



School Days News!

~December 2018 Issue~



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ADVENT



Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SAINT MICHAEL FAMILY

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PARTY

SMS FAMILY AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD.

When: Tuesday, December 18

Where: Lateran Hall **Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

6:30 - Lighting of the Advent Wreath

7:00 - The Christmas Pageant of Saint Francis

Performed by grades PreK - 5

with assistance from grades 6 - 8.

Advanced Band and Choir Concert

7:45 - Hot Chocolate and Cookies

7:30 - Tree Decorating with Caroling

(Afternoon dress rehearsal is for students only.)

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 6: Feast of St. Nicholas

Jeans Day with SMS spirit or uniform top

Dec. 7: Pizza

Grades 4 - 8 attend the Nutcracker in

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 9: Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 10: Turkey Sub & chips

Dec. 11: Hot Lunch - PTO Nacho Bar

Dec. 12: Pepperoni Roll with Chips

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Scrip orders due for Christmas

Faculty Christmas Party

Dec. 13: Feast of St. Lucy

Jeans Day with SMS spirit or uniform top

Dec. 14: Pizza

Santa Land

Dec. 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Swim Meet - Erie @ 4:00 PM

Dec. 17: Turkey Sub & Chips

Dec. 18: Advent/Christmas Program - 6:30 PM

Dec. 19: Pepperoni Roll & chips

Grades 7/8 St. Paul's

Payment for January Lunches Due

Dec. 20: Dress Down Day and ugly sweater

Cost - \$1 donation to Prince of Peace Center

Dec. 21: Classroom Parties

Noon Dismissal - No SAFE

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2: Christmas Vacation

Dec. 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 25: Birthday of Our Lord

SCRIP GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

When planning your Christmas shopping, don't forget to purchase Scrip cards through the school and earn tuition credit. Are you wanting to earn Giant Eagle Fuel Perks? Buy Giant Eagle gift cards through the school and then go to Giant Eagle and use to purchase gift cards (Just cannot be used to purchase a Giant Eagle Card or Visa). Order form is attached. Orders for delivery before the Christmas break are due December by December 12th.

You receive tuition credit at the end of the school year for your July payment or can be used for the next school year. Last year, a parent earned \$400 in tuition credit.

JANUARY 2018 HAPPENINGS

Jan. 1: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary

Jan. 3: School Resumes

Jan. 4: Pizza

Jan. 4 - 6: 19th Annual Erin Scullin Tournament

Jan. 6: Swim Meet - Erie @ 12:30

Jan. 7: Turkey Subs

Jan. 8: Hot Lunch - Chicken Patty Sandwich

Jan. 9: Pepperoni Roll & chips

Jan. 11: Pizza

Jan. 13: Swim Meet - Erie @ 12:30



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SMS PROUD

To alumnus John-Michael Yuriscic, a junior at Cathedral Prep, for being selected Man of Prep. Students who represent the mission and values of the school are nominated by their teachers and the final selection is made by the tenured teachers and the faculty priest. John-Michael, son of Mike and Beth Yuriscic graduated from SMS in 2016.

To Mrs. Brocklehurst and Deacon Frank for driving the seventh and eighth grade students to visit St. Paul's Home each month as a service project.

The students and parents for their generosity towards our service projects.

PTO – NOVEMBER REPORT **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Parent Reminder: *Pizza, hot lunch, subs, or jeans day - money is due on or before Wednesday, December 19 if paying for the month of January or remainder of year. Any money received after that date will be returned.*

Santa Land – parent helpers are needed. They must have Regular Volunteer Clearances on file in the school office. Mrs. Pflieger will be calling parents from her list or interested parents may contact her.

Faculty Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 12th from 3 – 4:30. Venue and gifts were discussed.

Pies and Strombolis were delivered. Profit from this fundraiser was \$1827.06.

Caribbean Night – a fun time was had; but attendance was poor. Although a community builder event, the PTO did have a \$600 profit.

ST. MICHAEL RUMMAGE SALE

We would like to have another rummage sale this spring. Volunteers are needed before the event is planned. Last year, the profit was more than \$3,500 and went towards the Lateran Hall floor renovation fund.

Reverse Raffle – is being planned for February before the start of Lent. This is the largest of the PTO fundraisers.

19th ANNUAL ERIN SCULLIN TOURNAMENT

SMS CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

The Erin Scullin Tournament and SMS Cheerleading Competition help to fund the Youth Activities Account. Monies from this account funds not only athletics, but all youth activities in our school. Some examples are: National History Day, Academic Games, Guest Page Program, English Festival, Christmas program, special classroom activities.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the programs for the Erin Scullin Tournament and SMS Cheerleading Competition may complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school. Your support of these events is appreciated. Happy Ads for your athlete are also available at \$5 per ad.

WEATHER DELAYS AND SCHOOL CANCELATIONS

A reminder that if there is a school delay or cancellation, families will be notified through a variety of methods. *Because we have students from seven school districts, it takes time to determine if our school will be delayed or cancelled.* If a parent feels the conditions are unsafe, they may choose to keep their child home which is an excused absence.

When there is a delay – early arrival in Lateran Hall begins at 9:30 am, announcements at 9:55 am, and classes start at 10:00 am.

Means of notification:



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- School website: www.saintmichael1.org
- Email through TeacherEase
- Email and phone call - Blackboard Alert
- Posting on Channel 2 (Pittsburgh), Channel 21, 27, 33 (Youngstown), and Channel 12 (Erie)

If you do not have access to any of the above, please call the school to let us know.

OUTER WEAR

A reminder that in the classroom, students are only permitted to wear cardigan sweaters (white or navy) or fleece jacket (navy or green) from Schoolbelles or Kathy's Kreations.

If wearing boots to school, a reminder that students are to bring shoes to school as boots are not to be worn in the classroom.

Be sure that students in PreK – Grade 5 dress for the weather as teachers like to take students out in the winter months for recess.



Box Tops for Education® is one of the nation's largest school earnings loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. It's an easy way for our school to earn cash. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ and they add up fast! Please continue to save box tops and send into school. The cash received from this program benefits the many academic games sponsored by our school. It's easy and free. Ask family and friends to save and submit. Please check the expiration date on the box tops.

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

Parent volunteers are very important to Saint Michael School. Your donation of time is very much appreciated. Parents who are planning to help at events and/or attend field trips must have their volunteer clearances. Mrs. Erdesky is responsible for maintaining clearance records for the school.

Occasional Volunteer - minimal clearances/forms required. Parents are under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher or do not have direct contact with the children. Occasional volunteer is for someone who is only helping 1 or 2 times during the school year.

Regular Volunteer – Volunteer on a regular basis or may be asked to assist on a field trip.

Mrs. Erdesky recommends that parents who wish to volunteer at the school get everything required for a Regular Volunteer.

**Please note that parents wishing to attend field trips are now required to have Regular Volunteer clearances. This change was made by the Erie Diocesan Office of Child Protection.*

Youth Activity Sponsorship Commitment Form

Please return by:

Friday, December 14, 2018 for Erin Scullin Tournament (only)

Friday, February 1, 2019 for Cheerleading Competition (only)

Friday, March 22, 2019 for Middle School Musical (only)

Make checks payable to: Saint Michael School

Name/Business: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please circle the sponsorship level of your choice.

Business Card:	\$25 Single Sponsorship	\$40 Dual Sponsorship	\$60 Triple Sponsorship
Quarter Page:	\$50 Single Sponsorship	\$80 Dual Sponsorship	\$100 Triple Sponsorship
Half Page:	\$75 Single Sponsorship	\$125 Dual Sponsorship	\$150 Triple Sponsorship
Full Page:	\$100 Single Sponsorship	\$160 Dual Sponsorship	\$200 Triple Sponsorship

Event(s) sponsored: Single – choose 1; Dual – choose 2; Triple – all three events

____ Erin Scullin Basketball Tournament (January 4-6, 2019)

____ Cheerleading Competition (February 16, 2019)

____ Middle School Musical (April 6, 2019)



Happy Ad - \$5 – Erin Scullin Tournament

Student: _____

From: _____

Comment: _____