



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 5, 2015

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday	May 5	Cinco de Mayo Celebration 2:00 performance by Las Flores de San Miguel Teacher Appreciation Day Trimester 3 Extracurricular Activities for PK-1; Title I Classes for Grades 2-8
Wednesday	May 6	Family Literacy Night 4:00-5:30 pm in the school hall <i>Free dinner provided!</i> School Mass 8:00 am <i>Grade 7 will assist.</i> Trimester 3 Extracurricular Activities for 2-4; Title I Classes for K-1 and 5-8
Thursday	May 7	Justifan: Island Music in America 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 8	Distribution of Summer School Letters and Trimester 3 Progress Reports South Chicago Educator of the Year Dinner 6:00 pm Trinity Knights of Columbus Hall Confirmation Practice 6:30 pm in the church
Saturday	May 9	Confirmation 11:00 am in the church St. Michael Vigil Mass English 5:00 pm
Sunday	May 10	Mother's Day St. Michael Parish Mass 8:00 am (English), 9:30 am (English), 11:00 am (Spanish) May Crowning 9:30 am Mass <i>First Communion students are encouraged to attend!</i>
Monday	May 11	NWEA MAP Spring Testing Begins
Thursday	May 14	First Holy Communion Practice 6:00 pm in the church <i>Please note this is mandatory.</i>
Friday	May 15	First Holy Communion Practice 6:00 pm in the church <i>Please note this is mandatory.</i>
Saturday	May 16	First Holy Communion 11:00 am in the church <i>All are invited to attend!</i>
Please visit our website www.stmichaelsouthshore.org for a complete list of events for this year!		

Literacy Night

We will be hosting a literacy night on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm in the Botello/Pustelnik School Hall. A free dinner and door prizes will be available! Please fill out the yellow pre-registration form. This helps to ensure that we have enough food and prizes for everyone!

South Chicago Educators of the Year

Congratulations to Mr. Rees and Ms. Grankowski! They have been named South Chicago Educators of the Year! The dinner will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015, from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the Trinity Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Tables of 8 are \$300.

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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. Our current registration percentages are as follows.

Preschool: 80%	Kindergarten: 54%
1 st Grade: 55%	2 nd Grade: 100%
3 rd Grade: 75%	4 th Grade: 100%
5 th Grade: 72%	6 th Grade: 69%
7 th Grade: 100%	8 th Grade: 77%

Grades 1 (going to 2nd), 3 (going to 4th), and 6 (going to 7th) have earned pizza parties!

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

The Taste of St. Michael will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015. The next parent meeting for the taste will be Thursday, May 7, 2015. Parent representatives:, your menus are due no later than Thursday, May 7, 2015. Please email them to mario_escobedo@att.net. Volunteers and donations are still needed for the Taste of St. Michael. A class representative will be in contact with you over the next few days. Please remember, all proceeds will benefit the school directly.

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.

May Tuition

Please be sure to pay your May tuition by May 15, 2015.

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. 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.

Health, Immunization, Vision, and Dental Forms Are Due!

Please be sure that all health, immunization, vision, and dental forms are turned in! Students missing forms will be excluded from school.

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.
