

## Special Events for August and September 2020

**Please note—For all of these school activities, face masks must be worn.**

**Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7** (1 p.m-2) and (2 p.m-3). sessions) **“Math Boot Camp”** for brushing up on pre-Algebra skills (if recommended, only). If you’ve not registered, there are still slots available for 2 p.m. Please call the school to register. Cost is \$50, by check or cash, on the first day.

**Cardinal Day Instructions:** *Please Read Carefully*

**Wednesday, August 5** (9 a.m. until 12 noon) or **Thursday, August 6** (5 p.m. until 7) **“Cardinal Day.”** Please come any time within this time frame on either of these two days.

A. For returning students, parents do not need to come. However, students must bring four things:

- Your Chromebook and cord from last year (which you’ll be asked to plug in and sign onto blackbaud, to check that it’s working)
  - A signed consent form, by both parents and student, agreeing to school policies
  - A fully edited and reviewed “family data sheet,” checked and signed by your parents
  - A completed medical form—sorry, we must update this each year.
- Students, if you forget any of these 4 things, we’ll ask you to go home and get them before registering. Returning students will go directly to the cafeteria. If you bring everything correctly, and can log into blackbaud on your Chromebook, this could go quickly!

B. For new students (freshmen and transfers), we ask that both a parent and child come to Cardinal Day. You will begin in the gym lobby. You should bring three things:

- A signed consent form, by both parents and student, agreeing to school policies
- A fully edited and reviewed “family data sheet,” with signature
- A completed medical form

In addition to these things, we will show students and families how to log onto their email and black baud accounts.

Normally, this would also be the time we issue student chrome books to students. By virtue of your fees, every new student in the school is issued a Chromebook for a four year lease. But due to supply chain issues related to the epidemic, we’ve been told they won’t arrive until September or possibly October.

Here’s how we’d like to proceed until then: Every student will need some sort of computer to work with to begin the year. If you don’t have a computer at home, we will issue you a used Chromebook from previous years until such time as the new Chrome books arrive, and then trade out the older computer for the new one. Our supply of older Chrome books is limited, however. So if you have a workable solution at home, we ask that you allow someone else with a true need to use our older Chrome books.

These arrangements with each family will be made during Cardinal Day.

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**Friday, August 7 (late)** St. Michael will publish a **revised re-entry plan**, following feedback from our draft version and the advice of doctors and nurses who met with school administration to review the draft plan. Parents wishing to have their child distance learn for the first three days of school will be able to access a request form to do so, to be turned in by Monday., August 10 This will be for the following week only.

**Saturday, August 8** (9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.) **New Parent Orientation** in gym. A light “bagged breakfast” will be provided (but coffee drinkers beware—no coffee!) Social distancing will be observed. We will introduce you to all things St. Michael and end with a Q/A session.

**Monday, August 10** (8:30 until 11:30) **New Student Orientation and House Sorting.** All NEW students must bring their schedules and be in full uniform. Students will meet their advisors, review policies, do a “mock” run-through of their classes following a quick bell schedule, meet their classmates, and be assigned to their House. The purpose of the day is to put students at ease for opening day.

**Monday, August 10** (by noon, please)—**Request forms for distance learning** for first three days of school will be due in office.

**Tuesday, August 11: Office will be closed** until 1 p.m. due to Archdiocesan In-service

**Wednesday, August 12** (7:45 until noon) **Opening day** of school! A half day. Full uniform. Please arrange to pick up your child at noon.

**Thursday, August 20**, (6:30 p.m.) “**Back to School Night**”—meet your child’s teachers. Bring your child’s MONDAY schedule. (If you forget, we’ll have copies for you). Due to social distancing norms, upon arrival at St. Michael, we ask that you go directly to your child’s first period class. After some opening announcements from me via intercom, we will ring bells and send you to each of your child’s 8 classes. It’s a wonderful way to get a sense of what your children do each day and who their teachers are.

**Wednesday, August 26** (6:30 p.m.) **NHS Induction Dinner**—in our cafeteria, for all those juniors nominated for NHS in the Spring, delayed from Covid19. Information will be forthcoming via students from Mrs. Treutel, NHS moderator.

**Friday, August 28** (7 p.m.) **Opening Football Game of Season**, Home at Volanta Park, Fairhope, vs. MacIntosh

**Wednesday, September 2** (10:40 a.m.) **Seniors Only—Mass and Ring Ceremony**, in gymnasium. Seniors and their parents only, please. This was delayed due to Covid19 last spring.

**September 14-18: Homecoming Week; Dance @PZK Hall on September 19** (we will make a determination closer to the event to make sure health requirements will allow us to host a dance; otherwise the dance will be rescheduled)