed with a new game on the tablet? These can be good incentives for completing homework and chores. Some kids will be less motivated to finish homework if they've already had an hour of TV, and then they must stop watching to get their homework done.
- **CREATE A HOMEWORK STATION.**
The kitchen table, a quiet desk in the corner, the dining room, the den or office—wherever you choose, make a designated space for homework.
- **REMOVE DISTRACTIONS**
Every child learns differently and may require a different kind of environment for concentration. You may have one child who needs quiet music in the background, while another child needs complete silence. In that case, you might make sure they have headphones or separate study spaces. In all cases, remove whatever is distracting to your child.
- **USE A CHECKLIST AND TIMER**
Teaching your child to use a checklist is a wonderful habit that can last a lifetime! The humble checklist is a powerful tool for getting things done. It can be easy to forget steps or get distracted; the checklist is just a visual reminder of tasks they need to accomplish
- **BE PREPARED. AVOID CRAMMING**
Plan ahead. Does your child's teacher post homework assignments and tests for the week on their website? Find out how these assignments are communicated to parents. You should also ask your child questions about tests and assignments that are coming up. Then, help them develop a study plan. Plan for studying in chunks throughout the week and month to get prepared for the test.
- **REVISE AND IMPROVE THE HOMEWORK/STUDY ROUTINE**
As your children grow, their routines will change. Look at what's working and what is causing a lot of strife in the family.

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.

First Quarter Conferences

The first quarter conferences will be from October 1 – 4. Parents may schedule times using Sign Up Genius. Please watch for a link to be sent next week. Parent-teacher conferences is an excellent time to find out how your child is doing academically and how the parents and teachers can join together for the success of the student.



Birthdays September 10 - 16

Happy birthday:

September 15 – Ben Beal

September 19 - Nicholas Flench

September 19 – Nicholas Lewis

September 20 – Owen Sickels

Daily Readings

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

September 17 – Joseph Shininger

September 18 – Kirk Knecht

September 19 – Matthew Hentz

September 20 – Caden Willett



For Updates please check this section each week.

After School Offerings

We are excited to be offering so many fun and educational activities after school. It is our hope to enhance student learning and physical activity through these clubs:

Monday: 3:15 – 3:45 Walking Club with Mrs. Brinkman

Monday: 3:30 – 4:30 Greenfield Public Library Fun No visit in October

(this will continue the 2nd Monday of the month)

3:30-4:00 Prek – 2

4:00-4:30 3 - 5

Tuesday: 3:00 – 4:30 Coder DoJo (Grades 3 – 8) **Starting to be announced! Update**

Tuesday: 3:00 – 5:00 Game Club with Fr. Aaron (Grade 5 – 8 – None this week)

Varied Days: 3:00 – 5:00 Skills Practice with Ty Hayes **(Monday this week Grades 4-8)**

Thursday: 2:45 – 3:30 Strings with Mrs. Mickler (Grades K – 8)

Coder Dojo Information: Mrs. Capen is heading up our Coder Dojo after school club. She will be sending out an electronic sign up form for students who wish to join. Students in third through eighth grades are invited to attend. No students will be allowed to attend without permission on file. **Cyber Patriots** will begin later this year.



Chess Club will begin on Wednesday, October 24! 3:15 – 4:30

Students in fourth through eighth grades are invited to join the club. Mr. McCorkle will again be our Chess master. Please look for permission slips to be sent home.

After School Activity Pick-up Help

The new office hours and the security measures that are in place have made it challenging to pick students up from their after-school activities. We apologize for the many ways that children need to be picked up this year. It is our hope that once the parking lot is useable again we will be able to streamline the dismissal process.

Helpful Tips:

1. If your child needs to be picked up at any time besides the scheduled end of the activity please make arrangements in advance with the teacher, coach or sponsor of the event. If alternate pick up arrangements cannot be made for an afternoon you may need to choose to have your child miss the scheduled day.
2. **Strings** – students should be picked up and signed out in Mrs. Mickler's room.
3. **Main Entrance Pick-up** – The following clubs are picked up:

Skills Practice –Ty Hayes for alternate pick-up 317-292-2559

Walking Club

Homework Help

Coder Dojo

4. **Aftercare Pick-ups** – The following clubs are picked up from aftercare:

Game Club

Greenfield Public Library

Chess Club

CYO Sports

Our Eastside Crusader Football Players!

Join in supporting our Cadet football players who play on the Eastside Crusader Team:

Sept 16 @Scecina 3:30 vs St Pius

Sept 20 @Central Catholic 5:30 vs St Pius

Sept 23 @Guerin HS 3:30 vs OLG

Sept 30 @Scecina 3:30 vs St Louis

Oct 7 @Chatard 1:30 vs Johnson County

Oct 14 @Scecina 2:15 vs Christ the King

Girls Basketball

Girls 4th – 6th grade basketball begins with the following practices.

Gym Schedule September 17th thru 23rd

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17	18	19	20	21
Aftercare 3-5	Aftercare 3-5	Aftercare 3-5	Aftercare 3-5	Aftercare 3-5
Hays Skills 3-5pm	4th Silcox Practice 3-5pm		4th Silcox Practice 3-5pm	4th Silcox Practice 3-5pm
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4th Real Practice				

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night was a huge success. Fifty-six students took part in the passport to reading fun. Students who completed a minimum of five stations were received a free book of his/her choosing and became eligible for one of the grand prizes. Our grade prize winners were:

Alex Trattner – Zoo Membership

Nicki Tompkins – Comic Book Game Night

Clover Kramer – Scecina Sweatshirt etc

Cohen McKee – Scecina T-shirt etc.

Please support our wonderful sponsors! (Sponsor listing at the end of the newsletter)

Alumni News

If you have anything interesting to share about one or more of our alumni, please send it to me at rhittel@stmichaelsgrfld.org. I would love to highlight their success in the Crusader.

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.

Parish News



Women's Retreat

On Saturday, October 6th, the Women's Club is planning a day trip to **Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center** located a few miles west of Bloomington. We will leave St. Michael at 7 a.m. and return after dinner. RSVP to Theresa Mayer at rtmmayer@gmail.com or call 317-292-8480 **by September 30**. Let us know if you can help drive and if you want a box lunch from the center. Feel free to bring a friend. For more information about the retreat center, visit www.maryschildren.com.

Book of Remembrance

Beginning the week of September 25th, the Book of Remembrance will be placed at the entrance of the church for you to write the names of loved ones that have passed away. These souls will be remembered at the All Souls Day Mass on November 2 at 6 p.m. at Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

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.



Open House 2018

The Fall Open House is a fun, informative event that offers prospective students and families the opportunity to explore the academic and co-curricular areas of Scecina Memorial High School. We invite all families with an interest in Scecina to attend on Thursday, October 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Take the High School Placement Test

All students applying for freshman admission to Scecina are required to take the High School Placement Exam (HSPT). The test will be offered on the following dates at Scecina: November 10, December 1, and January 12.

To register to attend the Open Hour and/or HSPT, please visit at www.scecina.org/admissions or contact KJ Fallon via phone 317.356.6377, or by emailing kfallon@scecina.org.

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



Early Admission at Cathedral High School

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! Early Admission at Cathedral allows families of 8th graders to apply for admission by October 1 and receive an admission decision the week of Thanksgiving! Apply today at gocathedral.com/apply

Shadow at Cathedral High School

Come be a VIP—"Very IRISH Person"—for a day! We invite all 8th grade students to spend a day in the life of one of our students, meeting teachers, attending classes and experiencing what being IRISH is all about! Visiting students will be hosted by a freshman student who has similar co-curricular interests and/or academic abilities. Go to gocathedral.com/shadow for more information or contact Maribeth Cloud at mcloud@gocathedral.com.

Family Fan Fest September 14th

Join us for a special Family Fan Fest at the University of Indianapolis September 14th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, before the Friday night football game vs. St. X. The tailgate will include games, face painting, food and fun.

Parent Preview Days

Cathedral High School invites interested parents to attend a Parent Preview Day this fall on any of the following dates: September 20, October 2, October 23, November 16, December 10 or January 17. Interact with school leaders, attend a class, and tour campus with a current student. To learn more and/or to pre-register, visit www.gocathedral.com/parentpreview.

Children's Play

Cathedral Theatre will present "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 30th in the Joseph O'Malia Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, visit www.gocathedral.com/theatre.

High School Placement Test

Cathedral High School will administer the High School Placement Test on Saturday, October 13th at 8:30 a.m. While students are taking the exam, the Enrollment Management staff will offer "Coffee with Cathedral" to share information regarding academics, counseling and more. Families can preregister by visiting www.gocathedral.com/placementtest.

Items of Interest for St. Michael School

Cathedral High School invites all St. Malachy & West Deanery 6th, 7th & 8th grade students and families to attend an information night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 30. The family of Roger & Rita McCluskey will host this event in their home at 562 Fairwind in Brownsburg. Come learn about faith life, academics, service, social life and more! Please RSVP by September 27th to the Cathedral Enrollment Management Office at (317) 968-7370 or via email at mcloud@gocathedral.com. Or, if this date does not work for your family, visit www.gocathedral.com/infonights to see additional dates!

Benefit Day

At



2221 W. Main Street
Greenfield, IN
317- 462-2999

1282 N. State Street
Greenfield, IN
317-462-3005



On

Tuesday, September 25,

When paying for your purchase,
present this flyer and Mozzi's Pizza
will donate 20% of your purchase
to St. Michael Catholic School.



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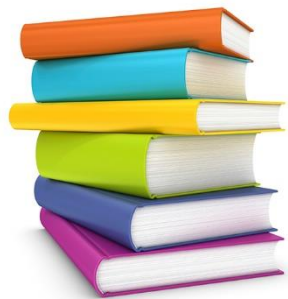
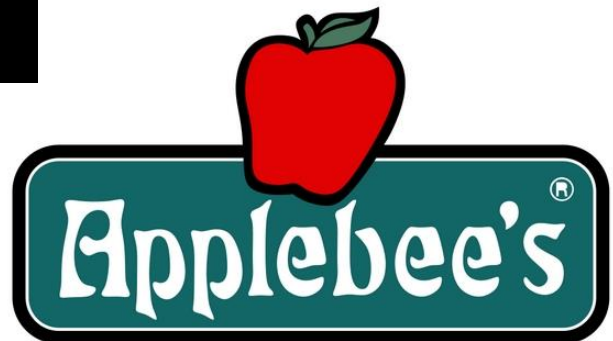
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Penny Wars will begin on Monday, September 17 and last until Friday, September 21.

Our goal is \$750

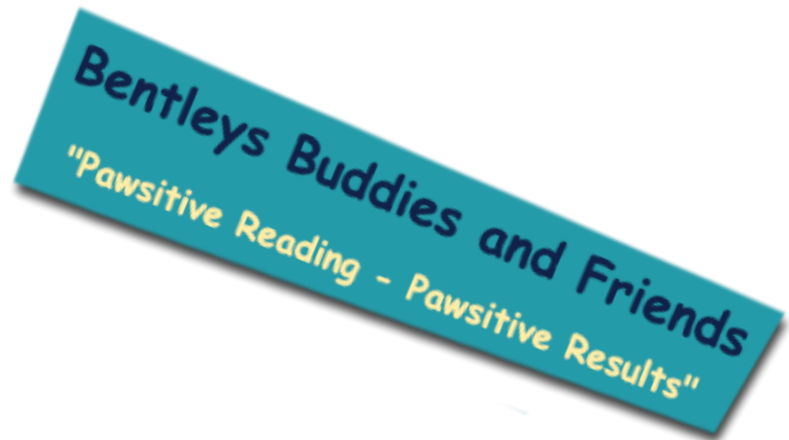
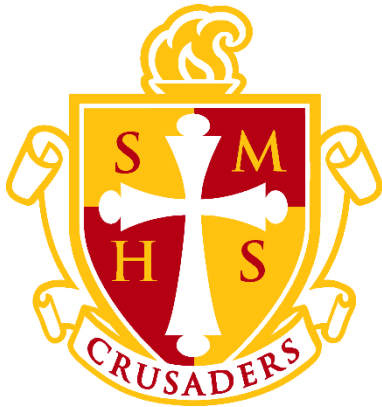
The class with the highest per student giving will receive a cotton candy party from our own Mr. Warner!

If we reach our goal the entire school will receive an out of uniform day!



Book Walk Books
Mrs. Mickler
and
Hancock County
Public Library

Seccina Memorial High School



Dr. Sharon
Paluga- Staggs
New Pal Gentle Dentist

Guest Readers
Mrs. Kelly Fleming
Mr. Sickles
Mr. Warner

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