



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

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Important Dates:

December 4th - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM

December 4th - December 8th - SMS Book Fair (Scholastic Book Fair)

December 6th - Feast of St. Nicholas

December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7 AM - St. Joseph

9 AM - St. Michael (Port.)

5 PM - St. Joseph

12 PM - St. Michael (with School)

December 11th - Grade 8 Confirmation Class, 7:00 PM

December 13th - 15th - Holiday Shoppe

A note from Mr. Klein, Principal

Advent provides a reminder for us to prepare for Christmas. It is a blessed and holy time of year in which we make many preparations for the celebration of our Lord's birth! I invite each of you as individuals and families to think about and choose a way in which you will make this season of advent a spiritual time of preparation, perhaps saying the Rosary together as a family each night, or one night a week, or going to the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at Saint Michael Church.

SMS Book Fair - Monday-Friday, December 4th - 8th, 2023

There's no book fair like a Scholastic Book Fair! It starts with a choice: What do I want to read? And since being empowered to choose their own books is a milestone opportunity to identify and express their own voice, kids also leave the Book Fair as bolder, prouder, and stronger individuals. Classes will be called down to the hall on Monday and Tuesday to have a sneak peek at the book fair. The shopping days are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Christmas Movie Night - Saturday, December 9th at 6 PM

Deadline to order is tomorrow, Tuesday, December 5th

Featured Movie "The Polar Express" doors open at 5:30PM at St. Michael School Hall \$1 per person.

Please bring your own camp chairs or blankets for comfy seating.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - December, Monday, December 18th, 2023

The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" is an enjoyable and simple opportunity for our students to engage while showcasing their artistic abilities. See the entry form and post-judgment fact sheet. Cash prize.

Knights of Columbus, Mrgr Jean A. Prevost Council 12380, Scholarship Application - Thursday, December 21st, 2023

This an opportunity for potential scholarships offered by the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Prevost Council #12380, for our students. Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, financial need,

service in the community and church, and other academic pursuits. I urge every student to apply for this scholarship. Last year, we had multiple students awarded scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 each. Kindly fill out the student application (with essay) that is attached by Thursday, December 21st. To discuss this, please get in touch with me directly if you have any questions.

Save the Date: SMS Christmas Concert - December 21, 2023

Please join us on Thursday, December 21st at 1 PM in St. Michael School Hall for a Christmas Concert featuring our All-School Choir, and Kindergarten through Fourth Grade music classes.

St. Michael School Tuition Raffle - School Fundraiser

\$100 a ticket for a chance to win one free tuition for the 2024/25 school year. Over a \$4,000 value. On the last day of the 23/24 School Year, one will be chosen at random. No more than 250 tickets will be sold.

The Virtue of the month - December: Moderation

Also known as: Restraint. Definition of Moderation: Attention to balance in one's life.

Prayer for Moderation: Dear Jesus, help me to keep a balance in my life, using created things properly and in the right amount that is best for me. I need Your help to set limits for myself in doing things that I enjoy. Moderation Looks Like: Taking the time each day to pray. Moderation Sounds Like: I spent time praying today

December Prayer

The Angelus

Leader: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

Response: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

(L) Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

(R) Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

(L) And the Word was made Flesh:

(R) And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

(L) Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

(R) That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(L) Let us pray:

(ALL) Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.