From the Principal's Desk: Ms. Laurie Cathcart

OCTOBER VIRTUE ASSEMBLY • This will be held Monday, Nov. 4th at 8:45 am in the gym. Winning families will be notified on Friday, Nov. 1st.

REPORT CARDS AND WHAT THEY MEAN • Report cards serve the purpose of informing children how they are doing. This can mean two things: Do they know the material or are they producing what they are capable of doing. The best advice I can give all of you is to focus on what your children can learn from the grades rather than focusing on getting all A’s, especially in elementary and middle school. This is difficult in today’s world because of what society emphasizes. Reflecting on the grades will allow children to gain so much more wisdom on how to become successful students in the future.

I shared this quote last year but it is always nice to be reminded again: “Live your faith in society, don’t let society guide your faith.”

CONFERENCES • Conferences for K-8 only are on Nov. 6 & 7. Confirmation slips will go home tomorrow, Fri., Nov. 1st. Any adjustments can be made by calling your teacher or Mrs. Mooney beginning Mon., Nov. 4th.

Progress reports will be sent home to all preschoolers both in the Fall and Spring. Fall reports will be sent home Nov. 7 & 8. In February, conferences for 4 year olds will be scheduled to help determine kindergarten readiness.

DRESS CODE REMINDER • According to the handbook, shorts are not to be worn after October 31st. Beginning Friday, November 1st, students wearing shorts will be asked to call their parent to bring in the proper dress code clothing. Thank you for your support on this matter.

MSU CONCESSIONS • We have currently worked 5 football games which brought in approx. $2,700! We have two more to go and we are now entering basketball season. I can’t say thank you enough to all those who have volunteered so far. It has been nice seeing new faces. The proceeds help offset the school budget and help us keep our textbooks current. So far we have been able to update our math textbooks and purchase the Edmentum (Exact Path) program which directly supports each student in the building. To volunteer see page 2 for details. Remember to complete a background check, which is found in this messenger MSU article, to be able to work. If you think that you are going to work later in the season, you can complete a background check now to avoid doing it last minute.

OUR FIRST SCHOOL WIDE SERVICE PROJECT • Is helping with the community Thanksgiving Meal. They are asking for the list of items, assigned by grade level, on page 3. All donations are needed by 11:00 am on Friday, November 15th. Items may be dropped off in the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.
Fuel Up To Play 60 Needs You!

4-8 grade Parents, Fuel Up to Play 60 has been a part of our school for the last 7 years and I, Laurie Mooney, have been the program advisor for this group. I need to step back from this role and would love a parent to take over Fuel Up to Play 60 to keep the presence in our school. The program provides all the material and support to maintain it. I would help you along the way to make the transition easy. Please contact me 517-627-2167 if you have questions and would consider this great opportunity to get involved.

Our first project is Treats for Troops and After-School Dodgeball to give you an idea what being the program Advisor involves. Thank you in advance for considering taking on this fun role for our school.

MSU Men’s Basketball Games

Our school is volunteering at MSU Men’s Basketball games again this season. I’ve listed a few dates & times that we need volunteers: more to follow.

November 10 and arrive at 4:30pm
November 18 and arrive at 4pm
December 3 and arrive at 7pm
December 8 and arrive at 4:30pm

MSU provides free parking and a free food item while working the event. All volunteers (including 14-18 year olds) need to have a background check at no cost. The permission to allow MSU to run a check can be completed by filling out an on-line application. Only one background check per person is needed during the 2019-20 year. Here is the link for the background check and the online application to allow MSU to run a background check which is a simple process.

https://concessions.rhs.msu.edu/volunteer-application-and-background-check-authorization-form

For additional information, or a calendar of all upcoming events, please contact Lisa Fox at LFox@mea.org. This will be a huge money maker for St. Michael School and we need your help!! Thank you in advance for becoming a member of our St. Michael Concessions Team!
GL Thanksgiving Meal Service Project

Donations needed for Community Thanksgiving Meal. All donations are DUE by 11:00am on Friday, November 15th. Items may be dropped off in the school office.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Here are the items needed:
Preschool—Corn (NOT creamed)
Kindergarten—Plastic Table Cloths
First Grade—French Cut Green Beans
Second Grade—Cream of Mushroom Soup
Third Grade—Canned Fried Onions (for green bean casserole)
Fourth Grade—Cranberry Sauce (jellied or whole)
Fifth Grade—Dozen Packages of Dinner rolls
Sixth Grade—5 lb bags of Potatoes
Seventh/Eighth Grade—Pies (pumpkin or fruit)

Reconciliation and Eucharistic Preparation

St. Michael School and Parish Calendar
Dates for Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist Preparation

All workshops are held in the St Michael Parish Fellowship Hall, Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

Reconciliation
September 19 Parent Orientation
October 17 Parent/Child Workshop I
November 21 Parent/Child Workshop II
December 5 First Reconciliation Celebration in the Church, 6:00 pm

Eucharist
January 16 Parent Orientation
February 20 Parent/Child Workshop I
March 19 Parent/Child Workshop II
April 30 Pictures and Practice, Church, 6:00 pm
May 2 First Eucharist Celebration in the Church, 4:30 pm OR
May 3 First Eucharist Celebration in the Church, 8:30 am and 11:00 am

For more information please contact Jennifer Nelson, Coordinator of Family/Child/RCIA at 627-8493 or email: jennifernelson@stmichaelgl.org
Our MSU Concessions team is looking for volunteers for the MSU Football games on November 9th and 30th, 2019. MSU provides free parking and a free food item while working the event. All volunteers (including 14-18 year olds) need to have a background check at no cost. The permission to allow MSU to run a check can be completed by filling out an on-line application. Only one background check per person is needed during the 2019-20 year. The online application to allow MSU to run a background check is a simple process. The background check link follows:

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Treats for Troops

It’s that time again! Wondering what to do with all that Halloween candy?? Once again St. Michael and FUTP60 will be collecting Halloween candy for our Troops serving overseas. Students can donate part, or all, of their collected Halloween candy by turning it into their classroom collection box. As an incentive, the classrooms with 100% participation will be eligible to win a prize to be announced.

Donations, accepted Friday, November 1st until Wednesday, November 6th for the Blue Star Moms, will be used to make card packages for our U.S. Soldiers.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!! Please contact Laurie Mooney for questions 627-2167.
Hi Everyone.

We can’t believe how fast the school year is going already….It’s NOVEMBER!!! Trunk or Treat was great, THANK YOU to all the families that participated this year! The kids enjoyed pumpkin decorating, collecting candy and the parents got a chance to mingle. Congratulations to Mr. Bernard with GLFD who won “best trunk” this year! We hope you all enjoyed it!

UPCOMING PTO EVENTS:

November 20th  PTO Meeting

December 6th  PTO Craft Bazaar

December 7th  Grand Ledge Parade

If you’re interested in attending a PTO meeting to see what we’re all about, reach out to your room rep., contact us on Facebook or stmichaelglpto@gmail.com. PTO Meetings are generally the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the school library.

PTO Committee

Heather Klopp, PTO President
Laura Vieth, Treasurer

Amy Korte, Vice President
Tricia Smith, Secretary

Room Reps:

Preschool Tu/Th  Brianna Smith
Preschool MWF  Nicole Brewer
Preschool M-Th/F  Renee Moore
Kindergarten  Sarah Montero
1st Gr.  Grace Keyes
2nd Gr.  Candice Messina
3rd Gr.  Rashmi Travis
4th Gr.  Jill Dawson
5th Gr.  Ondrea Bernard/Alison Walczak
6th Gr.  Kurt Gorski
7th Gr.  Dawn Goodman
8th Gr.  Rose McCrackin/Laurie Thorpe
VOLLEYBALL WRAP UP!

5/6th: Avery Klopp enjoyed her first ever season. A memorable moment for her was serving 3 points to win 25-22 in a second set and advance her team to another round in the tournament. She's not a spiker yet, but is hoping to change that in the future.

7/8th: Kylie Goodman’s team ended the season in exciting fashion...winning the league tournament last Sunday! First up in the semifinals, they beat St. Thomas (Green) for the 3rd time this season, winning convincingly 25-16, 25-15. Next up in the championship was the only opponent we lost to (and twice) this season, undefeated St. Thomas (white). It was super competitive and had the fans loving it. The girls were determined to change their luck against this team. Hard fought wins of 25-20, 25-23 put the trophy in the St. Gerard girls’ hands. Kylie relished being her teams’ go-to attacker—when we needed points, the setters were quick to get her the ball. Her best memories will surely be the awesome friends that she made and how hard this team worked.

BOYS’ BASKETBALL: St. Michael has teamed up with a member CYAC school for the coming season. Playing with OSL for the 6th grade team is Cooper Parks, Drew Birchmeier, & Jack Sieszputowski. 7th grader Ben Weston will be suiting up with the OSL 7/8th grade team. We look forward to hearing about their seasons!
Hello St. Michael School,

Your Student Council is once again sponsoring Out-of-Dress Code Days for a dollar this year. We are not sure what cause the donations will be going towards yet, but we will let you know as soon as our Student Council makes a decision. These events will take place on the first Tuesday of every month; below you will find a list of the dates. Please refer to the Student Handbook for Out-of-Dress Code for those days. Thank you for your donations.

November 5, 2019
December 3, 2019
January 7, 2020
February 4, 2020
April 7, 2020
May 5, 2020

Ryan and Kylie