



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 12 – January 8, 2020

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

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Schedule:

Thursday 1/9

OLV - Victoria

at 5:00 p.m. *there*

Go Swords!!!

SCRIPTURE SAYS...

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."

Luke 1: 30-32

This Sunday, wear pink or rose colored clothing to Mass and join in the celebration of the 3rd Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice in knowing the time is near.



December 12

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,
intercede for us.*

*Have a very merry
Christmas and a blessed
New Year!*

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- **Important Notice:** Due to changes in staffing and training, the office will not be open in the mornings until 8:30 a.m. until further notice. You may call and leave a message, email, or come in after 8:30 a.m. if you have school business to conduct. We apologize for this inconvenience and ask for your patience and cooperation.
- **Student Council News:** Most council members were unable to attend the Down Home Christmas parade due to a conflict in schedule, as the Swords basketball teams hosted games this evening. A few members and students from grades 2-5 represented SMCS with their Nativity parade entry. Student Council would like to remind all families to turn in their stockings filled with items for the *Christmas Stocking* project. All stockings are due by Monday, December 16. If you are unable to participate, please return your stocking.
- Students completed **Christmas cards for hospitalized veterans**. We are grateful to the Ladies Auxiliary and Mrs. Charlene Muras, who help us with this service project.
- **ART After School:** The last day for class for the first semester is Monday, December 16. Please see the ARTS website to register your child for the second semester.
- **Band Concert:** Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
- **Christmas Pageant, December 19:** Students will need to arrive at school and report to their homeroom classroom by 6:15 p.m. Teachers of students in grades PK through 5 will inform parents of any special directions regarding costumes and make-up. Mrs. McAfee will instruct students in grades 6 through 8 regarding costumes and make-up. The pageant will begin at 7:00 p.m. – doors will open at 6:20 p.m. for seating. Students and their families are invited to enjoy cookies and punch after the pageant in the Family Center, hosted by the Home & School Association with cookies donated by grades PK through 5.
- **Mass News:** Last Mass for the first semester will be at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20 led by the 7th grade class.
- **Noon Dismissal:** Students will celebrate the end of Advent as they look forward to Christmas on Friday, December 20 beginning at 11:30 a.m. All students will be dismissed for the Christmas break at noon. There will be no After School Program.
- **Second Semester:** School will resume for the second semester on Monday, January 6. Report cards for the 2nd quarter will go home on January 8.

HSA News

- **Jingle Fest News:** Thank you to all who helped work this event, donated items, played games, and shopped. We appreciate you!
- **Christmas Cookie Order:** Christmas cookies will be ready for pick up for large orders on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Smaller orders will be sent home with students. HSA will send an update if this information changes. Those families who sold these cookies will see an increase of \$4 per sale on their point sheet. We were able to give \$9 for each sale instead of only \$5. Thank you, Hanka Sanchez, for your hard work and dedication to helping us with this newest fundraising item!
- **Catholic Life Tickets:** We have earned \$2,950, so we would ask all families to participate in selling these tickets during the upcoming holidays. Our goal is \$20,000. Please be sure to turn in any sold tickets and money before the Christmas break. If you need additional tickets during the holidays, please call 979-725-2225. The next drawing for those families who have sold a minimum of five books will be held after Mass on December 20. The deadline to sell/turn in tickets is January 24.
- **Fall Point System:** The end date for the fall point system is January 7. Any Catholic Life tickets turned in after the 7th will be credited toward your spring selling goal. If you did not meet your working and/or selling points for the fall, you will receive a letter indicating the amount you owe. Fall points must be paid in full by January 23.
- **Save the Date:** Catholic Schools Week Drive Thru Meal, Sunday, January 26