



# **St. Michael School**

Fall River, Massachusetts

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## **Important Dates:**

September 27th - 1st and 2nd grade parent meeting 7PM at St. Joseph Church

September 28th - St. Michael Blue Mass (7 PM)

September 29th - Junior Youth Group (7-9 PM)

October 2nd - PTO Meeting (6:30 PM)

**October 6th - Professional Development - Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)**

## **A note from Mr. Klein, Principal**

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to each and every one of you for making our recent school dinner event a resounding success. The evening was a true testament to the strength and unity of our school community. It was heartwarming to see students, parents, teachers, staff, and volunteers come together to create a memorable and enjoyable evening for all. Your contributions, whether it was in the form of delicious homemade desserts, your time and effort in setting up and decorating, or your enthusiasm in participating in the activities, made this event truly special. The sense of camaraderie and support that filled the room was truly remarkable. Events like these remind us of the importance of fostering a sense of togetherness and shared purpose within our school community. They provide us with opportunities to connect, build meaningful relationships, and celebrate the unique bonds that make our school a special place. As we move forward in our school year, let's carry the spirit of unity and collaboration that was so beautifully displayed during our school dinner event. Together, we can continue to create a supportive and vibrant community that enriches the educational experience for our students.

## **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

### **For ALL 1 st and 2 nd Grade Parents**

There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday night September 27 at 7PM at St. Joseph's Church for all parents of students in 1 st and 2 nd grade who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at St. Michael's or St. Joseph's Parish. It is imperative that a parent or guardian attend this meeting as preparation for the reception of the Sacrament is a two-year program and there is important information that will be discussed. If your child will not be making their First Holy Communion at St Michael's, please contact the parish or school office and let us know. I look forward to seeing you on September 27th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **Blue Mass for Police Officers: Thursday, September 28, 2023**

This year's annual Blue Mass will be celebrated on Thursday night, September 28th at 7 PM. St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of those in law enforcement. I want to invite each of you and your families to this great tradition. Please also extend the invitation to all police officers, firefighters, and first responders, and their families. This is a great way to show our gratitude and to pray for them and their families for their services.

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## **Fall MAP Testing Ends Friday, September 29, 2023**

Student testing ends on Friday. As such, I wanted to provide you with an update regarding the NWEA testing that your child recently participated in. The NWEA assessments are an essential part of our efforts to understand your child's academic progress and support their growth. We are pleased to inform you that individual student scores will be sent home after the testing window. These scores will provide valuable insights into your child's performance and areas of strength, as well as areas where additional support may be beneficial. We encourage you to review the scores carefully and discuss them with your child to celebrate their achievements and identify areas for growth. If you have any questions or require further information about your child's NWEA scores, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our teachers and staff are here to assist you and provide any additional clarification or support you may need.

## **Pies and Cookies Fundraiser - Update!**

Our Pies and Cookies Fundraiser is in full swing, and your enthusiasm has been fantastic. Let's keep up the energy and make this fundraiser a huge success. Spread the word, set your goals, and keep those orders coming in. Every pie and cookie sold brings us closer to our fundraising target, which means more opportunities for our school and students. Thank you for your incredible support and dedication. Together, we can achieve amazing results!

## **The Virtue of the month - October: Self-Control**

Definition of Self-Control: Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires

Prayer for Self-Control: Dear Jesus, Thank You for all the desires You have given me, because they remind me of the desire in my heart that only You can fill! Help me to control my tongue when I am supposed to be silent; my hands when I am supposed to keep them to myself; my eyes when I am supposed to be focused on a particular person or thing; and my ears to listen to only those things I am supposed to hear.

- Self-Control Looks Like: Raising your hand before talking in class
- Self-Control Sounds Like: I will raise my hand before I speak.

## **Massachusetts CORI Check - Need to Complete for Volunteers**

CORI training is online at <https://fallriver.cmgconnect.org>. CORI law is clear that every school is required to obtain CORI on any volunteers every year. If you want to volunteer to be a chaperone, coach, or any other activity that involves students you must complete this procedure to ensure compliance. Valid identification must be provided with all completed forms: CORI Acknowledgment form, Code of Conduct form, and online training (CMG) printed certificate.