



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

January 8, 2024: PTO Meeting (6:30 PM)
January 8, 2024 - January 26, 2024: MAP Testing Window
January 10, 2024: BayCoast Bank - School Banking Day
January 15, 2024: MLK Day (No School)
January 16, 2024: Faculty/Staff Mtg. (No Extra Help)
January 17, 2024: Share Our Faith, 630 PM (at St. Joseph Parish Hall)
January 15, 2024 to January 19, 2024: Popcorn Fundraiser

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

Let's get things POPPING in 2024 by raising some money for our school community! We're kicking things off for NATIONAL POPCORN DAY, Friday, January 19th! It's simple, delicious and fun.

We're doing a Double Good virtual fundraiser for St Michael's! It's 100% contactless, we keep 50% of the profit, and the product ships right to your buyers. We'll be selling Double Good gourmet popcorn from our own Pop-Up Stores. Prices range from \$16 - \$99. It's really yummy!

You have FOUR DAYS to raise money and POP to the TOP of this competition. The date of this fundraiser starts on January 15th @ 5 PM through January 19th @ 5 PM. You will have four days and prizes will be awarded to the TOP POPPERS!

Epiphany of the Lord

Most Catholics are familiar with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, commemorating the three Magi's visit to the infant Jesus. This day, celebrated on January 6th is also known as the Three Kings Day, Little Christmas or Twelfth Night. However, some Catholics may not be familiar with the tradition of "chalking the doors" in celebration of this day. For centuries, the faithful have marked the entrance to their homes with a symbol of faith, asking that Jesus Christ bless all who live within the home. The message is as follows, [the first two digits of the year] + C + M + B + [the last two digits of the year]". The "C", "M", and "B" stand for the names of the three Magi - Caspar, Malchior & Balthazar, and the "+" represents the cross. For example, in 2023 people will mark "20 + C + M + B + 23" in chalk above their front door. The message also abbreviates the Latin phrase, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless the house."

SMS Re-Registration: Monday, January 8th, 2024

On Monday January 8th, SMS will begin our re-registration for all current students who wish to be enrolled at SMS for the 2024-2025 school year. Our Open House will be held on January 28, in which new families will be touring and registering for next year and we need to have accurate numbers. As you know, we are already full in a number of grades and so it is necessary to re-register for next year before the Open House. Any student who is not re-registered by Friday, January 26th, can not be guaranteed a spot. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Catholic Schools Week - CSW24 - January 28th - February 3th, 2023

On Sunday, January 28th, we kick off Catholic Schools Week with an All School Mass at 9:30 AM (Saint Michael's Church) with a reception at the school after mass. The most important way for us to celebrate our Catholic identity is around the Altar of the Lord. See attached flyer for additional information. More details will be coming soon.

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.

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 be sure to buy tickets early, we have limited capacity and we sold out last year. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor this event 508.673.1123.

Wine Tasting Event Classroom Basket Theme - Class Collections

Our goal is to have all of the Classroom Basket Theme items collected as soon as possible. Families have the option if they would like to donate money or purchase an item for their students's classroom basket. Items can be dropped off at the office. Please refer to the flyer for more information.

The Virtue of the month - January: Responsibility

Definition: Fulfilling one's just duties; accepting the consequences of one's words and actions, intentional and unintentional. Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me a particular part to play in this world You created. Please help me joyfully fulfill my responsibilities today to the best of my ability, out of love for You and for my neighbor. Amen.