



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

November 6th - PTO Meeting at 6:30 PM
November 7th - Parent/Teacher Conference / Early Dismissal 11:30 AM
November 9th - No School / Diocesan Professional Day
November 10th - No School / Veterans Day
November 14th - Faculty/Staff Mtg. - No Extra Help

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

We hope this message finds you well as we approach the season of gratitude and giving. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our blessings and share our good fortune with those in need. In the spirit of this wonderful holiday, we are excited to continue our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive at Saint Michael School. This year, we are encouraging each individual class to participate and make a meaningful impact in our community. We believe that together, we can make a difference and help those who may be less fortunate during this holiday season.

Here's how you can get involved: **Class Competition:** Each class is invited to participate in a friendly competition to see which class can collect the most non-perishable food items. We will have collection boxes located in each classroom. Let's see which class can fill their box to the brim with nutritious items to donate! **Food Donation Guidelines:** We kindly ask that you donate non-perishable, unexpired food items, such as canned goods, rice, pasta, cereal, and other staples. Each class has an assigned item, please see the attached flier. Please ensure that the items are in good condition and have not passed their expiration dates. **Donation Deadline:** The food drive ends on Thursday, November 16th. Please make sure to bring in your donations before the deadline. **Prizes:** To make this friendly competition even more exciting, we will have a special prize for the class that collects the most items. The class with the highest percentage of participation will earn a dress down day! Let's encourage a bit of healthy rivalry and motivate our students to contribute generously. By participating in our Thanksgiving Food Drive, we teach our students the importance of compassion, gratitude, and the joy of giving back. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those less fortunate, ensuring that they too can enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving meal.

Parent/Teacher Conference - November 7th

In an effort to streamline the process of scheduling Parent/Teacher conferences, SMS will be implementing an online registration system for parent-teacher conferences. The online registration form allows parents to schedule conferences with their child's teachers. Parents should also monitor and view their child's Gradelink accounts prior to their scheduled conference. Conferences will be held from 1-4:30 PM and 5:30 - 8 PM on November 7th. Please note all conferences will be held in the school building. If you have a question or require assistance, please contact the school office for assistance at 508.678.0266.

Calendar Reminder: Week of November 6th - 10th

Tuesday, November 7th: Parent / Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal 11:30 AM

Thursday, November 9th: Professional Development Day

On Thursday, there will be no school for students. Our dedicated teachers and staff will be engaged in professional development activities aimed at enhancing their skills and improving the educational experience for our students. We greatly appreciate your understanding and support in this ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

Friday, November 10th: School Closed for the Veterans Day

Friday is Veterans Day, a time to honor and express our gratitude to all the men and women who have served in the armed forces. In observance of this important national holiday, there will be no school in session. This is a day to reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans and their families, and we encourage you to engage in activities that pay tribute to their service.

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.

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.

Mary Wick Scholarship Luncheon - Sunday, December 3rd, 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 call the parish or school office for tickets.