



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

December 11th - Grade 8 Confirmation Class, 7:00 PM

December 12th - Faculty/Staff Mtg - no extra help

December 13th - 15th - SMS Holiday Shop

December 15th - Advent Confessions at St. Joseph, 6:30-7:30 PM

December 15th - Jr. Youth Group at St. Joseph, 7 PM

Sr. Youth Group at St. Michaels, 7 PM

December 21st - SMS Christmas Concert, 1 PM

December 22nd - Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM;

*Christmistas Vacation Begins at the Close of School

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

Advent - Week Two - Peace: Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act. It is a testimony to the power of light over darkness. As we light this second candle of Advent, we continue our journey to Christmas. The second candle of Advent is called the Peace candle; as we anticipate Christmas, let us remember the birth of the Prince of Peace.

SMS Holiday Shop, Wednesday, December 13 to Friday, December 15th, 2023

As announced earlier we have chosen to offer our children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and friends this year through our SMS Holiday Shop. The shop will run from Wednesday, December 13th - Friday, December 15th. The gift items are "Kid Priced;" most of the items are in the \$1.00 to \$10.00 range. It is our hope that through this program our children will learn about handling money and receive the joy of being able to select a special gift for a loved one.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - December, Monday, December 18th, 2023

The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" is an enjoyable and simple opportunity for our students to engage while showcasing their artistic abilities. Cash prize.

Knights of Columbus, Mrgr Jean A. Prevost Council 12380, Scholarship Application - Thursday, December 21st, 2023

This an opportunity for potential scholarships offered by the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Prevost Council #12380, for our students. Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, financial need, service in the community and church, and other academic pursuits. I urge every student to apply for this scholarship. Last year, we had multiple students awarded scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 each. Kindly fill out the student application (with essay) that is attached by Thursday, December 21st. To discuss this, please get in touch with me directly if you have any questions.

Save the Date: SMS Christmas Concert - December 21, 2023

Please join us on Thursday, December 21st at 1 PM in St. Michael School Hall for a Christmas Concert featuring our All-School Choir, and Kindergarten through Fourth Grade music classes.

Save the Date: SMS Open House - Sunday, January 28th, 2024

SMS has scheduled an Open House for Sunday, January 28th from 11AM-1PM. Please pass along this information to families with young children that you may know and might be interested in our school. We appreciate everyone's effort to spread the word about our parish school

Save the Date: SMS Wine Tasting - Saturday, February 3rd, 2024

Save the date of Saturday, February 3rd for the 12th annual St. Michael School Wine and Appetizer Tasting fundraiser. The event features wine, beer, spirits and appetizer tasting, as well as dancing, raffles and a silent auction. Please contact the parish office if you would like to sponsor this event or purchase your tickets.

The Virtue of the month - December: Moderation

Also known as: Restraint. Definition of Moderation: Attention to balance in one's life.

Prayer for Moderation: Dear Jesus, help me to keep a balance in my life, using created things properly and in the right amount that is best for me. I need Your help to set limits for myself in doing things that I enjoy. Moderation Looks Like: Taking the time each day to pray. Moderation Sounds Like: I spent time praying today

December Prayer

The Angelus

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

Response: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

(L) Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

(R) Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

(L) And the Word was made Flesh:

(R) And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

(L) Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

(R) That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(L) Let us pray:

(ALL) Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.