



St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School

The mission of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School is to educate the minds, bodies, and spirits of a culturally diverse community of lifelong learners who exemplify Catholic values.

January 20, 2015

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday	January 20	NWEA MAP Testing Continues Trimester 2 Extracurricular Activities for PK-1 Title I Classes for Grades 2-8
Wednesday	January 21	School Mass 8:00 am Trimester 2 Extracurricular Activities for 2-4 Title I Classes for K-1 and 5-8
Thursday	January 22	Graduation Photograph Day Eighth grade students should dress up! Mid-Point of Trimester 2 Trimester 2 Extracurricular Activities for 5-8 Title I Classes for K-4
Friday	January 23	Title I Classes for K-8
Saturday	January 24	Dance Classes in School Hall Basketball Game 11:00 am at St. Columbanus St. Michael Parish Mass 5:00 pm (English)
Sunday	January 25	Catholic Schools Week Mass and Brunch 9:30 am <i>All students who attend will receive a ticket for a dress down day on Monday, 1/26.</i> St. Michael Parish Mass 8:00 am (English), 9:30 am (English), 11:00 am (Spanish)
Monday	January 26	Catholic Schools Week Begins! Dress Down Day for Those Who Attended Sunday's Mass and Brunch!
Wednesday	January 28	Catholic Schools Week: Vocations Day
Thursday	January 29	Exclusion Day
Friday	January 30	Trimester 2 Progress Reports Distributed

Catholic Schools Week Mass and Brunch

All are invited to attend the Catholic Schools Week Mass and Brunch on Sunday, January 25, 2015. The Mass begins at 9:30 am and brunch will immediately follow. Both events are free and open to the public. Students who attend will earn a ticket to dress down on Monday.

Trimester 2 Clubs

The trimester 2 clubs have started! Please download a registration form from the school website or pick one up at the office if you would like to register for a club!

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Big Shoulders Fund Consent Forms

Many families who have applied for financial aid have not yet turned in their Big Shoulders Fund consent forms. **Scholarship funds cannot be disbursed until these forms are submitted to the office.** Thank you for your assistance!

Will We Have School?

Many families have been wondering whether we will have school on cold and snowy days. If Chicago Public Schools close, then we will close. There are times that CPS stays open but we close. Please watch the local news, visit the Emergency Closing Center website (<http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/complete.html>), and check our school website for school closing announcements. We report to these agencies when we will be closing.

Parent Volunteer Hours

Please remember, any family receiving financial assistance is required to perform 12 service hours in one school year. Half of the 12 hours must be completed by 12-31-2014 in order to receive your first installment. Families who do not complete this requirement will have their financial assistance withheld. All volunteers must complete a background check and Virtus training.

High Jump Applications Available (Grade 6)

Sixth grade students are strongly encouraged to apply to the High Jump program. High Jump aims to provide academic enrichment, counseling, and support to students of diverse backgrounds, with the goals of sending participants to superior college preparatory schools, ensuring their success while they are there and enhancing their ability to gain admission to highly regarded four-year colleges and universities. The program involves a summer and Saturday academic component. St. Michael High Jump participants have been accepted to St. Ignatius, Whitney Young, Walter Payton College Prep, and the Latin School. The deadline is February 13, 2015. For more information, please visit highjumpchicago.org.

Birth Certificates

All students must have a state-issued birth certificate on file. If you have not yet submitted your birth certificate on file, please submit one as soon as possible.

One-Sided Paper Needed!

The school saves on paper costs when families and businesses donate used paper. If paper is used on one side but clean on the other side, we will accept it! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Student Absences

Parents, please call the school office by 8:30 am if your child is absent. This helps the office staff to keep track of excused and unexcused absences.

PowerSchool Passwords

PowerSchool usernames and passwords for second through eighth grade students were sent home several weeks ago. Please contact the office if you did not receive the PowerSchool password. Please check PowerSchool at least weekly.

Health Reminders: Middle School Students Need Tdap

Several middle school students are missing their Tdap immunizations. These must be completed for all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Vision forms are due for all kindergarten students. Dental forms are due for kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade students.

Also, please remind your children about the importance of washing hands prior to eating snack or lunch and after using the washroom. As we enter flu season, it is essential that students regularly wash their hands to prevent the spread of germs. Finally, please note that if your family is having any issues with bed bugs at the home, the school can provide you with resources regarding extermination. If you find that your home has bed bugs, please check your child before he or she comes to school.

High School of the Month

During the month of December, we will be recognizing Marian Catholic High School. For more information about Marian, please visit the school website: <http://www.marianchs.com/>

Student-Parent Handbook Signature Page and Paperwork for Student Files

Please review the handbook, available online at www.stmichaelsouthshore.org. Sign the enclosed acknowledgement form. Please complete any other forms that are sent home in your child's folder. These are needed in order to complete his or her school file.

Prayer of the Month: The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Psalm for the Season: Psalm 96

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!
