



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

September 5th - Back to School Night

- 5:30 PM - New Families / 7 PM - Returning Families

September 6th - Picture Day

September 8th - Sr. Youth Group (gr. 8 - 12) - St. Michael's Hall (7-9 PM)

September 11th - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM

September 11th - Map Testing Starts

September 15th - Middle School Dance

September 17th - All School Mass and Reception 9:30 AM

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

Saint Michael School has had a fantastic start. We hope to see everyone tonight as the whole school community, as well as all parents and family, meet for Back to School Night. We are looking forward to seeing parents and families as we begin this year together.

September 5th - Back To School Night:

Back To School Night is tonight (9/5). Take time to meet your child's teacher and learn about the exciting school year ahead. The event is held at the school in the hall. This event is a valuable opportunity to learn more important information about your child's school experience. Parents will also have the chance to ask any questions about the school policies and practices. I recommend that families that are new to our school this year should attend the 5:30 PM session. The 5:30 PM session will provide more extensive information about our school community and events. This is a great opportunity to get additional information about SMS. The 7 PM session is for our existing SMS families who already have prior knowledge of our school community and events. This is a great way for you to meet our incredible staff, and get to know other school families as well.

September 6th - Picture Day

School pictures will be done by Lifetouch on Wednesday, September 6th. All students must wear their full dress uniform (not gym uniform) that day. All PreSchool and PreK students that do not typically attend on Wednesdays are invited into the school for their individual and class photograph sessions at 9:00 AM. Picture Day ID: EVTXH@CBZ

September 23rd - Saint Michael School Fall Dinner:

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 - 5:30 PM. All attending are invited to wear blue and gold, our school colors. 50% of all ticket sales count towards your fundraising goal! Please submit all orders by Monday, September 18th. See attached form.



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Fall MAP Testing: Monday, September 11th - Friday, September 29, 2023

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is about to begin! Each school year, MAP examinations are given in the fall, winter, and spring. We want our children to complete MAP for three reasons. To give us another tool for determining your child's instructional level, to track academic growth throughout the school year, and to provide us with comparative data on how our SMS students compare to the ten million plus students in the norm group, as well as students in over 200 other international schools around the world. Testing starts on Monday, September 11th and concludes on Friday, September 29th. More information will be provided.

The Virtue of the Month - September: Prayerfulness

Definition of Prayerfulness: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend

Prayer for Prayerfulness: Dear Jesus, I desire to have You as my best friend. Give me a desire to spend time with You each day, as I do with my friends. Help me always to put You first in my life, even when I am busy.

Prayerfulness Looks Like: Folding my hands when I pray

Prayerfulness Sounds Like: Silence

Just a few friendly reminders:

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.

Drop off and pick up on Essex Street: Please stop your car before the crosswalk to allow people to cross in the crosswalk. Please be mindful of students walking across the street as you drop off. Double parking is prohibited, including in the church parking lot, and cars should not be parked or stopped within ten feet of the fire hydrant.

School lunch is available every day. This school lunch program is free and is available for all students. It comes with fruit, vegetables and milk. Please log on to our school website www.smsfr.org to submit your child's lunch order for the week. Again, there is no cost for our school lunch program.

Lastly, all classroom teachers last week sent home-friendly reminders about our school uniform policy. It can also be found in the handbook on pages 18 - 19. To just list a few examples, girls are not permitted to have fingernail polish or any makeup. Boys must have appropriate haircuts, and it should be above the eyebrows at all times and hair should be no longer than the bottom of the ears. Belts must be worn at all times (gr 1-8) and polo shirts must be tucked in at all times. All students dress shoes should be blue or black.