

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 5, 2019



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DECEMBER

- 6 Sts. Philip and James School 7th & 8th Grade Dance 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 9 8TH Grade goes to CCHS 9:00-1:00 (lunch provided)
- 13 FIELD TRIP Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 Canton Palace Theater - Nutcracker
9:45-12:45
- 16 FIELD TRIP - Grade 2 The Landing's Nursing Home 9:15-11:00
- 17 Christmas Program 8:30 & 10:00
- 18 NO LEGO CLUB
Totes for Kindness items due
- 19 Archangels in Action Blood Drive 2:00-5:00
- 20 Ski Club Deadline to register @ midnight
- 23- January 3 NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Calendar subject to change, as necessary

ALICE TRAINING

The faculty and staff were trained this week on the ALICE method should an intruder enter our building. The Stark County sheriff department spoke to us about A-ALERT, L-LOCKDOWN, I-INFORM, C-COUNTER, E-EVACUATION. Although we pray we never have to know what to do in case of an intruder, we all feel better with the training. As the deputies toured our building, they felt very confident that our building is very secure and safe. We are, however, looking at putting more cameras in and outside of the building.

ADVENT

The month of December finds the students and staff of St. Michael School preparing for the birth of our Lord on Christmas. At the beginning of each week of Advent, we pray as a school, and those with Advent wreaths, light a candle. Each day in the individual classrooms, students pray for our St. Michael families and focus on the real meaning of Christmas. We want the children to remember Christ's birth, and pause to reflect on the many gifts we have received, both physical and spiritual over the year. We know there are many gifts we have been given but perhaps the greatest gift to our faculty is the privilege of participating so thoroughly in the educational mission of Christ and His Church. To share His story and message with the students and parents of St. Michael School is truly a gift to the students as well as a gift to ourselves. We are most grateful for our St. Michael School families.

The students will perform their Christmas program on Tuesday, December 17 at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Please join us for this annual Christmas program directed by Mrs. Herbst.

**SKI CLUB
DEADLINE COMING
SOON! (12/20/19)**

Welcome SMS Ski & Snowboard parents! Ski club will begin on January 6 at Brandywine Resort. The program lasts 5 weeks with a possible bonus week! Ski club is open to students in grades 5-8. For more information, please see flier [HERE](#). Registration is done only online at www.bmbw.com/club-program

**Order your Ski Club Gear [HERE!](#)
For additional information on upcoming dates see flier [HERE!](#)**

Meet our advisor, Tiffany Archer on Friday, December 6 from 1:15-3:00 in the school office to answer any questions you may have!

**QUESTIONS?
VISIT OUR
WEBSITE & NEW
APP FOR
ANSWERS**

Our website contains the answers to many of your questions! Check it out at smcanton.org

You can find Athletic registration and documents, school calendars, upcoming events, teacher websites, contact information, announcements, and ARCHIVED

NEWSLETTERS on the website! Check it out!

There is also a NEW APP available. Search out "Stark County Catholic Schools" in the App store and download to your cell phone for easy access!

Flier attached [HERE!](#)

A letter from Stark County Catholic Schools, Dan Gravo, can be found [HERE](#)

**DIRECTORY NOW
AVAILABLE ON
FACTS SIS!**

Parents are now able to access family directories on FACTS! At the beginning of the year, forms were sent home allowing or restricting this access. Those families not desiring to be included in the directory will not show up within the system for others to access. If you are unsure of your choice, please call the school office to confirm. The directory can be found within the Family Portal under "Directory" and can be filtered out by grade making it easy for class parties and communication within your child's classroom.

Visit factsmgt.com to log into the parents web portal. Information is attached [HERE](#).

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing! Please have your child check for missing items or feel free to stop in during school hours to take a look! All items left over Christmas break will be donated.

**RECESS AND
FALLING
TEMPERATURES**

Please remember to send your child with proper

winter attire before leaving home in the morning. Students will continue to go outside for recess throughout the winter months and several students are forgetting their winter coats, hats, and gloves at home.

ARCHANGELS IN ACTION BLOOD DRIVE

Archangels in Action is hosting a blood drive on December 19 in the St. Michael Room. Our goal is to collect 40 pints of whole blood to help restock our Stark County hospitals for holiday emergencies. If you are able to donate please contact Mrs. Tina Miller to schedule a time between 2:30-6:30. A flier can be found [HERE](#)

TOTES FOR KINDNESS - REACHING OUR NEIGHBORS

Isabel Lombardi, a 5th grader at St. Michael School is organizing a service project called Totes of Kindness, Reaching our Neighbors. This project provides 50 families from Allen Elementary with a plastic tote full of daily necessities. Isabel is asking for donations to help with this project.

K-2 - New adult or children's socks, new or gently used books

3-5 Toiletries

6-8 Peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese

Please send items by December 18! Thank you for your help!

A flier with more details can be found [HERE](#)

GIRL SCOUTS HOLIDAY BABYSITTING EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 2:00-4:00. \$20 per child \$10 for additional siblings). Held at Canton Country Day School. See flier and registration information [HERE](#).

SCRIP - WE NOW CARRY TARGET GIFT CARDS IN-HOUSE!

The holidays are fast approaching! Why not earn tuition while you shop by taking advantage of the SCRIP program. This easy to use program helps you save money on tuition by purchasing gift cards from places you already shop! For information, stop in the office for a packet or contact Stephanie Halas at shalas@youngstowndiocese.org.

Online orders for physical cards are placed every Friday and those cards are sent home by the following Wednesday. You can also utilize the MyScripWallet app (must be downloaded from SCRIP website) to get cards on the go! Also, www.shopwithscrip.com now accepts credit cards for payment (small fee applies).

In-house cards can be purchased anytime in the school office with a check or cash. These are the cards we have in stock -- all in varying dollar amounts: Giant Eagle, Marc's, Acme, Buehler's, Kohl's (phasing out), and now TARGET!

SCRIP HOLIDAY PROMOTION! 2 DAYS ONLY!

This Thursday and Friday (12/5 & 12/6), there will be no fee when using a credit card to shop any brand or gift card type online! Normally there is a 2.6% fee per transaction when paying with your Discover, MasterCard, or Visa. This fee is waived for these two days only. Also during this promotion, over 40 brands will be offering bonuses up to 20% on physical cards only. This credit card promotion does not apply to in-house purchases.

To ensure gift cards will be here in time for Christmas, the last day to order physical cards is FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, BY 10 A.M. Orders received after that date will be processed the following Friday and will be available for pickup in the parish office on December 31st and after. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Halas at shalas@youngstowndiocese.org.

CHESS CLUB

Many of our students would like to join Chess Club after school. We are looking for someone to chair this club! Please call the school office if you are interested or know someone who may be interested!

PARKING & END OF DAY DISMISSAL

If possible, when picking up your child in the car line at the end of the day, PLEASE DO NOT TURN LEFT ON FULTON. Turning left on Fulton significantly holds up the rest of the car line.

Please note that the front of the Parish/School office is a key point for student drop off and pickup. We would request that if you are visiting the parish or school office between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday that you park in the parking lots or ONLY on the East side of St. Michael Blvd. The east side is where the former rectory and current maintenance building are located. This will assure that student arrivals and dismissals occur in the safest manner possible.

MEN Who COOK!

MEN WHO COOK 2020 COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! Consider volunteering for our school's largest fundraising event which will be held on February 1, 2020. It's with the commitment from our gracious volunteers that we have been able to raise much needed funds to benefit our school's facilities and programs year after year. The first committee meeting will be held early in the school year. Please contact Cathie Belden at 330-268-0464 or email beldencb@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. This is a wonderful way to get involved in your child's school getting to know the families of St. Michael and be a part of something truly special.



HOT LUNCH

Lunch ordering for JANUARY is now open until December 10. Lunches are ordered via the FACTS PARENTSWEB PORTAL.

Log on to create your account @ factsmgt.com to get started. Our school account code is **stms-oh**

IF YOUR CHILD IS SCHEDULED FOR A FIELD TRIP, PLEASE DO NOT ORDER A LUNCH FOR THAT DAY IF THEY WILL BE GONE DURING LUNCH. WE ARE UNABLE TO ISSUE A CREDIT FOR LUNCHES ORDERED IN ERROR.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A WATER BOTTLE EACH DAY.

ADVENT CELEBRATION PARTICIPATION

Fr. Benson is inviting children to be part of our Advent celebrations by processing with him and lighting

the candles of the Advent wreaths at our weekend Masses. If your child is interested in helping, please sign up using the Sign Up Genius link on the parish website www.stmichaelcanton.org. If you have any questions, please contact Libby Saxton 330-492-3119 ext. 215 or libby@stmichaelcanton.org. Flier can be found [HERE](#)

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FAMILY CHRISTMAS CHOIR

ALL AGES are welcome to join the choir for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Practices will be Monday early evening in December. Individuals or families can sign up to be a part of the choir for the Christmas Eve 6:00PM Mass, and the Christmas Day 9:00AM & 11:00AM Mass.

NEW! Children ages 4 to 18 can join the children's choir for the Christmas Eve 4:00PM Mass in the gym. Have your favorite Christmas carols singing in your heart throughout the season and learn a few new carols to fall in love with!

All ages and all levels are welcome!

Rehearsals will take place:
 Monday, December 2nd 5:00-6:00PM - Rehearse in Chapel
 Monday, December 9th 5:00-6:00PM - Rehearse in Chapel
 Monday, December 16th 5:00-6:00PM - Rehearse in Chapel

I will add my voice to the choir for Christmas and attend a few Monday evening rehearsals.

Name: _____ Email/Phone: _____
 2nd Name: _____ Age: _____
 2nd Name: _____ Age: _____

We will participate in the
 (circle): 12/24 4:00PM GYM 12/25 9:00AM
 12/24 6:00PM 12/25 11:00AM

Stark County Catholic Elementary Schools presents a Playhouse Square Encounter

Disney FROZEN THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Thursday, July 16, 2020
Cleveland's Playhouse Square

Get up close and personal with the Broadway experience! Students will go behind the scenes and into the spaces that have been occupied by some of the world's greatest performers to gain insight on how Playhouse productions function!

Includes transportation by charter bus, a tour of Playhouse Square, lunch at Subway, and the matinee performance of Disney's "Frozen." The number of students (entering grades 4 – 8) we can accommodate is limited.
First come, first served.

Cost:
 \$125 for Stark County Catholic Elementary School students (grades 4–8 in 2020–2021)
 \$150 for students attending other schools. (grades 4–8 in 2020–2021)
 \$75 for chaperones

Payment due date is Monday, January 13, 2020. No reservations will be accepted after that date.
 Please fill out and return attached form to RSVP.

SCCSProgramForTheArts.org | 330-526-8366 | jzufall@youngstowndiocese.org

PAYMENT DUE DATE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN ATTACHED FORM TO RSVP FOUND [HERE](#).

DRESS CODE REVIEW

Please review the attached document [HERE](#) regarding our Dress Code Policy for the 2019-2020 school year.



ATTENTION NEW FAMILIES & ALL VOLUNTEERS TO SMS
 Parents wishing to volunteer in our school for lunch duty, recess duty, class parties, field trips, etc., will be required to have a criminal background check completed. In addition, the Diocese of Youngstown requires all volunteers to have attended and be certified in a Child Protection class called "Virtus". This is a one-time class held throughout the diocese. For a complete list of upcoming locations, visit www.virtusonline.org.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS WITH A BCI CHECK AND VIRTUS CLASS TAKEN MORE THAN 5

YEARS AGO, MUST RETAKE THE CLASS AND HAVE A BCI REDONE. THIS IS A NEW DIOCESAN POLICY AND WILL TAKE EFFECT IN THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO CONFIRM YOUR STATUS.

UPCOMING VIRTUS CLASSES IN OUR AREA
ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT VIRTUSONLINE.ORG

December 9, 2019 Little Flower Parish (Canton)
December 9, 2019 St. Paul Parish (North Canton)
January 3, 2020 St. Joan of Arc Parish (Canton)
January 13, 2020 St. Paul Parish (North Canton)
February 10, 2020 Little Flower Parish (Canton)
February 10, 2020 St. Paul Parish (North Canton)
March 9, 2020 St. Paul Parish (North Canton)
May 11, 2020 Little Flower Parish (Canton)
May 11, 2020 St. Paul Parish (North Canton)
June 1, 2020 St. Paul Parish (North Canton)

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