



School Days News!

~March 2019 Issue~



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



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Fasting: the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Abstinence:** the norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.



Friday's during Lent – Knights of Columbus
4:30 PM – 7 PM

Adults: \$10 Youth to age 12: \$7

Benefits St. Michael Parish and School

Help and desserts are needed

If you can help on any Friday, contact:

Mary Lou Mathias (724-927-6634) or

Linda Hajtol (724-588-3289)

Please bring baked goods to the K of C Hall
by 4:00 PM on the day of the Fish Fry.

FINANCIAL AID /SCHOLARSHIP LETTER IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Primary Health Network Application along with a \$15 non-refundable processing fee (made out to PHNCF), W-2 and Tax Return **must be postmarked by Monday, March 25 or received at the Primary Health Network by Wednesday, March 27. DO NOT SEND TO THE SCHOOL!**

Diocese of Erie Financial Aid Application along with the \$20 non-refundable processing fee (made out to Tuition Assistance Program), W-2 and Tax Return **must be postmarked or received by the Diocese no later than Monday, April 15. DO NOT SEND TO THE SCHOOL!**

Community Foundation Application along with a \$15 non-refundable processing fee (made out to St. Michael School), W-2 and Tax Return **must be received by the School no later than Tuesday, April 30th at 3:00 PM.**

Scholarship Letters are also due to school office or Mrs. Kremm on or before Tuesday, April 30th at 3:00 PM. *Separate letters* are needed for each scholarship for which child applies. Parents may assist younger student, *but students in grades 4 – 7 are expected to write their own letters.*

**No exceptions can be made to deadlines!
FEE MUST BE ATTACHED TO BE
CONSIDERED!**

Please be sure to submit by the deadline and include all information that has been requested. Questions may be addressed by calling the school.



School Days News!

~March 2019 Issue~



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

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER REQUEST

St. Michael School and Parish have been asked to contribute canned yams and canned sweet potatoes to the Good Shepherd Center to distribute for Easter.

Please turn in your donation to the school office by **Friday, April 5th** so we can deliver them to Good Shepherd.



*Eighth graders **Katherine Cooper** and **Serrenah Peterson** for being chosen to participate in the Pennsylvania Guest Page Program.

*SMS Cheerleaders, coaches, and volunteers for hosting the SMS cheer competition at Kennedy Catholic.

***Kyle Barger** for going undefeated in the Academic Game, World Events, at Slippery Rock University.

PA NATIONAL HISTORY DAY



*Madison Pflieger, Sarah Varga, and David Varga are competing in National History Day at Westminster College.

Madison Pflieger – Historical Paper – “*The Triangular Trade Route – Triumph or Tragedy*”

Sarah Varga – Website – “*Father Capodonna: Triumph and Tragedy*”

David Varga – Website – “*The Turning Point in the Civil War – Pickett’s Charge*”

SAVE THE DATE

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

7th ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL



AN UNDERSEA ADVENTURE

BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY AUSTIN ZUMBRO

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 – 7 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – 6:30 PM

THERE WILL BE A CONCESSION STAND DURING INTERMISSION OF THE SHOW.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND

KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 1 – 28



Saint Michael School is now accepting registrations for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Call 724-588-7050 to schedule a tour and receive a registration packet and financial aid applications. Classroom size is limited. Open House will be held on Tuesday, March 12 from 9 AM – 2:30 PM and 5 – 6:30 PM.



School Days News!

~March 2019 Issue~



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

APOLOGIES TO:

Lucas Scott – his name was omitted in last month’s newsletter under Second Honors.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

*All volunteers who helped with the Cheerleading Competition, especially: Mary Lynn Reimold for organizing the competition with the help of Shannon Scullin, Cassandra Reimold, Heather Pflieger and parent volunteers.

*Volunteers who helped at the boys’ home basketball games.

*Parents who sent in items for the Valentine’s Day Parties.

*Miss Chapman and the 7th and 8th grade classes for the fun time at the Mardi Gras Carnival.

*Parent driver to St. Paul’s – Mrs. Jesica Brocklehurst.

*Sports parents: For driving your children to and from practices and to games & meets.

*Coaches: For your unending gift of time to our students.

PTO BOARD

The PTO will also be electing officers at the May meeting. If interested in serving on the board or a committee, please contact Mrs. Nancy Kremm, Principal or Mrs. Heather Pflieger, PTO President.

FACTS - NEW PAYMENT SUMMARY

With the tax season upon us, FACTS Management would like to call your attention to a feature that enables families to quickly and easily create a payment summary.

Directions: Go online to FACTS. By simply clicking “View Printable Payments Summary” on the Payments tab, you can retrieve and print a summary of payments for the year or any other specified time-frame. Each payment summary is compiled by student, term, subaccount, and includes our school’s Federal Tax ID number.

MIDDLE STATE ACCREDITATION UPDATE



St. Michael School is continuing to prepare for Diocesan Middle States Accreditation.

Mission Statement:

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

At St. Michael Catholic School we believe:

- Each student is a member of the body of Christ, as well as, the human family and has the responsibility to contribute to the common good of society.
- Each student is of equal worth and has the right to be treated with respect, compassion, and honesty in a nurturing and safe environment which is essential for human development.
- Each student is encouraged to become the best version of him/herself by following the teachings of Christ in the Catholic tradition.
- Each student is to be educated academically and taught to be accountable for his/her choices and actions.

Profile of a St. Michael School graduate:

- A student with a foundation of strong Catholic values and beliefs that enables the student to stand firm in their decisions.
- A student who has the ability to read with understanding, calculate with accuracy, communicate effectively, reason intelligently, and be technologically proficient.
- A student who continues to value and contribute to the Catholic faith through their active participation and service.
- A student who is a responsible citizen and will be a valuable, contributing member of church, community, and state.
- A student who is well prepared for high school and beyond.



School Days News!

~March 2019 Issue~



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

- March 4: Lunch - Turkey Sub with Chips
March 5: Mardi Gras Carnival
Fat Tuesday Lunch
March 6: Ash Wednesday
NO PEPPERONI ROLLS
March 7: Jeans Day
National History Day - Districts
March 8: Lunch - Pizza
Lenten Fish Fry - Knights of Columbus (K of C)
March 11: Lunch - Turkey Sub with chips
March 12: PreK/Kindergarten Open House
9AM - 2:30 PM; 5 - 6:30 PM
March 13: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with chips
March 14: Athletic Banquet @ LH 6:30 PM
Pi Day ~ 3.14
Jean's Day
March 15: No School - Faculty Retreat
Lenten Fish Fry - K or C
March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 18: Educational Advisory Meeting
Lunch - Turkey Sub with Chips
March 20: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with chips
Grades 7/8 - St. Paul's
April Lunch Money Due
March 28: Dress Down Day to benefit Good Shepherd Center
March 22: Lunch - Pizza
New Teacher Retreat - Erie
Lenten Fish Fry - K of C
March 23: Business Fair at Thiel Dome
Stop by our booth for a visit
PTO Movie Night - 6 - 8 PM
March 25: Primary Health Network Financial Aid applications need postmarked
Lunch - Turkey Sub with Chips
March 27: Lunch - Pepperoni Rolls
Tentative Daffin's Pick-up Date
March 28: Jeans Day - no charge
March 29: Lunch - Pizza
Lenten Fish Fry - K of C

UPCOMING EVENTS - APRIL

- April 1: Lunch - Turkey Sub with Chips
April 2: PTO Meeting - Executive
April 3: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with Chips
April 5: Middle School Musical - 7 PM
Lenten Fish Fry - K of C
April 6: Middle School Musical - 6:30 PM
April 8: Lunch - Turkey Sub with Chips
April 9: PTO Lunch - Baked Potato Bar
Dental Exams
April 10: Pepperoni Roll with Chips
April 10-11: Dibels Testing (Gr. K - 6)
April 12: **NO SCHOOL**
Teacher In-service - Erie
Lenten Fish Fry - K of C
April 14: Palm Sunday
April 15: **Diocese of Erie Financial Aid**
Applications, fee, W-2 and Tax Return due to Erie. **DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL!**
Lunch: Turkey Sub with Chips
April 17: Lunch: Pepperoni Roll with Chips
Grades 7/8 St. Paul's
May Lunch Money due in the office by 9:00 AM
April 18: Holy Thursday
Shadow Stations - 9 AM
Early Dismissal - Noon
April 19: Good Friday
Lenten Fish Fry - K of C
April 19 - 28: Easter Vacation
April 21: Easter Sunday
April 29: School Resumes
Lunch - Turkey Sub with Chips
April 30: **Community Foundation**
Application, fee, along with W-2, and Tax Return due to the school by **3:00 PM**
Scholarship letters due to school

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

Nonpublic School Services

February 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope your new year has been a happy one so far. I have enjoyed meeting with the students in their classrooms for guidance activities. With the teachers' cooperation, I had the opportunity to meet with the students in their classroom. My goal, as the school counselor, is to provide activities which develop and/or improve academic skills, career awareness and social skills. The topics discussed are consistent with the Pennsylvania School Counseling Association and American School Counseling Association mindsets and behaviors. Take a look at what was completed in each grade.

During my monthly visits in the kindergarten, first and second grade classes, we focused on listening skills, using self-control, assuming responsibility for our choices, and identifying and expressing feelings in a safe way. The students practiced using these skills by completing listening activities, listening to and discussing stories and various activities.

The third and fourth graded focused on ways to be successful in school, self-control, and decision making. The third grade was introduced to L.O.G.: Listening Skills, Organization and Goals. The students reviewed and practiced listening skills and concentration skills. They also identified ways they could be more organized with their school materials and time management and each wrote a goal to accomplish this year. Fourth grade students reviewed study skills and assuming responsibility for their own behaviors and decisions. These topics were practiced in teamwork activities, stories, and discussion.

For the fifth grade visits, we reviewed study skills by having the students work in groups to present a skit teaching the study skill. The students also reviewed problem solving and decision making steps and will practice using them in our activities throughout the year.

The sixth grade classes began the year by completing a learning styles inventory. This self-assessment can be found at the following website how-to-study.com. This website provides them with information on their learning preference based on their personal responses. The website also provides tips they can incorporate into their study routine. The topic of communication was addressed through discussion, class activities, and working together in small groups.

The seventh grade and eighth grade classes reviewed study tips, dealing with cyber bullying and cyber safety. Seventh grade participated in activities reviewing strategies for dealing with peer pressure and recognizing what influences their decisions. The eighth grade participated in cyber safety and recognizing leadership qualities.

I will continue to visit the classes during the second semester. With parent permission, I am available to meet with students on an individual basis when requested by the parent, teacher or student. I have materials on many different topics that can address individual needs and are available to teachers and parents if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program and/or your child, please call. I am scheduled at St. Michael's School on Tuesday each week and can be reached by calling St. Michael School or by email: donna.benson@miu4.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donna Benson

Act 89 School Counselor



Camp Totus Tuus 2019



Christmas in July



Camp Totus Tuus ...

- ◆ is for young people who want a different but challenging experience this summer!
- ◆ is about strengthening your relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ◆ is an experience that develops bold, strong, and committed disciples!
- ◆ is for middle school teens who want to spend time with and develop friendships with other Catholic Christians!
- ◆ is not for those who are perfect, but for young people who want to live for Jesus!

Who, when, where, and how much?

- ◆ Open to all young people entering grades 6-8 in fall 2019
- ◆ Check-in at 12:45pm Sunday, July 14 to begin with a 1pm Family Mass. The week ends with 5:00pm Family picnic on Thursday, July 18.
- ◆ St. Philip Center, Linesville, PA
- ◆ \$175.00 per person. You may wish to check with your parish or school for financial aid.

What's the week like?

- ◆ Large group presentations exploring scripture, catechism, apologetics, & evangelization as well as small group breakouts for discussion, projects, and service.
- ◆ Time for private prayer & reflection, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian devotion, and opportunities for Confession
- ◆ Outdoor fun, games, campfires, and relationship building for lifelong accountability.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

The registration fee is \$175.00, and will need to be paid in full at least one week prior to camp. A \$50.00 deposit must accompany the initial registration to hold your spot. You can register in 2 ways:

1. Complete the registration portion of the flier, submit with your check made payable to "Diocese of Erie", and mail to Erie Diocese, Youth Office, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504
2. Register online at www.eriescd.org/youth

After we receive your registration, you will receive an welcome packet in the mail with more specific information.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Durney Director of Camp Totus Tuus, 814-824-1219 or jdurney@eriescd.org

Student Name Male/Female

Street Address Birthdate

City, State, Zip Adult t-shirt size

Home Phone Cell Phone

Email Address

School Grade in Fall

Parish and City



School Days News!

~March 2019 Issue~



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

7th Annual Saint Michael School Musical



AN UNDERSEA ADVENTURE
BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY AUSTIN ZUMBRO

Dear Friends,

We are writing to ask for your contribution to our annual Middle School Musical. Your generosity allows St. Michael School to continue to offer excellent fine arts department. If you have not already done so, please consider a donation.

The 7th Annual St. Michael Middle School Musical will take place on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6.

We are asking for your generosity in the form of a monetary donation. Donations will be used to defray cost of the musical and other fine arts. Please think of how you can contribute to our fine arts department. If we could have your commitment and ad no later than **Friday, March 29**, we would be very grateful. Your business ad or sponsorship ad will be placed in the musical's program. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Kremm, Principal, at 724-588-7050 or via email at nancy.kremm@saintmichael1.org.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kremm, Principal
Melanie Harris – Music Department
Emily Zgonc – Acting Director
Nicole Chapman – Choreographer
Doug Dorio – Sound and Stage

2019 Annual Musical Sponsorship Commitment Form

Name/Business: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Sponsorship Level: Quarter Page: \$25 Half Page: \$50 Full Page: \$75

Please make checks payable to St. Michael School. PLEASE ENCLOSE AD OR EMAIL AD TO BE USED.

Happy Ads and Well Wishes: 1/8 page: \$10

Happy Ad: Student Name: _____