

St. Michael Swords News

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*to be friendly, respectful, responsible
and Christ-like*

Night on the Terrace

The SMCS *Night on the Terrace* was a tremendous success! Preliminary results show a greater profit than in previous years. Final results will be sent as soon as they are compiled.

Thank you to the chairpersons Lacy Banse and Elizabeth Jones for putting together a wonderful occasion under extreme conditions. Thank you to our sponsors and our donors, those who bought meal, raffle, or 50/50 tickets. Thank you to all our auction donors and buyers. Thank you also to our workers. This would not have been a success without each person mentioned above.

Fire Prevention Week

This week the students have been celebrating Fire Prevention Week. The Weimar Volunteer Fire Department provided packets loaded with information for each of the students. Videos were sent with important information for all grade levels. Students began working on the annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest. The highlight of the week was this morning's Fire Truck Parade! Students enjoyed seeing the fire trucks come by with sirens blaring and waving to the fire departments members who help keep us safe. Thank you to the Weimar Volunteer Fire Department for making this week special!

Google Classroom for Parents

Thank you to Mrs. Michelle Koeth for presenting "Google Classroom for Parents" on Wednesday evening. If there is ever a need for distance learning, Grades 3-8 will use Google Classroom exclusively. Grades 1 and 2 will use it often. This should ease many of the problems we had last spring.

If you were not able to attend last night's meeting, but would like to attend a workshop in the future, please contact the school office.

COVID REMINDERS

We have certainly been blessed with not having any COVID cases reported here at SMCS. But health experts are predicting more cases as the weather cools. With cases being reported in nearby Catholic schools, it's time to review and tweak our plan.

We are having issues with our thermometers registering high temperatures at morning drop-off since the mornings have gotten cooler. When this happens, we will ask that you pull over, shut off your heater, and in a minute or two, we will take the temperature again. If the temperature has dropped, the child may stay. If the temperature still reads 100.0 or higher, that student and any siblings will not be allowed to stay.

Any student or employee with new or worsening signs of COVID, or who has come into contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID will be immediately isolated and sent home. SMCS will follow the recommendations of the Colorado County Health Department as to actions taken for students or teachers the child may have come into contact with.

To return to school, the student or employee must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis. If no note is received, an employee or student will not be allowed to return to work/school until the end of the 14-day self-quarantine period from the last date of exposure. Absences are not accrued as long as remote learning takes place during the absence.

Students who wish to bring snacks for his or her birthday, or for the teacher's birthday, must bring items that are individually wrapped.

***The next SAFE training is scheduled for
Tuesday, October 13th.***

***Register on the Diocese of Victoria website. Go
to the Safe Environment tab and sign up under
New Employees/Volunteers.***

Report Cards

Report cards for the first nine-week grading period will be sent home on Wednesday. Teachers will notify you if they feel a conference is necessary. However, if you would like to conference with your child's teacher, please notify them to arrange a specific time.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated paper towels and/or wipes to the school. The junior high teachers, especially, are most grateful.

Thank you to Eddie and Jennifer Moeller for donating a new freezer to our cafeteria.

Thank you to the Encore Lions Club for donating first aid and school supplies to the school.

Thank you to the Lions Club for donating an additional \$250 to our school.

***All Saints Day will be celebrated at our
October 30th mass. Our second graders
will dress as and tell us about saints of
the 21st century.***

Altar Servers

Altar servers this weekend are:

Saturday @ 5:30 – Chloe Brandt, Layne Schimcek, and Kylie Ohnheiser

Sunday @ 7:30 – Dawson Brandt, Madelyn Rerich, and Hannah Hillje

Sunday @ 10:30 – Huxton Kloesel, Emily Wied, and Emma Koeth

Please remember that if you are unable to serve, you need to find a replacement.

Rosary

The sixth grade will lead us in the rosary next Thursday, October 15th at 9:50 a.m.

Job Opening

We have an opening for a part-time employee in the cafeteria. This person will work Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for 4 hours each day. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please come by the school office for an application form.

***Please continue to sell pizza, cookies, and
strudel for our latest fund-raiser. All orders are
due October 16th.***

Sports News

Our Swords volleyball team was defeated this week by St. Rose of Schulenburg. They play Trinity this afternoon in Victoria. Next week, they play Faith Academy on Monday in Victoria. Our annual volleyball tournament has been canceled due to COVID.

Our Swords football team was off this week. Their next game is on Wednesday, October 14th against St. Rose at the Schulenburg ISD field (Shorthorn Stadium) at 5:30.

Box Tops for Education

This program is going strictly through the Box Top app. However, there are still a few actual box tops out there. If you still have any, please turn them in now. The final, final, final mail-in date is November 2nd.

Lost and Found

If any of these items sound familiar, please have your child pick them up at the school office.

- Girls Navy Sweater, Size 7/8
- Black Jacket, Size XXL
- Gray and Navy Jacket, Size 7
- SMCS T-shirt, Size 14-16

***Red Ribbon Week begins October 26th!
Look for more info next week.***