



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

October 28th - Halloween Party, 6 PM - 9 PM

October 29th - Trunk or Treat after 10:45 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

November 1st - Holy Day - All Saints Day / All Souls Day

November 3rd - Picture Retake Day

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

Our 8th-grade class will be hosting this year's school SMS Halloween Party! The 8th graders are enthusiastically taking the lead in planning and organizing this spook-tacular event, and we couldn't be more thrilled. This not only showcases their leadership and creativity but also adds a new level of excitement to our annual Halloween celebration. The Halloween party is scheduled for October 28 at 6 PM, and we can't wait to see the amazing decorations, activities, and costumes that our 8th graders have in store for us. It's a fantastic opportunity for all students to come together, have a blast, and enjoy the festivities in a safe and inclusive environment. We encourage all students to get into the Halloween spirit by coming in their favorite costumes. We appreciate your support in making this Halloween party a memorable one for our entire school community. Let's join the 8th grade in celebrating this exciting event!

SMS School Halloween Party - Saturday, October 28th (6 - 9 PM)

The SMS School Halloween party will be held at the school hall on Saturday, October 28th from 6 - 9 p.m. The eighth grade class will develop and present a spooktacular Haunted House, as well as activities, food, and candy. For this event, the school is taking donations (bags of candy). Tickets will be available for purchase through the school office. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 29th

On Sunday, October 29th, following the 10:45 AM Mass at St. Joseph's Church parking lot, all children are invited to take part in a "Trunk or Treat" event, with fun and activities for all. If you are interested in having a "trunk" or assisting in this event, please contact the parish office. Children are invited to bring their costumes to change into AFTER Mass.

All Saints Day Mass Schedule - Wednesday, November 1st

Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. The following is our Mass schedule for that day.

St. Joseph's -	5PM
St. Michael's -	8:30AM - with school children
	12PM - Portuguese
	6:30 PM - followed by candlelight procession

The Virtue of the month - October: Self-Control

In the Catholic faith, the virtue of self-control holds a special significance as it aligns closely with the teachings of Christ. It's a powerful reminder of our capacity to harness our desires and impulses, allowing us to make choices that reflect God's will and a higher moral standard. Through self-control, we exercise discipline over our actions, thoughts, and words, fostering a deeper connection with our spiritual path. This virtue also serves as a cornerstone for personal development and fostering stronger relationships within our community.

CYO Basketball: 2023-2024 (2nd Gr. - 8th Gr.)

We are thrilled to announce that signups for the CYO Basketball program are now open for students in grades 2 to 8! Basketball is not just a sport; it's an opportunity for our students to develop teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship. We encourage your child to join this exciting program and explore their passion for the game.

Catholic Youth Futsal League: 2023-2024 (Prek3 - 8th Grade)

We're excited to kick off our Catholic School Youth Futsal program, open to students from Pre-K to Grade 8! Futsal is a fantastic way for our young athletes to develop soccer skills, agility, and teamwork in a fun, indoor setting. Whether your child is new to the game or a seasoned player, this program offers a great opportunity to grow their love for soccer.

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.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we near the holidays, our Parish Outreach group will begin collecting non-perishable food items after all Masses. Bags will be passed out next weekend, and we ask that you please bring donations on 11/4-5 and 11/11-12. Please nonperishable items only. Items we are looking for include stuffing, mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, canned soup and gravy. Please do not send expired food items. Please see attached list.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As we near the holidays, our Parish Outreach Group will prepare Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the parish office or return this form to the collection basket:

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD: _____