



St. Michael Catholic School



Coming Events

- Noon dismissal: Friday, January 10th for Staff Development
- No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Monday, January 20th
- MAP Winter Testing window: January 21st-February 12th
- Spelling Bee: Friday January 24th
- Catholic School Week, January 24th -January 31st
- No School- Staff Development, Friday February 14th
- No School: Presidents' Holiday, February 17th-19th
- School Resumes: Thursday, February 20th.

St Michael's Tuesday Newsletter January 7th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope your break was a restful and rejuvenating one and that you were able to spend quality time with your family and friends. We return to a busy and exciting month. Of important note beginning this month are the changes to the Booster Seat Law. The portion of the law that impacts schools is as follows: a booster seat is required for all students who are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches. Children under the age of 2 should be secured in a rear-facing car seat. Children under the age of 4 should be secured in a forward-facing car seat (until they outgrow it). The law eliminates any guesswork for parents; height, not age is the key.

Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing—January 21st - February 12th

The mid-term testing is optional for our school. We have elected to have our students participate in the testing for two reasons. First, to determine growth. Second, to provide data for the teachers so that they can plan need-based instructional strategies to support and enrich their classes. The testing schedule is similar to the fall testing. Below is the schedule:

Week 1—(January 21 – January 23) Middle School

Week 2—(January 27 - January 30) Grades 5 & 6

Week 3—(February 3 - February 6) Grades 3 & 4

Week 4—(February 10 - February 13) Grade 2

Catholic School Week —January 24th - January 31st

Catholic School Week is a time for Catholic Schools across the nation to extend appreciation for support given to the schools. This support comes from parents, parishioners, the archdiocese, local community, and our staff. The theme for this year is: "**Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**" During this week we are planning an "Information Night" for prospective families on Thursday, January 30th at 7pm. If you know of any interested families, please let them know about the date.

Peace,

Karen Matthews

Principal

Inclement Weather Procedures

If we need to close the school or have a late start the first place to check is the St. Michael School Website: www.smpschoool.org and Facebook.

Here are some other communication avenues you may check:

King 5 TV, radio and website: www.kingtv.com

Komo TV, radio and website: www.komonews.com

Parents Club News

Hello St. Michael's Parents! New Year brings new fun and opportunity. Parents Club would like to start a Lego Club on Tuesdays or Thursdays for K-3rd grade. We need two volunteers that would be available after school on either of these days to make this happen.

If you are interested, please contact the Parent Club or the school office.

Thank you!

Friendly Reminder:

If your child is late for school (arriving after 8:30 am) they must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian, and get a tardy slip from the office before going into their classroom.

Attendance Procedure

If your student is going to be late/absent or leaving early, please call Cassie Chhin in the school office at 360-568-0821 ext:102

Drop Off/Pick Up

Just a reminder that all students (Pre-8) are dropped off in the morning downstairs. Our teachers use their mornings to prepare for the day. There will always be a staff member downstairs by 8:20 to supervise the children and help with drop off.