



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

September 18th - High School Information Night (7th and 8th Grade) 6 PM

September 18th - 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting (7PM)

September 23rd - SMS Fall Dinner

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

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

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

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

We're very excited to hold our High School Information Night for SMS 7th and 8th graders this evening. This event is an excellent opportunity for both students and parents to learn more about the wonderful educational journey that lies ahead. Join us in the school hall at 6 p.m. to learn more about the high school experience from Diman Regional Voc-Tech, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and Bishop Stang High School.

Prepare to discover:

- High school curriculum and course offerings
- Extracurricular activities and clubs
- College and career readiness programs
- Guidance and support services
- Important dates and timelines

We can't wait to share this essential information and help our 7th and 8th graders prepare for their next academic chapter. See you there!

Saint Michael School Fall Dinner: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Celebrate the start of our school year with our annual Fall Dinner, and fun for the whole family. Saturday, September 23rd. Two options: Dine-in: 6 PM - 10 PM or Take-out: 4 PM- 5:30 PM. All attending are invited to wear blue and white, our school colors. 50% of all ticket sales count towards your fundraising goal! Please submit all orders by Monday, September 18th. See attached form.

Fall MAP Testing: Ends Friday, September 29, 2023

As we continue our commitment to providing the best education possible for our students, I want to share important information regarding the current NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) tests.

The NWEA tests are a crucial component of our efforts to assess student progress, identify areas for growth, and tailor our teaching strategies to individual needs. These assessments provide valuable insights into your child's academic journey. To ensure a successful testing experience, please: Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep before the test day; Provide a

nutritious breakfast to help them stay focused and energized; Encourage a positive mindset and reassure them that this is an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NWEA tests, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated staff for assistance.

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.

SMS Tuition Raffle - Fundraiser

We are thrilled to introduce our exciting new Tuition Raffle Fundraiser, designed to offer a unique opportunity to support our school while potentially reducing the cost of tuition for one fortunate family. By participating in our Tuition Raffle Fundraiser, not only do you have a chance to lighten the financial burden of tuition, but you also contribute to the betterment of our school community. All proceeds from ticket sales go towards supporting important school initiatives, enhancing educational resources, and providing opportunities for our students. Please refer to the attached flyer.

Pies and Cookies Fundraiser - Update!

I wanted to take a moment to provide you with an update on our current Pies and Cookies Fundraiser. I'm delighted to share that we have made significant progress and are well on our way to reaching our fundraising goal. Your participation and support have been nothing short of amazing, and I'm truly grateful for your dedication to our school. However, we're not done just yet! There's still time to make a difference. If you haven't had a chance to participate in our fundraiser, or if you'd like to place additional orders, please don't hesitate to do so. Every contribution counts and brings us closer to our target. Let's keep the momentum going and make this fundraiser an even greater success!

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.

The Virtue of the Month - September: Prayerfulness

All of our students are highlighting the virtue "Prayerfulness" during the month of September. Prayer is a sacred conversation that opens us to forgiveness, faith, and renewed intentions. Folding our hands when we pray, looking at the priest during Mass, responding to the prayers during Mass, singing the songs are all different ways we can show prayerfulness.