



School Days News!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 27 – February 2

Celebrating SMS 120th Anniversary of Education

Catholic Schools Week offers an annual opportunity to engage the community and demonstrate what makes our school stand out.

CSW 2018 Daily Themes and Celebrations

Sunday – January 27

Celebrate Your Parish

11:00 AM – Opening Mass for students & families.
Dress: SMS sport jerseys, cheer uniforms, school uniform, or dress-up. Come show your SMS Pride.
Breakfast to follow in Lateran Hall with RSVP

Monday – January 28

Celebrate Your Community

AM: Jump/Hoops with Hearts
Dress: Dress Down Day \$1 – All funds will go to the American Heart Association. Other donations greatly appreciated.

Tuesday – January 29

Celebrating Your Nation

9:00 AM – Mass for Veterans with Bishop Persico
All school picture with Bishop Persico
10:00 AM – Program to Honor our Veterans
11:00 AM – Lunch for Students and Veterans
Dress: School Uniforms

Wednesday – January 30

Celebrating Your Students

12:30 PM - Upper grades read to buddy grades
Dress: Jeans and t-shirt
Family Bowling Party in Evening sponsored by PTO

Thursday – January 31

Celebrating Vocations

12:10 PM – Movie in Lateran Hall sponsored by PTO

6:30 – 7:30 PM - Open House

Dress: Long PJ pants and appropriate top with slippers

Friday – February 1

Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers (Teacher Appreciation Day)

9:00 AM – Closing Mass – First Friday

Smiley Cookie

8th grade Breakfast after Mass

Noon dismissal – No lunch or afterschool SAFE

Dress: School uniform

Saturday – February 2

Celebrating Families

Steak Dinner – Proceeds benefit SMS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 **mandating** the establishment and use of the “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) anonymous reporting system by every Pennsylvania school entity by January 14, 2019

S2SS is a life-saving and changing school safety program that teaches students, educators, and administrators how: (1) to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others and (2) to anonymously report this information through the S2SS app, website, or 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline. An overview of how the program works and will be implemented in schools will be discussed with handouts to parents at the in-service.

Parent/Guardian ONLY In-service: January 14, 6:30 PM, Lateran Hall for parents/guardians of children in grades 5 – 8.
Students grades 5-8 will be trained on January 15.



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Erin Scullin Basketball Tournament

This year's Erin Scullin Tournament - January 4-5-6, 2019 at Lateran Hall. With the blessing of Erin's parents and family, we hold this tournament named in her memory for JV (5th-6th grade) teams in the region. This year, we will again honor the memory of Miss Mary Pat McParland, who initiated this tournament, with the Heart of a Champion Award. Thank you to everyone that volunteered to work and also made donations of canned pop, sports drinks, water, and food items. Good Luck to our team.

or by calling 724-588-7050. All funds benefit our school.

LUNCH MONEY DUE DATE

Pizza, hot lunch, turkey sub, ham sub, pepperoni roll, milk or jeans day money for February is due Wednesday, January 30, if paying by month or remainder of year. Any money received after that date will be applied to March payments.



CLASS DOJO

If you need to get in touch with a teacher during the school day, please call the school office. Teachers don't always see the "dojo" or email until after school.

Volunteers needed for annual steak dinner school fundraiser on Feb. 2. Set-up, cashiers, servers, table clean-up, kitchen help, etc. – Call the school if you can assist in any way.



Saint Michael School Steak Dinner Fundraiser



SMS Cheerleading Competition

The SMS Cheerleaders are sponsoring their annual competition on Saturday, February 16 at Kennedy Catholic High School.

Anyone wishing to advertise in the program for the SMS Cheerleading Competition, please call the school office for more information.

St. Michael School Steak Dinner will be held on **Saturday, February 2** in Lateran Hall. Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 8:00PM. Take-out orders are available. Enjoy an 8 oz. locally raised black Angus steak, baked potato, vegetable, bread, and salad bar, wine, soft drinks, and desserts. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. Tickets are available at the Church or School office, Knights of Columbus,



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WE ARE IRISH PROUD

*Of the students of Saint Michael School for being Service Minded and so giving to others. During the month of December, we raised money for the Prince of Peace Center. This month our dress down day will benefit the American Heart Association.

*Grades PreK – 8 for preparing our hearts with the great Christmas program and band concert.

*Grades 7 and 8 for visiting St. Paul's and drivers Deacon Frank and Mrs. Brocklehurst.

*Alumnus John-Michael Yuriscic performed with the Erie Ballet Theatre in the Nutcracker. He was part of the Party Men and Arabian Men. His skill was needed to perform the lifts of the ballerinas.

*Alumna Halle Murcko who is currently at the top of the Mercer County girls basketball stats as a Freshman. She plays for Reynolds.

ATTENDANCE and TRUANCY

Just a reminder - IT'S the PA LAW - Any student that misses more than 10 days of school is required to present a doctor's excuse for *all subsequent absences* for them to be considered excused. SMS is required to report unexcused absences.

BOOT and COAT REMINDER

A reminder that the only outerwear permitted during the school day is the SMS fleece jacket by SchoolBelles or Kathy's Kreations or a white or navy blue cardigan sweater.

Grades PreK – 5 are reminder to bring outerwear as students do go outside for recess unless extremely cold. Students are to bring shoes to change in to. ***Boots are not permitted to be worn in the classroom.***

January Calendar of Events

- Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary.
Happy New Year.
- Jan.3: School Resumes
- Jan. 4-6: Erin Scullin GJVBB Tournament
- Jan. 5: BBB away @ St. Patrick – 3 PM
- Jan. 6: Swim Meet in Erie – 12:15 PM
- Jan. 7: Lunch – Turkey Sub with chips

- Jan. 8: PTO Hot Lunch
Dibel Testing – Grades K – 6
- Jan. 9: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll with chips
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- Jan. 10: Jeans Day
- Jan. 11: Lunch - Pizza
- Jan. 12: Home JV Boys Basketball
St. Stephens @ 11 AM
Cheer Competition @ PSU Behrend
- Jan. 13: Home JV Boys Basketball
St. Patrick @ 1 PM with Cheer
Swim Meet in Erie – 12:15 PM
- Jan. 14: Lunch – Turkey sub with chips
**SAFE 2 SAY SOMETHING
PARENT MEETING for
parents/guardians with children in
grades 5 -8 and any parents who
wish to attend are invited
6:30 PM - Lateran Hall**
- Jan. 15: **SAFE 2 SAY Something training
for students in grades 5 – 8.**
- Jan. 16: Lunch – Pepperoni Roll with chips
Academic Game – Presidents - SRU
- Jan. 17: Cyber Citizenship Assembly
presented by the Attorney General's
Office for grades 6 – 8.
Jeans Day
Grading Period Ends
- Jan. 18: Lunch – Pizza
Second Semester Begins
- Jan. 20: Swim Meet – 4 PM
- Jan. 21: No School – Martin Luther King
Teacher in-service Day
Education Advisory Committee
Meeting @ 7 PM – SMR Church
- Jan. 23: Lunch - Pepperoni Roll with Chips
Grades 7/8 @ St. Paul's
Report Cards issued
- Jan. 24: Boys JV Bball @ Seton 6:30 PM
No Cheerleaders at game
Jeans Day
- Jan. 25: Lunch - Pizza
- Jan. 26: Boys JV Bball home @ 11 am
with cheerleaders

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Feb. 3: Boys JV Bball @ St. Stephens 1 PM

Inclement Weather

With weather delays and cancellations already happening, please be advised that **Saint Michael School will make an independent decision on whether to delay or cancel school.** This is not decided by our surrounding public schools. Parents will be notified through our Blackboard Alert system, KDKA TV, and on the Youngstown TV channels and Channel 12 in Erie. If you do not get these channels or the Blackboard Alert system, please notify the school office.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

REMINDER

Financial Aid packets for Diocese EITC and Shenango Valley EITC will be sent home in January. If applying, make arrangements with your tax filer so that deadline can be met. Please be sure to return by the deadline and include all information that has been requested. We regret that the school does not have control over deadlines and if mailed late. Questions may be addressed to Mrs. Nancy Kremm, Principal or Mrs. Heather Pflieger, Advancement.