



St. Michael Catholic School



Coming Events

- MAP Winter Testing window: January 21st-February 12th
- Catholic School Week, January 24th-January 31st
- Lego Club: Thursday, February 6th.
- Pizza Friday: February 7th.
- Taming Technology: Great Conversations for Parents & Children, Wednesday, February 12th 7pm
- No School- Staff Development, Friday February 14th
- No School: Presidents' Holiday, February 17th-19th
- School Resumes: Thursday, February 20th.
- Science Fair: Thursday, February 27th
- School Annual Auction: Saturday, March 7th

St Michael's Tuesday Newsletter January 28th, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we are grateful for the privilege of serving our parish community through the ministry of Catholic education. A rigorous academic curriculum infused with the solid, life-affirming values of our Catholic culture and spirituality is at the heart of St. Michael School. We are guided by the message from Pope Francis:

The education of children and young people is such an important task in forming them as free and responsible human beings. It affirms their dignity as an inalienable gift that flows from our original creation as children made in the image and likeness of God. And because education truly forms human beings, it is especially the duty and responsibility of the Church, who is called to serve mankind from the heart of God and in such a way that no other institution can.

~~~Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (Pope Francis)

**Information Night: Gentle Reminder to encourage families who are interested in a Catholic education to attend our annual Information Night, Thursday evening, January 30th, at 7pm in the school. We will begin with an overview of our school programs and mission and end with a question session and tour of the school. The Parents Club are hosting the event.**

Since we are in midst of the stomach bug/flu/cold season, a gentle reminder to please keep your sick child home for at **least 24 hours** after the fever is gone. The fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Hopefully the flu season will be over soon. We appreciate your cooperation.

Peace,

Karen Matthews

Principal

## GeoBee

This year, our students in grades 4-8 will be participating in the National Geographic GeoBee, an annual competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world.

A few upcoming dates to note:

- **Jan. 28-29:**
- Students will participate in a **classroom GeoBees**. Interested in helping in your students classroom as a timekeeper or scorekeeper? Let us know.
- **Feb. 4:**
- The top 10 students from grades 4-8 will participate in the **school-wide GeoBee** to name a school champion. Mark your calendars for 1pm to join us and support your students. Can you help as a timekeeper or scorekeeper? Let us know.

A huge thanks to the Parents Club for sponsoring this event and to Mrs. Blum, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bartelheimer and Mr. Egan for preparing students and inspiring them to understand the world and all that it is in it.

## Auction News

Join us for our 13th Annual St. Michael Catholic School Auction “Down the Rabbit Hole” March 7<sup>th</sup> in the large hall. You can purchase tickets for \$75 each in the school office or register on-line at <https://smpschoolejoinme.org/MyEvents/DowntheRabbitHole>.

## Parents Club News

Lego Club will begin Thursday, Feb 6th for grades K-3. We are still looking for one more parent volunteer to help with Lego Club. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up forms.

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-K-8th) 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.**