

St. Michael Swords News

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and Christ-like*

TCCB-ED Accreditation

There are three domains remaining in addition to Catholic Identity and Plants and Facilities mentioned last week. These domains are (1) Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, (2) Student Services and Activities, and (3) Governance, Administration, and Management.

In the domain of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, the standard reads: **The purpose, design, and implementation of the curriculum represent the school's mission. A Catholic atmosphere, which is shared as well as understood by the teachers, students, and parents, permeates all areas of the curriculum. Instructional decisions support the school's academic goals, objectives, and priorities. Evaluation of the curriculum is continuous and responsive to student needs.** Elements of this domain include our Curriculum Monitoring Documents, results of the Iowa and Renaissance STAR assessments, and the teaching methodologies that are used in the classrooms.

In the domain of Student Services, the standard reads: **Student services enhance the curriculum and serve as an integral part of the learning process.** The elements of this domain include the extracurricular programs offered, student service plans, and our cafeteria services and after-school program.

In the domain of Governance, Administration, and Management, the standard reads: **School governance and leadership support an educational program of quality with systematic, legal, and fiscal responsibilities that support the school's mission. School governance and leadership effectively plan and monitor school growth and viability in all areas. School governance and leadership support an effective and efficient instructional program.** The elements of this domain include our Parent-Student handbook, School Advisory Council minutes, and the school's compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

We will have another work day this Saturday. Come any time after 9:00. There is work to be done both inside and outside the buildings.

We also need 3-4 parents who are willing to take on the task of straightening the concrete scalloped borders that are/were holding on the skirting on the pre-K building. Over the years the borders have fallen or sunk into the ground and are no longer useful. If this can't be done on Saturday, just let Ms. Roeder know when you are available to help with this project.

Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, January 28th: Celebrating Our Families

Catholic Schools Week opens with mass at St. Michael Church at 5:30 p.m. All families are invited to participate. Students will serve as lectors, greeters, and members of the choir.

Our annual Open House will follow the 5:30 p.m. mass. Prospective families and parishioners are invited to visit the school along with our own families. The Open House will end at 7:30 p.m. **Parents are invited to bring a friend or family new to our school. If this family registers for the 2023-2024 school year and stays all year, our current family receives a tuition discount in May 2024.**

Parent projects are due tomorrow. These will be on display in our cafeteria.

Sunday, January 29th

The school will be open after all the masses for parishioners and prospective families to visit.

The H.S.A. Chicken Strip Meal will be served from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Family Center. **MONEY AND ANY UNSOLD TICKETS ARE DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th.**

There are still positions available on the Sign-Up Genius. **STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8 MAY USE THIS FOR THEIR ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR THE RELIGION AWARD.** Sign up now to save your spot!

Monday, January 30th:

Celebrating Our Community

New this year: Our SMCS moms are invited to "Muffins for Moms," sponsored by our HSA. Moms can come eat a muffin with their SMCS students in our school cafeteria from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. Juice will be available.

Students will make small posters of appreciation to present to local service organizations and businesses. Permission slips will be sent next week. Deacon Luke Prihoda will speak to the students about vocations.

Tuesday, January 31st: Celebrating Our Students

Everyone gets a free dress day! The older students will read to the younger students that morning. Arts for Rural Texas has a special musical presentation for the students. Students will spend time in the afternoon playing board games. Be sure to bring some from home. There will be treats and other fun activities.

The H.S.A. will sponsor its annual Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. Room mothers will contact you with what type of food item to bring. The supper will be followed by a free family bingo night for fun prizes.

Wednesday, February 1st: Celebrating Our Nation

Students will wear red, white, and blue.

New this year: Our SMCS dads are invited to “Donuts for Dads,” sponsored by our HSA. Dads can come eat a donut with their SMCS students in our school cafeteria from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. Juice will be available.

Students are writing political leaders to tell them about SMCS. Students will gather that afternoon in the gym for a patriotic living rosary for our nation.

Thursday, February 2nd: Celebrating Our Vocations

Our 7th and 8th graders will present a “Saints Wax Museum” to teach younger students about particular saints. Students will be “Dancing with the Saints” throughout the day. Service projects will be completed inside and outside the classrooms. Students will play Bunco in the afternoon.

Friday, February 3rd: Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

The eighth graders will teach the other students for one class following mass that morning.

Parents and parish and community members will be invited to teach practical life skills, such as gardening, camping, changing a tire, sewing on a button, etc. If you have a skill you would like to share, please contact the school office.

The H.S.A. will honor the faculty and staff with a special lunch.

Saturday, February 5th: Celebrating Our Alumni

Alumni are invited to attend the 5:30 mass at St. Michael Church. All alumni will be recognized.

The school will be open following the mass for students to return and reminisce about old times.

HSA Corner 1/19/2023

Catholic Life ticket sales – we are just short of our goal, so we have made arrangements to have another opportunity to sell tickets this weekend at downtown businesses or after masses. If you want to sign up to sell tickets after a weekend mass or downtown on Saturday, please contact Amy Brandt at 979-732-7624.

Chicken strip dinner tickets are due tomorrow! Please turn in all sold and unsold tickets. Also, we still have several shifts needing to be filled for the dinner itself. Please consider donating your time to the school by helping with this fundraiser to kick off Catholic Schools Week!

Fall Subsidy letters were sent home on Tuesday for those who did not meet their working points and/or selling dollars requirements. Please send payment to school by next Friday, January 27th.

Save the Dates!

Boozy Bingo 2/19

SMCS Track Meet 3/4

Crawfish Boil 3/25

That Man is You

That Man is You is starting its spring semester on Friday, January 20th from 6:00 – 7:30 a.m. Breakfast is included. The gathering takes place at the Schulenburg Hall with a special Lenten program included. For information or to register, call or text Mark Hudec at 713-854-1335.

Women’s ACTS Retreat

There is an upcoming Women's ACTS Retreat on February 16-19th. A team of women have been working hard to make this the best retreat it can be and praying even harder for women from our school/parish to join us. See the registration form being sent today.

The Vocation crosses this week will go to the Marek and the Cora and Finlay Prichard-Jones families.

Check your schedules for this weekend’s altar servers.

The Safe Environment training scheduled for January 24th has been moved to February 23rd.

The Catholic Daughters invites all St. Michael School families and students to join them for a Pro-Life candlelight rosary on Wednesday, January 25. The rosary begins at 6 p.m. in the church with Mass to follow.