

# St. Michael Swords News

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

## ***Veterans Day***

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served in our military. This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

SMCS will honor our veterans at our mass on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. They will be recognized at the mass and sit together as a group. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members will play the recessional song. The Student Council is preparing gift bags to present to them after the mass.

Everyone is invited to join us as we give honor to and pray for these American heroes.

## ***Discover Catholic Schools***

St. Michael Catholic School will join with Catholic schools throughout the country to celebrate *Discover Catholic Schools Week* from **November 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**. This year, we will center more on our school and our school families.

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** is our annual HSA Stew Dinner drive-thru beginning at 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. or while supplies last.

On **Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**, students in Pre-K through Grade 2 will write letters or draw or color pictures of St. Michael the Archangel to send to children baptized in our parish in the last 5 years.

On **Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, teachers are switching classes for first period. Junior high teachers will teach pre-k and kinder while pre-k and kinder will teach junior high, etc.

The students will be doing something special for their parents on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Also, **It's Spirit Day!** Wear your SMCS spirit shirt with uniform bottoms.

**Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** is a day of Adoration, Prayer and Benediction. Classes will take turns going to the church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer will be for the success of St. Michael Catholic School and all the Catholic schools in our diocese. All of the students in Gr. 1-8 will gather in the church at 2:45 for Benediction. Everyone is invited to join us on this special holy day.

Students in grades 3-8 will write thank you letters on **Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** to special donors to our school. This year, they will concentrate on donations to our Annual Giving Campaign.

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** is a day for our alumni to get involved. ***Help us spread the word!*** All alumni are invited to record a video on your phone and share it with Mrs. Koeth via Google Drive or by sending it to her via e-mail. Her email address is [mpkoeth@stmichaelswords.org](mailto:mpkoeth@stmichaelswords.org) These will then be uploaded to our Facebook page. We reserve the right to choose which videos are included. Tell about your favorite teacher. What's the funniest thing that happened to you here? Any regrets? What would you do differently? Favorite memory? What do you wish you could do again?

### ***Share a Meal***

Our annual *Share a Meal* will take place on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will once again go back to the original tradition of older students sharing the meal with younger students. We will attend mass that morning at 8:00. Shortly after mass, the older students will go to the classrooms and pick up the younger students to take them to the gym. They will play games and have other activities, ending with a meal of chicken strips, French fries, and ice cream. Thank you to the HSA for paying for these meals. Students may bring blankets for the games and the meal. Students will return to their classrooms in time for early dismissal.

### ***Thanksgiving Activities***

Each year, SMCS students and staff bring canned goods to present at mass on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. These will be distributed locally. Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the liturgy.

Also being sent home today is information concerning the St. Mark's Medical Center's Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive for the Family Crisis Center. This benefits families in Fayette, Lee, Bastrop, and Colorado Counties. See the flyer for more information.

***Little Caesar's Pizza, strudel and cookie orders will be delivered on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>!***

### ***Altar Servers***

Altar servers on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> are: Trevor Bentley, Emily Wied, and Hudson Rowland.

Altar servers on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> are: Olivia Elstner and Chloe Brandt.

Altar servers on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. are: Kole Fogleman and Tucker Janak.

Please remember that if you cannot serve your scheduled time that you must find a replacement.

***Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of Christ the King!  
This marks the end of the liturgical year.  
Advent begins November 28<sup>th</sup>.***

### ***SMCS Sports***

Our girls and boys basketball teams will play against St. Joseph School from Yoakum today beginning at 5:00 p.m. Come out to support our teams!

The next game will be played on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in El Campo, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

***Progress Reports will go home Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please sign them and return them to school.***

### ***Catholic Life Sweepstakes***

Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes tickets go on sale Monday! Be sure to look for them in your child's folder or backpack! Be sure to check out the incentives!

Remember that you can ask local businesses to allow you to sell outside their stores, or you can also sell after the masses at St. Michael's or Dubina Churches.

***Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> is \$1 dress day. Pay \$1 and you don't need to wear your uniform. Proceeds benefit the Orline Maer Scholarship Fund.***

### ***Health Screenings***

Students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will receive vision and hearing screenings, as well as scoliosis and diabetes checks next Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Melanie Ramirez of the Stanzel Foundation, as well as nurses in training from Wharton County Junior College will be here to conduct the trainings.

***Pictures for the contest sponsored for National PAT Day are due November 19<sup>th</sup>.***

***Be sure the student's full name, grade, and school are on the back of the picture.***

***One winner will be drawn from each grade, Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.***

***Winners will receive \$25.***

***Winners will be announced November 29<sup>th</sup>.***