

# St. Michael Swords News

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## ***Christmas is in the Air***

St. Michael Catholic School is celebrating Christmas with many activities this year. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on any of these events that are sure to get you into the Christmas spirit.

### **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our SMCS junior high band will perform its annual Christmas concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. in our Family Center gym. Everyone is invited to come and hear our students and see what they have accomplished so far this year.

### **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Nativity Story drive-thru event will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. All grades participate in this "Gift to the Community." The drive-thru begins once again on Mechanic Street and then just follow the lights and the stars. This year we have new characters, new scenes, and new animals. We have officially gotten a camel that will be near our Wise Men this year. No worries. The camel is tame and used to presentations like this one. Check our Facebook page for a list of items we need for this event. Of course, we need man and woman power afterwards to help put everything away. The more who help, the faster it will be.

### **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

If you think Tuesday's event was spectacular, wait until you see our Christmas pageant this year! "*Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch*" is the story of a group of kids who arrive at Bethlehem Gulch for their annual Christmas party. Things are going great until the children realize that they are not on a horse and cattle ranch at all. Miss Diane, the owner of the ranch, shares the message of Christ's birth, and Robert, one lost and lonely child, finds the best Christmas gift ever... Jesus.

The performance begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center gym. All grades will participate. The HSA will serve punch and cookies in the cafeteria following the pageant.

We need about 15 square bales of hay for the pageant. If you have some we can borrow, please call the office.

## **HSA Corner 12/1**

**Catholic Life Tickets** – we are off to a great start with over 600 tickets sold by Thanksgiving! Our next incentive deadline is Monday, 12/5. Make sure you've turned in a minimum of 8 sold books by then to earn an ice cream party at school!

**Can Trailer** – Did you know SMCS raised over \$3,000 last school year with our can trailer? We are on pace to exceed that number this year. As you enjoy your caffeine during the day or adult beverages in the evening, don't forget to save your cans! You are recycling AND raising funds for the school simultaneously! Shout out to Jack and Cara Janecka for "emptying" the can trailer at the recycling center on a regular basis for SMCS.

**Night on the Town** – Our goal this year was to match last year's net profit of \$35,000. With everyone's hard work, we should profit around \$55,000 this year - \$20,000 over our goal!! Kudos to each of you for your part in making that happen. We still have a few final bills to pay and auction items to collect from, so we will let you know exact final numbers soon.

Because we exceeded our NOTT goal, and because our teachers and staff are such an integral part in our children's development, the HSA Board voted to give a one-time \$100 bonus to each of our 24 teachers and staff members of SMCS in Thanksgiving for all they do. **THANK YOU TEACHERS AND STAFF!!**

**Fall Working Points and Selling Dollars** – a summary sheet of points and dollars earned this fall is included in your newsletter packet. All working points, and all selling dollars except for Catholic Life have been added. If you did not work all 4 of your working point shifts, you will be billed for unearned points. If you have not yet met your \$600 goal for selling dollars, any Catholic Life ticket sales turned in by 12/16 will be added to your fall selling dollars requirement. If you have met your fall selling goal, all Catholic Life tickets will be credited to your \$600 spring goal. If you feel there are any discrepancies, contact Jennifer Pesak at 979-250-1883.

## ***December Birthdays***

1 – Kaden Grohmann  
7 – Ms. Sarah Moore  
8 – Patrick Baggerly  
21 – Sadie Davis  
25 – Jesus Christ  
31 – Tucker Janak

## ***Advent***

The second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to **prepare our hearts in faithful waiting**, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming. It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we **faithfully await** the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

***Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.  
We will attend mass that morning instead of Friday.***

## ***Altar Servers***

Altar servers on Friday are Madelyn Rerich, Chloe Brandt, and Gage Kainer.

Altar servers on Saturday are Gage Kainer, Chloe Brandt, and Andie Melnar.

Altar servers on Sunday at 7:30 are Emily Wied and two CCD students.

Altar servers on Sunday at 10:30 are Emma Koeth, Dawson Brandt, and a CCD student.

**The Vocations crosses this week are going to Evlynn and Branson Ulrich and Layne and Jentry Schimcek. Thank you to Emily and Kelsey Wied and Aiden, Isabelle, and Jacob Prichard-Jones for their prayers for vocations last week.**

## ***SMCS Sports***

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, all four SMCS basketball teams traveled to St. Rose to take on the Cardinals. The B-girls brought home a win. Notable players in the games were: Ella Herzik, Justin Ohnheiser, Emma Koeth, Nicholes Williams, Emily Wied, Tucker Janak, Chloe Brandt, and Hunter Shupak.

The A-boys will travel to Victoria on Saturday for a tournament hosted by Our Lady of Victory. The first game begins at 11:00 against OLV B-team.

## ***Discovery Walk***

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way in the Discovery Walk we held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Eighty-six students turned in \$10 or more and earned a free dress day this past Tuesday.

Congratulations to Kendall Jahn and Kortlyn Jahn for each turning in \$200 to earn first prize. The student coming in third is Nolan Morgan with \$175. A total of \$3,659 has been raised so far for the Orline Maer Scholarship Fund. Well done!

## ***Catholic Life Sweepstakes***

The following families have earned a free dress day on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, for turning in two sold books of sweepstakes tickets by November 21<sup>st</sup>: Anders, Baggerly, Bentley, Brandt (David), Divin, Fogleman, Forrest, Hatfield, Herzik (Dustin), Holik, Hubenak, Janak (Bryan), Janak (Matt), Kainer, Mace, Marek, Moeller, Prichard-Jones (Erin), Rerich, Scardino, Schimcek (James), Silcox, Srubar, Strickland, True, Wick, and Wied.

***Look for the December calendar, menu, and cafeteria payment form coming home today as well as flyers concerning upcoming Weimar Christmas events and Art After School.***

***Last day for Chess class this semester is Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.***

***Thank you to Mr. David McCall for donating his time for this class.***