

# St. Michael Swords News

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

## ***Veterans Day Mass***

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 November 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

We will be recognizing all veterans at our mass Friday morning. Students are busy preparing gift bags to present to them that day. Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate our Veterans. A reception will follow for veterans in the Family Center after mass.

***Thank you to Jeanette Koenig and Charlene Muras for their presentation on flag etiquette to the Kindergarten and First Grade students.***

## ***Progress Reports***

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is the end of the four-and-a-half-week grading period. Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Book Fair***

The Scholastic Book Fair will run all next week in our school library. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 – 4:00 and extended hours on Thursday, 7:30 – 6:30. More information is being sent home today.

## ***Discovery Walk***

It's been a few years since SMCS held a "walk" to benefit the Orline Maer Scholarship fund. But it's back this year on November 15th!

Permission slips and pledge forms were sent home last week. Students gather donors for a one-time donation or a donation for each lap they make. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will walk around the football field. Students in grades 1-8 will accompany teachers as they walk the block around the school. They will walk from the Family Center, to North Street, to Mechanic Street (in front of the Pre-K), to Laas Street and back to the Family Center. For each lap they make, their participation card will be punched. The office will tally up the punches and return the pledge form with the total number of laps walked on the following day. Students may use this to collect their donations. All donations are due November 22<sup>nd</sup> to be considered for prizes.

ALL participants receive ice cream the day of the event. Students must return the permission slip to participate. Anyone bringing in \$10 or more receives a free dress day. The top three who bring in the most money receive \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$15 for third place.

***Otis Spunkmeyer orders will be delivered on  
Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>!***

***Pick up your orders between 3:00 p.m. and  
6:30 p.m. at the Family Center.***

***Turn in at least two books of Catholic Life  
Sweepstakes tickets by Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to  
earn a free dress day.***

***Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> is \$1 dress day. Pay \$1 and you don't need to wear your uniform.***

***Be sure to wear walking shoes.***

***Proceeds benefit the Orline Maer Scholarship Fund.***

### ***Thanksgiving Activities***

Each year, SMCS students and staff bring canned goods to present at mass on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. These will be distributed locally. Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m. that morning.

Our annual *Share a Meal* will take place on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will once again go back to the original tradition of older students sharing the meal with younger students. Following mass that morning, 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 sandwiches, chips, and dessert. Students may bring blankets for the games and the meal. Students will return to their classrooms in time for early dismissal.

### ***Save the Dates***

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Nativity  
Drive-thru from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for all grades.

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas  
Pageant “Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch,”  
beginning at 7:00 p.m. for all grades.

***Everyone is invited to join us in a rosary for vocations led by the eighth graders on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:40 p.m.***

### ***Altar Servers***

Altar servers on Friday are Hunter Shupak, Nicholes Williams, and Owen Berger.

Altar servers on Saturday are Cade Wessels, Emma Koeth, and Heston Pesak.

Altar servers on Sunday at 7:30 are Madelyn Rerich, Kole Fogelman, and Gage Kainer.

Altar servers on Sunday at 10:30 are Layne Schimcek, Brandt Kahanek, and a CCD student.

### ***SMCS Sports***

The boys A team will play their first basketball game of the season this evening beginning at 5:30 at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Yoakum.

The boys B team will participate in the Nazareth Academy tournament this Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Both our girls team and our boys teams will play their first home game next Wednesday against St. Philip's Catholic School. The first game is at 5:00 p.m.

### ***Health Screenings***

Students in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will receive vision and hearing screenings, as well as scoliosis and diabetes checks on Monday, November 21<sup>st</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.

### ***Thank You***

It is the soldier,  
Not the reporter,  
Who has given us  
Freedom of the Press.

It is the soldier,  
Not the poet,  
Who has given us  
Freedom of Speech.

It is the soldier,  
Who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath  
The flag.

And lest we forget,  
It is the soldier's coffin  
That is draped  
By that same flag.

By Fr. Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC