



MARCH NEWS

Saint Michael School

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Let the “March Madness” begin!

With spring right around the corner, it can be hard to keep children focused on learning. **Make school attendance a priority.** Let your child know that unless they're sick, they must go to school. Attendance is important!

“It’s just one day, Mom,” your child says. “Missing one day won’t hurt, will it?”

The answer is **yes** – missing school will hurt! Each day’s learning builds on what was done the day before, so a child who misses a day has missed an important building block. Being in school every day – and on time- will help your child do well. If he or she is not in school, they can’t learn. If he or she is late, they may miss something important. To promote regular attendance:

- **Tell your child** that you expect him or her to go to school every day. What’s important to you is important to them.
- **Don’t accept excuses.** Not feeling like getting out of bed isn’t a good reason to stay home.
- **Schedule medical appointments** outside of school hours.
- **Plan family vacations** during school breaks.
- **Help your child** set the alarm clock earlier if he or she has trouble getting out of the house and to school before the bell.

Of course, if your child is truly sick or experiencing any symptoms similar to Covid, do keep your child home.

LENT

Easter might not seem as big of a deal as Christmas, but the truth is, it's a **BIGGER** deal. Jesus rose from the dead! Before we get into the joy of Easter, we have a lot of preparing to do, a sort of spring cleaning of our souls. In the church year, this time is called Lent.

Try to plan a quiet moment each day and spend it together as a family praying and reflecting upon scripture readings, praying the rosary, or creating your own prayers as an offering to Jesus as a means to deepen your faith.

As we journey through the Lenten season, our students will have the opportunity to participate in several meaningful activities that focus on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday afternoon, students will participate in classroom-initiated activities that focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy, receiving the sacrament of penance, and reflecting on classroom scripture readings.

May your Lent be filled with blessings this year, and may your Easter be more joyful due to your time spent together throughout the days ahead. Our reward, our hope, will be eternal life with Jesus in heaven.

After the chocolate bunnies are long gone, we still have before us our risen Savior. He is the reason for our alleluias, and the hope we hold on to long after Easter.

EARLY DISMISSAL/EASTER VACATION

Students will be dismissed at **11:30am on Thursday, April 1st**. Since bus service **will not** be provided, parents must arrange for transportation home. Students will be dismissed through the bottom bus doors that exit into the parking lot closest to the cafeteria. We would like to dismiss in an orderly manner as to avoid confusion and chaos. Please **DO NOT COME INTO THE SCHOOL** for your children. Teachers will accompany them outside and help them locate you. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. School will resume on **Tuesday, April 6th**.

IMPORTANT

Hopefully, you are working on the **SIMPLE TUITION SOLUTIONS** financial aid application for the **2021– 2022 school year**. **EVERYONE** is **strongly encouraged** to apply. Many of our families have and continue to be awarded grant monies to assist with tuition. **Application can only be made ONLINE**. To apply for financial aid, visit:

<https://app.simpletuitionsolutions.org/register> . Our school code is: **20441**. Please read over the informational flyer for additional information and guidelines.

TUITION

It is hard to believe that almost half of our school year is over! With that in mind, please remember to keep your **tuition payments** current. Our policy in regard to outstanding balances applies to all students in grades **K-8**. If you have an unpaid balance prior to eighth grade graduation, kindergarten graduation, or the last day of school, your child(ren) **will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies or receive their final report card. In addition, their permanent records will not be transferred to any school until restitution is made.** If you are having financial difficulties, please bring this to our attention so that we can assist you now.

WELCOME TO FLOCKNOTE

A new way to communicate! It is important during these times that we have a way to quickly and effectively communicate with our parishioners. Please sign up for updates from The Basilica of St. Michael. There is nothing to download and no need to create and remember a username or password. This will also allow us to update our records. You may sign up on our website under the page *NEW PARISH COMMUNICATION* or you may text **BOSM** to 84576. (You will see an option to set a password but it is not necessary and entirely your choice.) **I encourage all parishioners, young and old, to sign up or text!** This can be a valuable tool for now and the future!!!!

REPORT CARDS

Wednesday, March 24th, will mark the end of the third report period. Report cards will be distributed on **Tuesday, March 30th**.

RE-REGISTRATION

The re-registration form and fee of all students currently attending Saint Michael School is due in the office by **Friday, March 12th**.

Please be prompt in returning your re-registration as books and supplies will need to be ordered for 2021-2022 school year. If you have misplaced the re-registration form, let us know and we will send one home with your child. Thank you for your cooperation!

PLEASE NOTE: There is a **\$40.00** registration fee for your first child and **\$10.00 for each additional child per family**. If you have already registered a child for Kindergarten, this fee has already been paid. Simply return the re-registration form.

SCRIP UPDATE

Thank you to **all** our school families who support our SCRIP Program! A profit of **\$4,500.84** was realized from August 1st through February 22nd . Thank you for your efforts and it is our hope that more families will participate in our SCRIP Program throughout the coming months! **You are making a difference!**

MEN'S DINNER

Our **59th annual Men's Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, March 21st** as a take-out drive-thru dinner from **11AM - or 3PM** or sold out. Dinners are \$12.00. It is promised to be a delicious meal! **Thank you for supporting our parish family fundraising efforts!**

LOOKING AHEAD

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

First Communion	May 2 nd	10:00am Mass
8 th Grade Graduation	May 24 th	6:00pm
Kindergarten Graduation	May 25 th	12:00pm
*Last Day of School	May 28th	Dismissal Following 8:45am Mass – Parent Pick-Up

***This date is tentative and subject to change**

Let us pray that this Lenten season will bring forth in each of us a renewed commitment to sacrifice and service to one another.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Seymour, Principal

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