



St. Michael Catholic School News

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE STMCS
HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



WELCOME BACK: BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

God of wisdom and might,
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
Wisdom and knowledge as they search for understanding;
And peace and zeal in their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

8TH GRADE PARENTS WELCOME BREAKFAST

A special thank you to Leanne Schuetz and Karen Meszaros for the 'Welcome Back to School' hospitality.

It has been a tradition for parents of current 8th grade students to welcome new students and families on the first day of school.

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WEEKLY WELCOME AND WORSHIP

The first Weekly Welcome and Worship of the school year was held outside with a special welcome to Father Park, Melissa Ginther, and new staff and students joining our beautiful community! Students and staff also celebrated those with birthdays by applauding and blessing each one of them.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

A special thank you to the generous and quick hands of Jim Patton and his volunteer crew. Together they assembled benches for our "outdoor classrooms". Tree stumps provide additional seating in our outdoor spaces.

Students and staff have been enjoying these spaces which allow for more frequent mask breaks, mask-free learning, and overall, an opportunity to see each others smiling faces!



ARTISAN FAIR & CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Artisan Fair was held last weekend in conjunction with the Fall Festival. It was a great day for vendors and shoppers alike. A special thank you to Annette Dehmer for chairing this event.

A reminder that the Artisan Fair is replacing the Christmas Market.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday in October. In past years, we have welcomed our grandparents and special guests to attend mass with the students, followed by sweet treats and a visit at the school.

This year we plan to celebrate these special people in a safe and socially-distanced way; details will be forthcoming.



WEEKLY ALL SCHOOL MASS

Our weekly all-school Mass has changed to **Wednesdays**. As we begin a unique school year and work on how to best celebrate Mass together, parents have been asked to not attend the school Mass for the time being. Communication will be sent at a later date with details regarding the reintroduction of parents to Mass.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

Do you love StMCS? Do you have a heart for children? Do you have a 4-year degree? You can be a substitute teacher! Training is available, both virtually and in-person. Contact Heidi Gallus, Assistant Principal for more details: 763-497-3887 or hgallus@stmcaholicsschool.org

SCHOOL MARATHON

Marathon 2020 is going virtual! Watch for more information to come next week. In the interim, it's never too early to start collecting pledges in support of Catholic education and our amazing school.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Families are required to sign up for volunteer commitments each year. Volunteer opportunities can be found on the Current Families page of the school website via **SignUp Genius**.

For additional volunteer opportunities in the school lunchroom and/or copy room, email Home & School Volunteer Coordinator Brenda Poff: brenda.poff@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/21	Picture Day - Non-Dress Code Day
10/03	Marathon
10/08	Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/09	Class Color Day
10/12	Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/15-10/16	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
10/21-10/28	Scholastic Book Fair

Additional upcoming events can be found on our website under Current Families>StMCS Calendar.

A LOOK BACK AT OPEN HOUSE



MEET YOUR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEMBERS

Dave Schuetz, Chair Dave has been married to Leanne for 19 years and they have two daughters, Emily (8th grade) and Ava (5th grade). They have been members of St. Michael Catholic Church since moving to the area in 2003. For the last 20 years, Dave has worked for Boston Scientific; first as an engineer and more recently in leadership roles. Dave and his family enjoy the outdoors year round - especially boating, fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling. Dave attended a small Catholic elementary school in Wisconsin and values the importance of Catholic education in his life. He wants all children to experience the lifelong advantage Catholic principles provide and looks forward to serving as Chair with SAC this year.

Kristin VanHeel, Vice Chair Kristin and her husband Chad have three children: Chase (sophomore at SCSU), Max (3rd grade at StMCS) and Easton (Kindergarten at StMCS). Kristin is the Associate Director of Advancement at HOPE 4 Youth, a nonprofit providing pathways to end youth homelessness, and is committed to using her experience to further the mission of StMCS as a member of SAC. In her free time, you'll probably find Kristin at the hockey rink, either watching Max and Easton play or fundraising for the STMA Youth Hockey Association. She also loves to spend time with family and friends, travel, attend Twins and Wild games, and plans to learn to snowboard this winter.

Holly Ruehle, Secretary Holly and her husband Mike live in St. Michael and have one son, Gavin (4th grade). Originally from St. Cloud, Holly and her husband moved to St. Michael and enrolled their son at StMCS 5 years ago, excited for the opportunity to strengthen their Catholic faith, form life-long friendships, and assist in school initiatives. Holly is excited to use her 15+ years of experience supporting CRM Loyalty and Partnership marketing to help meet the immediate and long term goals of SAC. In their free time, Holly and her family enjoy spending time together on the river or at their favorite tropical destination.

Angie Hennessy Angie and her husband Mike have two daughters, Avery (6th grade) and Zoe (4th grade). The Hennessy family has been a part of the school community since 2012, when Pre-K first opened at StMCS. Angie most recently served on the Home & School Committee for three years and is excited to now join the School Advisory Council in advancing the mission of our school. Professionally, Angie is employed at Tennant Company in Product Management. In their free time, the family enjoys time at the family cabin, boating, skiing and watching the girls compete in soccer and hockey.

Sarah Altepeter Sarah and her husband Brad live in St. Michael and have four children – Kaitlin (7th), Jacob (4th), Hailey (K), and Meghan (1 year). Sarah is a supply chain manager at the Office Depot warehouse in Plymouth. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys spending time with family and friends, watching her kids at their sporting events, baking, and playing card and board games. Sarah joined SAC in January and is looking forward to supporting the school this year.

Kristin Paukert Kristin and her husband Ted have three children: Lucia (4th grade), Eloise (2nd grade) and Theo (K). Kristin is proud to be a mother of children attending our wonderful school, and serving on the SAC is a way of expressing her gratitude to the school community. She is also delighted to be a SAC representative for families of younger children just entering our school. Kristin is a Pediatric Nurse Anesthetist, and her greatest joy is spending time with her family.



PRESCHOOL CORNER

*September Theme:
All About Me & Apples*

St. Michael Catholic Preschool is accepting applications for a 3-day assistant teacher. If interested, have questions, or have a referral, please contact Kate Bredeck, Preschool Director: kbredeck@stmccatholicsschool.org



HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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MEET MS. LISA

My name is Lisa Peterson and I am the 2-day and 3-day lead preschool teacher. I grew up in Perham, MN, and came to the Twin Cities 29 years ago for college and have never left. My husband, Mark, grew up in the Rogers area and when we married 16 years ago we moved to Otsego. We have two boys - Will, a freshman at STMA, and Sam, a 5th grader at StMCS.

When I'm not teaching at preschool, my family and I enjoy going out on our boat, watching the Green Bay Packers win, and cross country skiing.

MEET MS. ANGIE

My name is Angie Breen and I am the 5-day preschool teacher assistant. This is my 14th year at StMCS and my 4th year with the preschoolers. My husband, Casey, and I have been married for 26 years and have 3 children, Riley (23), Meghan (21), and Grady (16). I am currently working on completing my 2nd degree in Early Childhood Education and look forward to graduating December 2021.

StMCS welcomed our family to the community 14 years ago and I can't imagine working anywhere else! I love spending my days with our youngest learners!

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Do you have school related news and/or pictures you would like included in the monthly Home & School Newsletter? Please email the information to Erin Bruflodt: erin.bruflodt@yahoo.com.