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## SPORTS NEWS

Good luck at the Sacred Heart Track Meet today!  
Hallettsville Stadium Hwy  
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Events begin at 2:30 p.m.

**SMCS Track Meet**  
**Saturday, March 4**  
**Starts 9:00 a.m.**

**Lent begins March 1**  
**Please join us for Mass at**  
**8:00 a.m. for distribution**  
**of ashes**

**SMCS will pray the**  
**Stations of the Cross on**  
**Thursdays**  
**March 9 – April 13**  
**in the church**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Jesus said, “Look at the**  
**birds in the sky; they do**  
**not sow or reap, they**  
**gather nothing into barns,**  
**yet your heavenly Father**  
**feeds them. Are not you**  
**more important than**  
**they?”**  
Matthew 6:26

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# MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## February 23 – March 1, 2017

*Mission: To be friendly, respectful, responsible, and Christ-like*

Find more information at our website: [www.stmichaelswords.org](http://www.stmichaelswords.org)

- **Lent begins March 1 with Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:00 a.m.** Please see the backside of the newsletter for important information from Fr. Wayne regarding the Lenten season. **This year our Friday Lenten offering will be collected for Damon Billeck medical expenses.** Damon is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who will be 13 in May, is a cousin to four SMCS students – Michael and Emma Koeth and Erica and Trey Billeck. He is facing his third battle with cancer in just three years, and while osteosarcoma (bone cancer) has taken his left arm during this time, it has not taken his positive spirit. Damon is currently receiving treatments at M.D. Anderson in Houston where he has had two lung surgeries in 2017 to remove tumors. This spring he will begin a phase 2 trial since all of the chemotherapy options have not been successful. When told that his cancer had returned again this year, Damon did not cry. Instead, he took a quote from the Captain America movies and told the doctors, “I can do this all day!” Damon has become a true advocate for children’s cancer research since his diagnosis. He has received an inspirational video from entertainer Pharrell Williams, been featured in the #CarryLight program, gone to Disney World as a Kidd’s Kidd, and served as the honorary Governor of Texas for the day. He even teamed up with the San Antonio Fire Department to get a victory bell installed at University Hospital (where he started his treatments) for children who are deemed cancer free after completing chemo. For more information about Damon’s fight against cancer go to [www.gofundme.com/DamonBenefit](http://www.gofundme.com/DamonBenefit).
- **PSIA:** Thank you SMCS family for helping us with PSIA 2017. We had another successful academic season! Certificates, ribbons, and medals go home today with students. Please look for the results of this event in our local papers, *The Mercury* and *The Citizen*. **Congratulations to those students who will be advancing to the state round of competition April 29:** Lilly Berger – Ready Writing Grade 4 1<sup>st</sup>; Logan Kainer – Spelling Grade 4 1<sup>st</sup>; Kelly McAfee – Prose Interpretation Grade 5 1<sup>st</sup>; Caitlyn Klam – Science Grade 7 2<sup>nd</sup>; Michael Koeth – Maps, Graphs, & Charts Grade 7 1<sup>st</sup> and Number Sense Grade 7 2<sup>nd</sup>; Allison Gallaher – Impromptu Speaking – Grade 8 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner** Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Victoria. Congratulations, Tim Leihardt, Graduating Class of 1970!
- **HSA News:**  
Your roll orders are due Monday, 2/27 so we can turn these in to Mrs. Emmel who will be baking thru March. These rolls will be baked and then frozen, so all you have to do is thaw and eat or thaw, reheat, and eat!

**On March 1 you will receive the crawfish boil dinner tickets and the spring sweepstakes tickets.** Our crawfish boil is April 8 – sweepstakes drawings begin that evening and will run thru May. You will receive 10 sweepstakes tickets to sell and receive \$16 per sold ticket toward the point system. You will receive 2 crawfish boil tickets and will receive \$10 per sold ticket. All families must sell a minimum of two crawfish boil tickets – this is mandatory.

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