



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.

May 19, 2015

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday	May 19	NWEA MAP Testing Continues Trimester 3 Extracurricular Activities for PK-1; Title I Classes for Grades 2-8
Wednesday	May 20	Physical, Immunization, Dental, and Vision Exclusion Day School Mass 8:00 am Grade 5 will assist. Trimester 3 Extracurricular Activities for 2-4; Title I Classes for K-1 and 5-8
Thursday	May 21	Fine Arts Performance 1:30 pm in the Botello/Pustelnik School Hall Dress Down Day Those who are registered for next year may dress down on Thursday! Trimester 3 Extracurricular Activities for 5-8; Title I Classes for K-4
Friday	May 22	Title I Classes for K-8
Saturday	May 23	St. Michael Vigil Mass English 5:00 pm
Sunday	May 24	St. Michael Parish Mass 8:00 am (English), 9:30 am (English), 11:00 am (Spanish)
Monday	May 25	No School – Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 26	Eighth Grade Field Trip: Stock Market Program
Wednesday	May 27	May Crowning and Ribbon Ceremony 8:00 am at St. Michael Church <i>All are invited!</i> Exclusion Day
Friday	May 29	Taste of St. Michael
Thursday	June 4	Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony and Luncheon <i>Families are invited to the awards ceremony. The luncheon is for the eighth grade students only.</i> Last Day of Trimester 3 Clubs
Friday	June 5	Eighth Grade Field Trip
Saturday	June 6	Eighth Grade Graduation Mass and Ceremony 5:00 pm at St. Michael Church
Wednesday	June 10	Penny Carnival for PK-3rd Grade Students
Thursday	June 11	Awards Ceremonies St. Michael Church 9:30 am: Grades PK-3 and 11 am: Grades 4-7 World Music Performance Botello / Pustelnik School Hall 1:30 pm
Friday	June 12	Last Day of School Closing of the School Year Mass 8:00 am Preschool and Kindergarten Program immediately following Mass in the church Preschool and kindergarten students are dismissed after the program. Field Day for 4th-7th Grade Students 10:00 am Early Dismissal 1:00 pm Report Card Pick Up Families who have paid all tuition and fees in full may pick up report cards in room 102.

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Congratulations to Randy and Theo!

Randy Pierre and Theo Perez have been accepted to High Jump, an academic enrichment program that helps to prepare students for the most selective high schools in the city. Great job, students!

Congratulations, Ms. Grankowski!

Ms. Grankowski has been named the principal of an archdiocesan Catholic school for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Grankowski has provided St. Michael with excellent instruction and admirable leadership for St. Michael for the past nine years. In addition to her classroom duties as a middle school science, social studies, and religion teacher, she has served as assistant principal, student council moderator, inclusive education coordinator, AdvancED chair, and member of the Instructional Leadership Team. Ms. Grankowski earned her master's degree in educational leadership from DePaul University last year. While Ms. Grankowski will be greatly missed, her leadership skills are in high demand.

Eighth Grade Cap and Gown Pick Up

Eighth grade caps and gowns may be picked up in the office by parents or guardians once tuition and fees are paid in full. Graduation gowns are worn to the May Crowning and Ribbon Ceremony on Wednesday, May 27, 2015. Caps and gowns are also worn at graduation.

Registration

There is still time to register for the upcoming school year; the registration fee is \$150 per student. Please note, all families will need to reapply for financial aid for the 2015-2016 school year.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to those who have registered for next school year. We have extended the first round financial aid deadline to May 15, 2015. There is still time to register and apply for financial aid!

Taste of St. Michael

A donation sheet has been passed out to all the families. We kindly ask that everyone try and assist with either donations or time. Please remember, all proceeds from this event will benefit the families of St. Michael and the scholarship program.

Eighth Grade Activities

Please save the date for these important activities.

Wednesday	May 27	8:00 am	May Crowning and Ribbon Ceremony	St. Michael Church
Thursday	June 4	10:00 am	Awards Ceremony and Autograph Books	School Hall
Thursday	June 4	11:30 am	Luncheon	Pastoral Center
Friday	June 5	All Day	Field Trip	TBD
Saturday	June 6	5:00 pm	Commencement Mass and Ceremony	St. Michael Church

Eighth Grade Tuition and Fees Due!

All eighth grade tuition and fees were due by May 1. Tuition and fees must be paid in full in order for students to participate in graduation activities, including, but not limited to, May Crowning, the awards ceremony, the luncheon, the field trip, and the graduation ceremony. The eighth grade graduation fee of \$100 per student was due April 1, 2015. This fee helps to pay for graduation caps and gowns, autograph books, diplomas, and other incidentals. Please note that tuition and other fees must be current before families pay the graduation fee.

Trimester 3 Extracurricular Activity Registration Forms

New extracurricular activities began the week after Easter Break. Please see the flier on the school website in order to register for Trimester 3 activities! Fliers are also available in the school office.

Health Reminders

Please remind your children about the importance of washing hands prior to eating snack or lunch and after using the washroom. Also, 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. Also, if you are having sleep overs at your home, it is recommended that you check any children before they come into your home.

Health, Immunization, Vision, and Dental Exclusion Day

If health, immunization, vision, or dental forms are still outstanding, students may not come to school on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Please call Mrs. Sandoval for details regarding your child's health file.

May Tuition

Please note that May tuition was due on Friday, May 15, 2015.

Used Uniforms Needed

Many students are outgrowing their uniforms. If you have uniforms that you would like to donate to other families in our school, please drop them off at the front office or send them to school with your child. Thank you for your generosity!

High School of the Month

During the month of May, we are recognizing Seton Academy, located in South Holland. Please visit <http://www.seton-academy.org/> for more information!

Parent Volunteer Hours

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

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.

Prayer of the Month: The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now, and at the hour of our death.

Amen.
