



# School Days News!

~September/October 2020~



Saint Michael, an accredited Catholic Elementary School, partners with families in the education of the mind, body, and soul of each child.



Welcome to Fr. Christopher Barnes, our new pastor, and Miss Emily Zgonc, our new principal!

Welcome to Mr. Stephen Neral, our new PreK-3 teacher!

Welcome to all of our new students and families!

### Best Wishes

Best wishes to Mrs. Nancy Kremm who officially retired on July 31<sup>st</sup>. We wish her much relaxation and time to enjoy her family. We want to thank Mrs. Kremm for continuing to mentor Miss Zgonc and for ordering our textbooks for this school year.

### CHANGES IN FACULTY

Miss Haley Germano is teaching Kindergarten this year.

Mrs. Andrea Bable is teaching Grade 1.

Mrs. Emily Maloney is teaching Grade 3 as well as Grade 2.

Mr. Doug Dorio, Miss Rita Baldarelli, and Miss Nicole Chapman are working together with our Middle School students.

### Prayer Request

We would appreciate your support in praying with us for the Kremm family who recently lost a member of their family. Meghan Fossaceca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kremm, passed away on September 5<sup>th</sup> after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. If you would like to make a donation in her memory, Meghan asked to have donations made to Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Philadelphia at 3551 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

We want to send out some very heart-felt thank yous:

- Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff for your hard work and diligence in keep our school safe and healthy during this time of pandemic.
- Thank you to Greenville Subway for the donation of our first Hot Lunch on September 10<sup>th</sup>. They kindly and generously donated a 6" turkey sub, cookie, and bag of chips for every student and staff member.
- Thank you to the Mong family for donating ice cream and popsicles as a sweet treat for the students.
- Thank you to Mrs. Jill Harpst for her 15 years of service as a member on the Educational Advisory Council.
- Thank you to Mr. Mike Varga who has been setting up IT until the position can be filled.
- Thank you to the Hermitage Dollar General #7641 for donating school supplies and cleaning products.

### 2020-2021 Tuition & FACTS Management

Any questions regarding tuition or FACTS should be directed to Mrs. Susan Swartzbeck in the St. Michael Church Business Office at 724-588-9800 or [saintmichaelbiz@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelbiz@gmail.com).

### Handbook Information

Parents, please look on the school website: [saintmichael1.org](http://saintmichael1.org) for the updated Handbook. It includes information about the dress code and COVID-19.



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## LUNCHESES

Sub sandwiches will be available on Mondays from various vendors in the area. They will change every month and be served with chips. Pepperoni rolls from Golden Pizza and chips are available on Wednesdays. Cheese pizza is available by the slice on Fridays. PTO Hot Lunch will be the second Thursday of every month and will be from various vendors in the area.

## DRESS DOWN DAY

Dress Down Days are usually held once a month, on the third Thursday. Students and teachers pay \$1.00. Proceeds are donated to various service projects such as: our adopted Mission family, The Good Shepherd Center, Prince of Peace, Strayhaven, and other worthy cases.

The following are permissible on Dress Down Days: jeans, khakis, cargo pants, cords, athletic pants (no tear-aways), and sweatshirts (no hoodies). Shorts and skirts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Athletic shorts may be worn (August - October and April - June), only if they are not see through. Leggings are permissible, if worn with a top that is fingertip length or longer and covers the backside.

The following are not permissible on Dress Down Days: backless shoes, tank tops, tear-away pants, jeans with holes, pants or shorts with writing on the backside, yoga pants, stretch/lycra pants or tight-fitting pants. All shirts must be long enough so that the midriff is not showing when you raise your hands.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> we had our first Dress Down Day. Proceeds went to the Pink Angels. SMS raised \$81.25. A generous family donated 120.75 for a total of \$202 raised for the Pink Angels, an organization founded by women from our parish who help cancer patients in our community with medical expenses, groceries, and gas.

October 15<sup>th</sup> will be the next Dress Down Day. Proceeds will go to the Good Shepherd Center.

## JEANS DAY

Jeans Days will be held every Thursday during the school year that we do not attend Mass.

1. Jeans of any color may be worn with uniform shirt or any shirt/sweatshirt with the St. Michael School logo. (No hoodies are permitted.)
2. Belt is to be worn and shirts must be tucked in.
3. Ripped/torn jeans and bib-overalls may not be worn.
4. Jean shorts or capris may not be worn.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 1: Jeans Day - No charge
- Oct 8: PTO Hot Lunch from Sheetz  
PICTURE DAY!!
- Oct 9: No school for students  
Teacher In-Service Day
- Oct 12: No school - Columbus Day
- Oct 15: Dress Down Day - \$1 donation
- Oct 16-17: Family Pictures - PTO fundraiser
- Oct 21: November lunch orders and payment due
- Oct 22: Jeans Day - No charge
- Oct 29: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Oct 30: Jane's Stromboli & Pie Order Pick up 2:30-6pm in McElhinny Hall  
Halloween parties and parade

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 2: Spiritwear orders and payment due  
Celebration of All Saints Day on All Souls Day
- Nov 3: Election Day! Don't forget to vote!
- Nov 5: Jeans Day - No charge
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day - activities to be announced
- Nov 12: Jeans Day - No charge
- Nov 13: No school for students - ACT 80 Day
- Nov 19: Dress Down Day - \$1 Donation
- Nov 25: NOON DISMISSAL
- Nov 26-30: No School - Thanksgiving
- Dec 1: School Resumes  
Quarter 2 interim

## Girls Uniform Exchange

SMS will be offering a uniform exchange of girls **PLAID** jumpers, skirts, or skorts. Please call the school office to ask about our inventory.



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## Green Thumbs and Weeding Muscles Wanted

The school grounds and Lateran Hall are in need of a good clean-up! Weeds have taken over our front and side landscaping as well as our playground. If you have the time, inclination, and equipment (gloves, shovels, weeders, etc.), we would greatly appreciate any and all efforts made to make our school look as welcoming on the outside as it is on the inside. This won't be a set event or time. Come as you can after school hours (3:00pm) or on weekends. It will be a secret sacrifice that the students, staff, and community will be extremely thankful for!

## SPIRITWEAR ORDERS

Order forms are being sent home for Spiritwear! All orders and payment are due by November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will ensure products will be delivered by Christmas. Kathy Leonard from Kathy's Kreations is providing Spiritwear products. Please call Kathy at 724-456-8884 with any questions.

## Option C

Parents, please remember to log in daily to the Option C Homework/Gradebook/Alert System. If you are not receiving the alert messages by phone, email, or text, please contact the school office.

## RAIN BARREL

The students who are now in 7th Grade and Miss Baldarelli participated in the Mercer County Middle School Rain Barrel Project last year. The class learned about nonpoint source pollution and storm water management, after which they created an "elaborate functional piece of art" by designing a rain barrel. The rain barrel design was entered into a contest along with 7 other schools. Please support our SMS students and Miss Balderelli by voting for their rain barrel design (Number 6) in the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PXCX27J>! We are so proud of their achievement! After you vote, please pass the link to vote on to your friends and family and post it on social media! Voting is open from now until October 23.

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID, they will all be done as Zoom meetings. More information will come home about how to sign up for a time with your child(ren)'s teacher(s).

## 2019-2020 Yearbooks

As a thank you to all of our SMS families for their patience, understanding, and support during COVID in the spring, Mrs. Kremm asked that each family receive one free yearbook. Returning families should have found a yearbook in their back-to-school packets. If you would like to purchase a second yearbook from last year for your family, they are for sale for \$15 per book. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

## Car Raffle and Golf Scramble

Due to COVID, both the Car Raffle and the Golf Scramble events that were planned for summer 2020 had to be canceled. Committees are meeting to discuss rescheduling the events for summer 2021. More information will be available in the future.

## SCRIP Gift Card Program Easy way to earn tuition credit!

Contact school office or the SCRIP Coordinator, Shannon Thomas, at 724-456-1279 for more information about the program or placing orders.



Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. See the attachment at the end of the newsletter for more information.



*Announcing the 2020*

# PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering from a pandemic, rioting, looting, and murder, as well as moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

## JOIN THE 2020 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

**What:** *THE HOLY ROSARY*

**Where:** In field below large parking lot

**When:** *October 10, 2020*  
at 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**For more information, contact:**

**NAME** *Faith Formation Office*

**PHONE NUMBER** *724-588-9800-office or 724-718-2061*

*Tera's cell*



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# SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL



## SEPTEMBER 2020



# PTO NEWSLETTER

## PTO MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: SHANNON THOMAS  
VICE PRESIDENT: JEN WINGARD  
SECRETARY: BETH WILLIAMS  
TREASURER: JESSICA BROCKLEHURST

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:  
SMS PTO WELCOMES YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR. WE ARE EXCITED AND HAPPY TO BE HELPING OUR SCHOOL AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR AND SEEING YOU ALL SOON.

## WHAT DOES SMS PTO DO

SMS PTO SPONSORS FUNDRAISERS TO HELP BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. PTO HAS FUNDED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDING THOSE DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. PTO HAS FUNDED COMMUNICATION FOLDERS, ASSIGNMENT BOOKS AS WELL AS HANDWRITING AND RELIGION BOOKS.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JANE'S STROMBOLI: SEPT. 8TH-22ND

SUBWAY DONATED LUNCH: SEPT. 10TH

1ST. ZOOM PTO MEETING: SEPT. 23RD

PTO HOT LUNCH: THURSDAY OCT. 8TH

FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER: OCT. 16TH & 17TH

STROMBOLI PICK-UP: FRI. OCT. 30TH 2:30-6

SMS SPIRIT WEAR FORMS DUE: NOV. 2ND

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR PTO MEMBERS OR CALL THE SCHOOL. WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF WHAT WE DO!!

