



# **St. Michael School**

Fall River, Massachusetts

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## **Important Dates:**

September 11th - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM (In-person at Saint Michael School Hall)

September 11th - Map Testing Starts

September 15th - Middle School Dance 7-9 PM

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

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

## **A note from Mr. Klein, Principal**

As we observe the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we want to take a moment to remember and honor the lives lost on that fateful day. September 11th serves as a reminder of the resilience and unity of our nation in the face of adversity. In our school, we emphasize the values of compassion, tolerance, and understanding. We encourage our students to learn about history, not only to comprehend the past but also to build a better future. On this day, we remember the importance of coming together as a community, supporting one another, and promoting peace. We held a brief memorial observance in school to pay our respects and reflect on the significance of this day. We invite you to engage in conversations with your children about the events of 9/11, its impact on our nation, and the importance of promoting a world filled with empathy, kindness, and unity.

## **SMS PTO Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023 (6:30 PM)**

The SMS PTO is the school's parent group. Every parent is considered a member of this group, and their participation is vital to the success of the school. We look forward to seeing you tonight at the meeting.

## **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: Monday, September 11th - Friday, September 29, 2023**

This week marks the beginning of MAP (Measures of Academic Progress). MAP examinations are given in the fall, winter, and spring of each school year. We want our students to complete their MAP for three reasons. To provide us with 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 tens of millions of students in the norm group, as well as students in over 200 other international schools worldwide. Testing will be completed on Friday, September 29th..

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## **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.

## **1st Term Extracurricular Activities/Clubs**

To make the signup process as convenient as possible, we will be providing an online signup form. The online form will be shared with you in a separate email.

## **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**

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