



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

November 14th - Faculty/Staff Mtg. - No Extra Help

November 15th - BayCoast Bank's School Banking Program - 11:30 AM

November 15th - Share Our Faith - 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish Center

November 17th - Jr./Sr. Youth Group - 6-8 PM at SMS Hall

November 17th - Thanksgiving cookie and pie pick up - 2-5:30 PM at SMS Hall

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

- November 21st - 6:30 PM (St. Michael's)
- November 22nd - 6:30 PM (St. Joseph's)
- November 23rd - 9 AM (St. Joseph's)

November 22nd - Early Dismissal 11:30 AM/No Aftercare

November 23rd and 24th - No school/Happy Thanksgiving

December 3rd - Mary Wick Scholarship Luncheon - 1 PM

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

I hope everyone had a meaningful Veterans Day. It was a time for us to honor the brave men and women who have served our country and protected the freedoms we hold dear. The respect and gratitude shown by our students during various activities were truly touching, and I want to commend each and every one of them for their thoughtfulness. As we transition from Veterans Day, our focus now turns toward another important aspect of our school community - giving back. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we are excited to continue our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This initiative allows us to come together as a community to support those in need and embody the spirit of gratitude that defines this season. The success of our Thanksgiving Food Drive depends on the collective effort of our entire school community. I am confident that, once again, we will rise to the occasion and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

BayCoast Bank's School Banking Program! - Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

School Banking (Pre-K Through Grade 8) - This program is designed to give students in Pre-K through Grade 8 the opportunity to learn the basics of saving money. Bank representatives visit SMS on a regularly scheduled "Banking Day" and help students open their accounts, fill out deposit slips, and accept deposits. Students learn first-hand how to save money and how banks work while having the opportunity to speak with bank staff.

Share Our Faith Event - Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

The next "Share Our Faith" Adult Faith Formation presentation is on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish Center. Father Jay will present on the topic "What Jesus Offers Us; the Crib, the Cross, Confession and Communion."

SMS Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - Friday, November 17, 2023

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection finishes soon. Our school, along with our parishes will collect non-perishable food items. Each class will be given an opportunity to collect specific items for their class. The class that collects the most items will be given a class 'dress down pass' as an award. Please return all items before Thursday, November 16th. Jr. and Sr. Youth Group will help sort the food items on Friday, November 17 from 6-8 PM. If you or someone you know is in need of a basket, please contact the parish office at 508.673.1123.

Jr./Sr. Youth Group - Friday, November 17, 2023

Jr. / Sr. Youth Groups (Jr. / Sr.) will gather on Friday, November 17th, from 6-8 PM. Both Youth Groups will work together with the Parish Outreach Group, creating and preparing Thanksgiving baskets for those in need in our community. All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to attend this great event.

Pies and Cookies Pickup /Volunteer/Service Hours - Friday, November 17, 2023

Pies and cookies will be delivered on Friday, November 17th. We are looking for volunteers between 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Get your Service Hours in! If you are able to help, please complete the form, thank you for your support! [Sign-up sheet.](#)

Mary Wick Scholarship Luncheon - Sunday, December 3, 2023

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Parish and School will host a Luncheon to benefit the Mary Wick Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Wick had a large part in organizing the annual Christmas Nativity that was held at this Christmas luncheon in the past. The luncheon begins at 1 PM and tickets include a buffet, with soup, salad, cod fish, chicken, potatoes, rice, coffee, and dessert. After lunch, there will be a Live Nativity scene with students from our school, and a visit from Santa Claus. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Please see the attached flyer or call the parish or school office for tickets.

St. Michael School Tuition Raffle - School Fundraiser

\$100 a ticket for a chance to win one free tuition for the 2024/25 school year. Over \$4,000 value. On the last day of the 23/24 School Year, one will be chosen at random. No more than 250 tickets will be sold. See attached flier.

Outdoor Clothing - As the weather gets cooler, make sure your child is dressed appropriately in cold weather clothing that he or she can handle with little assistance. We will go outside every day possible, despite the cold weather. Label all outerwear pieces just in case items end up in the lost-and-found. Unfortunately, if students do not have a winter coat, they will not be allowed to participate in outdoor activities. Hooded sweatshirts are not considered winter coats.

The Virtue of the month - November: Gratitude

Also known as: Thanksgiving. The definition of Gratitude is having a thankful disposition of mind and heart. Prayer for Gratitude: Dear Jesus, Please give me a thankful heart, realizing that all I have comes from You. Gratitude Looks Like: Smiling at your mom after she cooks dinner; Gratitude Sounds Like: Thank you, mom, for this delicious dinner.

