



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

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

- Saint Joseph's Church - 5 PM
- Saint Michael's Church - 8:30 AM (with school children), 12 PM (Portuguese), 6:30 PM Mass & Candlelight Procession

November 3th - Picture Retake Day - Lifetouch/Class Photos (for all classes) begin at 9:25 AM in church

November 3th - Casino Bus Trip

November 5th - Daylight Savings Ends

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 11th - Holy Ghost Dinner

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

We wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for making the Halloween party held last Saturday a resounding success. It was a night filled with laughter, fun, and spooky surprises, and it wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support and involvement of our school community.

From the costumes to the delicious treats, the dance floor, and the thrilling games, our Halloween party was a memorable event that brought together students, parents, teachers, and staff alike. The smiles on the faces of our children were proof that the evening was enjoyed to the fullest.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to: The dedicated parent volunteers who worked tirelessly to plan, decorate, and coordinate the event. The teachers and staff who attended and contributed to the lively atmosphere. The students who showcased their amazing costumes and danced the night away. Every member of our school community came together to make this event a reality.

Your support and enthusiasm were the key ingredients that transformed our school gymnasium into a Halloween wonderland. It was heartwarming to witness the camaraderie, laughter, and community spirit that enveloped the evening. We truly have an exceptional school community, and events like this remind us of the strength of our bonds and the commitment we all share in creating positive, unforgettable experiences for our children.

All Saints Day Mass Schedule - Wednesday, November 1st

Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Traditionally, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls of those who have died, in particular the souls in Purgatory. As we did last year, we will once again be having an All Souls Day candlelight procession. This is a special day in which we pray for the souls of not only our loved ones but all the souls of those who have no one to pray for them. To help mark the special occasion, there will be a 6:30 PM Mass at St. Michael's and a candlelight procession to St. John's Cemetery.

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

SMS Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection has begun. Our school, along with our parishes will collect non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. 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. If you or someone you know is in need of a basket, please contact the parish office at 508.672-6713.

Parent/Teacher Conference - November 7th

In an effort to streamline the process of scheduling Parent / Student / 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.

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.

-Last Call- 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.

-Last Call- 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.