



School Days News!

~October 2018 Issue~



Autumn Prayer



We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot and hoar
frost, sunrise and sunset,

we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests through winter's cold
embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening

when kissed by Spring's first touch.

Saint Michael Car Raffle Winners

Mustang: Kelly Ruppen - New
Brighton, PA #23180

2nd Place: Scott Clark -
Kittanning, PA #12739

3rd Place: Clyde Barnett, Jr. -
Cortland, OH #24376

Super Ticket Seller: Kevin Coffey
- Greenville, PA

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 1: Turkey Sub

Oct. 1 - 4: Terra Nova Testing

Oct. 3: Pepperoni Rill

Girls Basketball @ Seton – Meadville
JV @ 6:30 PM

Oct. 5: No School – Teacher In-Service

Oct. 8: No School – Columbus Day

Oct. 4: Jeans Day – No Charge

Oct. 5: Faculty In-service – No School

Oct. 10: Grandparent Breakfast Reservation Due
Pepperoni Roll with Chips
Girls JV Bball @ St. Stephens, Oil City
JV @ 6:30 PM

Oct. 11: Jeans Day – No Charge

Oct. 12: Pizza Day

Girls JV Basketball – Home 6 PM

Oct. 15: Turkey Sub with chips

Educational Advisory Committee

Oct. 16: Grandparent Mass and Donuts Group A

Oct. 17: Pepperoni Roll with chips

Oct. 18: Dress Down Day - \$1.00 to Benefit
Pink Angels of Greenville

See handbook for guidelines for Dress
Down Day.

Oct. 19: Grandparent Mass and Donut Group B
Pizza

Oct. 20: SMS Family Night @ Coolspring Maze
in Mercer (6PM – closing)

Oct. 22: Turkey Sub with chips

Oct. 24: Pepperoni Roll with chips

Last day to turn in money if paying

monthly for hot lunch, pizza, subs, milk

Oct. 25: Jeans Day – No Charge

Oct. 26: Pizza Day

Class Halloween Parties (1:00 to 2:15)

Oct. 29: Turkey Sub

Oct. 30: End of 1st Grading Period

Thiel Symphony – Grades 3 – 8.

Oct. 31: Pepperoni Roll with chips

Last day to wear uniform shorts

NOVEMBER PARTIAL CALENDAR

Nov. 1: All Saints Day Mass

Nov. 2: All Souls Day

Nov. 5: Turkey Sub

Nov. 6: Report Card Day

Nov. 7: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll

Nov. 8: **Noon Dismissal** – NO SAFE

Jeans Day

Parent Conferences 2:30 – 7:30 PM

Nov. 9: No School – Teacher Spiritual Retreat

Nov. 10: Caribbean Night – Adult event

Nov. 21: Noon Dismissal – NO SAFE

Nov. 22 – 26: Thanksgiving Vacation



**Thursday – November 8th
PreK – Grade 8 Conferences
2:30 – 7:30 PM**

Please call the school office (starting November 2nd) to schedule a conference with your child's teacher. If this day and time is not convenient, please contact your child's teacher for an alternate day and time.

Thank you.

We Stand Proud

Seventh Grade Class Officers

President: Hemilynn Brazel

Vice President: James Brocklehurst

Secretary: Cooper Riley

Treasurer: Kierstin Barger & Andrew Small

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

If you are not receiving the Blackboard Connect messages, please contact the school office. We may need to update your name in the system.

GRADE BOOK AND HOMEWORK

TeacherEase posting for homework and gradebook is up and running. If you are not able to log on please notify your child's teacher or the school office. You do need an email address to set up your account.

SAFE – NOON DISMISSALS
**On days of Noon dismissals,
there is no SAFE afterschool.**



Family Fun Night

**Join our St. Michael School family at the
Coolspring Corn Maze – Mercer, PA
Saturday, Oct. 20: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Admission Cost: \$9.50**

The PTO will have a "Private Campfire" and table. Bring the s'mores, hotdogs and chairs. If you have little ones and wish to go earlier, just let them know at admissions that you're with the Saint Michael PTO group.

A Special Thank You

Girls Basketball – Home Games

Thank you to the parents who signed up to work the home games during the girls' basketball season.

SMS SPIRITWEAR



Are you looking for gifts for Christmas yet?

A perfect gift would be something from the SMS Spiritwear collection. A new SMS Spiritwear order will be available soon.

A reminder that SMS hooded sweatshirts may not be worn in the classroom. However, regular spirit sweatshirts may be worn with school uniforms. If you have any questions about SMS Spiritwear, please contact Kathy Leonard at 724-456-8884.



What does a homeroom parent do? Assist teachers at class parties, first choice to attend class field trips, and most importantly – spend time with you child and get to know classmates.

Homeroom Parents

PreK: Katie Forcier
Kindergarten: Mr. Linnon
Grade 1: Carrie Hipkins
Grade 2: Jill Harpst
Grade 4: Deanna Loreno
Grade 5: Shannon Scullin
Grade 6: Heather Pflieger
Grade 7: Jessica Brocklehurst
Grade 8: Mike Peterson/Amy Hooks

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

Parent volunteers are very important to Saint Michael School. Your donation of time is very much appreciated. Mrs. Erdesky is responsible for maintaining clearance records for the school.

Occasional Volunteer – required minimal clearances. Parents are under the supervision of the classroom teacher or do not have direct contact with the children.

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

****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.***



SAVE THE DATE GET YOUR TICKET NOW! Saint Michael School Caribbean Night

Saturday, November 10 – Lateran Hall

Tickets \$15 or \$20 at the Door
6 – 10 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM.

Ticket includes dinner, a choice of beverage
(Margarita, beer, water, or soda)

Additional beverages available
with raffle ticket purchases

Raffle: Adirondack chairs and Yeti Cooler.

Bring your own table snacks.

This event is for those 21 and over. A flyer will be sent home. Gather a table and come out for a fun night. This event is open to the community. Caribbean games and DJ with themed music.

HOT LUNCH

October 9 - Penne pasta & meatball, salad, bread, dessert

November 13 - Thanksgiving lunch - Roast turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, bread, cookie

JEANS DAY – There will be jeans days on October 4th, 11th, and 25th at no charge to students. Students are to wear either a uniform shirt, SMS t-shirt or SMS sweatshirt. No hoodies are permitted.

Dress Down Day – Thursday, October 18th to benefit the Pink Angels of Greenville to help

those dealing with the expense of cancer treatment. Cost: \$1.00 per student or additional donation.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS: The following are permissible on dress-down days: jeans, khakis, cargo pants, cords, athletic pants (no tear-away pants), 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 posterior. 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.

Dress down day and jeans day are not to be confused. Dress-Down and Jeans Day clothing should be acceptable for a Catholic school student. Modesty and self-respect should be observed.

LUNCH/MILK MONTHLY PAYMENTS

If you are paying by the month, payment for the month of November is due Wednesday, Oct. 24.



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easy way for our school to earn cash. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ and they add up fast! Please continue to save the box tops from selected items 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.

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4. You're done! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to register, too.

Halloween Party and All Saints Day



Halloween Party and Costumes

Students in grades PreK – 8 will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 26, in the afternoon from 12:30 – 2:15. Weather permitting, students will parade outside at 12:45. Parents are invited to watch the students as they parade. If raining, the parade will be cancelled. **Class parties are not open to parents or guests** - only homeroom parents (if all their clearances have been returned to the school).

Parents are reminded that students are not to wear any costume that depicts violence, blood, or gore (this included Zombies). Costumes are to be in keeping with Christian values that we promote at St. Michael School. Please choose a costume that does not require an adult's assistance in getting ready. Costumes are to be sent to school in a bag with your child's name.

All Saints Day Mass

Students will be attending Mass on Thursday, November 1, at 9 AM. Students are asked to dress as their favorite Saint for this Mass. They may stay dressed as a Saint for the entire day or bring in their school uniform to change in to after Mass.

Thank you,
Mrs. Kremm