

St. Michael Swords News

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and Christ-like*

Catholic Schools Week

It's time to celebrate! Here are some reminders of our Catholic Schools Week events.

Saturday, January 28th

All families are invited to participate in the 5:30 p.m. mass at St. Michael Church. Students will serve as greeters, lectors, and choir members. **SMCS STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR SCHOOL MASS UNIFORMS. All families should sit together towards the front of the church on the south side. Please arrive by 5:00 p.m.**

Our annual Open House will follow the mass. Prospective families and parishioners are invited to visit the school along with our current families. The Open House ends 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.**

Sunday, January 29th

The school will open after all the masses for parishioners and prospective families to visit, as well as any families unable to come on Saturday. The H.S.A. Chicken Strip Dinner will be served from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Family Center. There are still several positions available for you to sign up to work.

Monday, January 30th

Moms are invited to have muffins and juice with their children in the cafeteria from 7:00 until 7:45 a.m. Eighth grade students are visiting Brighter Beginnings Daycare to read to the children there. All students are traveling to designated local businesses to thank them for their support. Eighth graders are also traveling to Raphael's Refuge in the afternoon. **Permission slips are due tomorrow, January 27th.**

Tuesday, January 31st

Older students are reading to younger students in the morning. Arts for Rural Texas has a special musical presentation for the students. Students will play board games in the gym in the afternoon. **Our annual potluck supper begins at 6:00 followed by our free family bingo night. Free dress day!**

Wednesday, February 1st

Students will wear red, white, and blue in honor of our country. Dads are invited to have donuts and juice with their children from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Students will participate in a living patriotic rosary in the afternoon.

Thursday, February 2nd

The Wax Museum of Saints will be presented by the eighth grades that morning. Students will "Dance with the Saints" throughout the day. Students will have service opportunities this day. We discovered that we don't know how to play bunco so we are substituting this with other fun games in the afternoon.

Friday, February 3rd

Students will be taught particular life skills, something they will need to know as they grow older. **We have early dismissal** for our monthly faculty meeting. The H.S.A. will honor the faculty and staff with a special lunch.

Saturday, February 4th

Alumni will be recognized at the 5:30 p.m. mass at St. Michael Church. The school will be open following the mass for former students to return and reminisce about old times.

NCEA has decided to postpone this year's "Many Gifts, One Nation" annual fund until next November.

Parents: Please check over the enclosed list of students participating in this weekend's mass. These students will sit with me in the first two rows on the north side of church. I have told them that if they know where you are sitting, they can sit with you following their part. If not, you may come get them during the opening song.

HSA Corner 1/26

Catholic Life Sweepstakes tickets – our final sales count shows a total of 961 books sold for a total income of \$19,220. After expenses, our final sales total is \$18,722. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work selling these tickets!

Chicken Strip Dinner – there are still a few who have not turned in their ticket money. Please do so ASAP. There are also a few working shifts needing to be filled for Sunday. Please help if you can, as we need our whole school family to assist to make this event successful.

Boozy Bingo - tickets go out today. For additional tickets, contact Amy Brandt at 979-732-7624. We are excited to announce that SMCS alumnus Father Dalton Ervin will be our emcee this year! This is sure to be a very fun event for all!

Crawfish Boil - Due to a scheduling conflict, the date of our Crawfish Boil has been changed to Saturday, April 15. We have lots of exciting things planned for this year's crawfish boil, so please mark your calendars with the new date.

Contestant names for the PSIA district meet in New Braunfels on February 25th were entered Wednesday. Please keep in mind that we are required to provide checkers and judges for this event. We will receive our list of assignments next Wednesday. Please be generous with your time when this schedule goes out.

Academic Fair

Participants will be assigned next week for the Sacred Heart Academic Fair on February 9th. If students are participating in an event but are not participating in PSIA, they need to start staying for the PSIA practice. Please remember that you are responsible for getting your child to the Academic Fair that day.

Altar Server Schedule

Altar servers on Friday are: Dylan Moeller, Hudson Hillje, Kole Fogleman, and Korie Fogleman.

Altar servers on Saturday for our Catholic Schools Week mass are: Emma Koeth, Wyatt Janecka, and Heston Pesak.

Altar servers on Sunday at 7:30 are: Madelyn Rerich and CCD students.

Altar servers on Sunday at 10:30 are: Kole Fogleman, Sarah Berger, and Owen Berger.

SMCS Sports

The B Girls traveled to Trinity this weekend for a tournament. Playing with only five girls and playing back to back games, the team managed to bring home a 2nd place trophy! Great job, Lady Swords!

The girls and boys traveled to OLV Monday for games. Unfortunately there were no wins brought home.

The Knights of Columbus hosted their Free Throw Contest on Tuesday. The following Swords claimed medals at the contest in their respective ages divisions: Hayes Kloesel (1st place), Frank Janecka (2nd place), Cade Wessels (1st place), Gage Kainer (2nd place), Andie Melnar (1st place), Dayson Mace (1st place), Nolan Morgan (2nd place), Hunter Shupak (1st place), Trey Silcox (2nd place), Tucker Janak (2nd place). Congratulations to all that placed at the contest!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped get our school facilities ready for accreditation. Thank you to Kim Brandt, Brittney Herzik, Julia Hollek, Benita and Brinson Huette, Sharon Jochen, Sharon Johnson, Brenda and Hayes Kloesel, Sherry Pietsch, Clara Ray and Dayson Mace, Bob and Rita Srubar, Kari Tumis, Angela, Carl, and Kelsey Wied.

A big thank you goes to Catherine Janecka for painting a portrait to hang in the brick building and several flower decorations for our currently empty flower boxes.

Thank you also to Carl and Amy Elstner for donating mulch for our front bed.

All of the teachers have been working hard preparing not only for Catholic Schools Week but for the accreditation visit the following week. Our school and our school family are ready to shine and show what makes St. Michael Catholic School special!

Enclosed are the February calendar, menu, and payment form, list of participants for this Saturday's CSW Mass.

Save the Date!

Our Parent Ambassador Committee (PAC) is preparing for another special event to kick-off our early registration this year. Registration discounts for the 2023 – 2024 school year will apply for those who register on February 28, 2023.

Orders for Turtle Wing t-shirts are due February 1st.